School security guard accused of criminal sexual conduct

Charged with sending sexually explicit photos to 15-year-old student

On Thursday, Benjamin Thomas Lawrence, 23, of Fenton Township was arraigned in 52-3 District Court in Oakland County for sending sexually explicit photos to a high school student. Lawrence works for DM Burr Security Services, which provides school security for Rochester Community Schools. Lawrence was assigned to Stoney Creek High School. Prosecutors allege that Lawrence sent a photo of his genitals from his cell phone to the 15-year-old.

See CRIMINAL on 11A

Fenton Fire Hall open to public

Line cook Eric Hugelier and Sous chef Jakobi Vorheis grill bread and heat things up on the first day of business at the Fenton Fire Hall, Kitchen and Taphouse on Thursday afternoon. Vorheis said the first orders of the evening were flank steaks and burgers. See photo page on 21B

Police remind partners to have a designated driver

By Sally Rummel
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Everyone knows these familiar scenarios around holiday time: you end up socializing with friends after a long day of shopping, or possibly working, and perhaps include a drink or two. Your family gathers to celebrate the weekend before Christmas with a menu that includes a lot of beer, wine or seasonal mixed drinks. See DRIVER on 17A

Fenton schools to request $11 million bond

Outdated technology and security top list of school system needs

The Fenton Board of Education voted six to one Monday to move forward with an $11 million bond proposal for May 6, 2014. Safety and security, buses, technology, instructional equipment and infrastructure upgrades are projects included in the bond proposal. If passed, the bonds will be issued over a 12-year time period starting in 2014, and then 2018 and wrapping up in 2022. According to a Fenton Area Public Schools (FAPS) press release, the bond proposal “is projected to not increase taxes from the current millage rate for residents due to historically low interest rates, improving property values.”

See BOND on 11A

We look at (the bond) as a potential of no tax increase for the bond duration.

Lynn Hopper
Fenton school board president
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Christmas lights brighten spirits, neighborhoods

Extra light displays cost homeowner about $3.90 per month

By Tim Jagielo

Fenton — It’s slushy, muddy and cold — but in some ways houses in the tri-county area never looked better.

An estimate based on a drive around town, it looks like around 10 to 15 percent of homes in Fenton, Linden and Holly are decorated for Christmas, some simple and classic, others over the top, and literally inflated.

One home next to Sharp Funeral Home on North Road has a tree packing a constellation of yellow lights.

Steve Dwyer’s home on Poncharrain Drive in Fenton is packed with around 7,000 lights, with 2,700 on his tree up front. He said he’d been decorating for Christmas for 12 years, and has lived in the U.S. for 14. He’s from a town called Work sop in north Nottinghamshire, England.

“I’ve always loved Christmas,” he said standing on his porch, bathed in the magneta and cyan lights. “Coming from England having seen all the different movies with the way the Americans do it, I wanted to do it myself.” His decorations grew from last year — his tree lights increased by 500, and he plans to expand next year. In the off season, these lights are stored in the garage, basement, “wherever we can fit it.”

Putting up the lights take him 16 hours over a few days, depending on the weather. Some homes are much simpler, with classic strands of large bulbs and garlands, lining the roof and fences with colors. Fenton resident Elizabeth (last name withheld) said she just put up her lights on Saturday, Dec. 21. She has around 500 lights, and plans to increase them by 100 next year. She said she was inspired by American decorations she’d seen in Christmas movies.

Times’ employees create their own special traditions with their families

By Sally Rummel

Christmas Eve is always celebrated with my side of the family, and Christmas Day with Jeff’s side. When our kids, including nieces and nephews were little, they made homemade ornaments on Christmas Eve to help pass the time before exchanging gifts. After the rest of the family went home, our kids could each pick one gift from under the tree to open before they went to bed.

Another big tradition at our house for any family gathering, including Christmas, is Whappy Dip. It’s really just a seven-layer Mexican dip, but it wouldn’t be a Stone family Christmas without it!

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Do you hear what I hear? It’s the song of the Christmas killjoys. Each Christmas season heralds the arrival of the holiday naysayers who decry the commercialization of Christmas. These curmudgeons would have us believe that the true meaning of Christmas has been lost because we Americans spend too much money on Christmas gifts and giving. Grass retailers have, they say, forgotten “the reason for the season” in their relentless quest to separate us from our dollars.

Hmmm — I disagree. In fact, if there is a better example anywhere of people complaining about a tradi-
tion that is overwhelmingly positive, good and wholesome, a tradition that is steeped in goodness and virtue, a tradition that brings out the best in all of us — well, I would like to know what it is. Those who abstain from participating in the holiday tradition of buying presents for those whom they love are not noble or virtuous — they are CHEAP!

Do some people give too much? Unquestionably. But isn’t that a “sin” based in love? If they can afford it, how could that possibly be a bad thing?

Do some people spend too much? Yes, but only if they spend more than they can afford to pay.

Christmas is many things to many people. To those who measure their wealth in a strictly materialistic

Obama messages for so long I need to share the fact that many of us Ph.D.s with good jobs believe he cares about ALL people, not just the wealthy. What a nice change after George Bush. Thank you Obama

KUDOS TO ANDY Perkins and his amazing high school bands. If you were not in attendance either Tuesday or Thursday evening, you missed two great concerts.

NEWEST WORD FROM the liberals: Affluenza, a hybrid of “affluence” and “in-
fluenza.” It’s the newest “illness” of liberal kids whose parents never let them suffer the consequences of their bad behavior.

THE LADIES FROM the Loose Center would like to thank everyone who gave hats, blankets, scarves and gloves. They went to many children in the homeless shelter, and veterans in Ann Arbor. Thank you again.

AFTER LEAVING THROUGH a Williams-Sonoma catalog, I have to say that if you ever buy a branding iron for your meat, a $149 cutting board, or a $1,500 fake chicken coop, you might have more meat, a $149 cutting board, or a $1,500

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HOT LINE

TO WHINy GOP who’s got his plan when Obama leaves office, he’s wrong. Obama’s marching out and Hillary’s marching in. Another tough four years for the GOP.

THE PRICE OF GM common stock had fallen to $3.20 per share at the close of Dec. 1 2008. Obama did not take office as president until mid January 2009. Price of GM stock continued to fall to 75¢ per share just before GM filed for bankruptcy on June 1, 2009.

LAST SUNDAY I stopped at three different forests and kiosks almost entirely by women. At all three there were large, expensive SUVs parked in the prime spots and straddling the line so that two spaces were taken. What is the matter with these self-centered, selfish clods? Wake up.

I’VE BEEN WATCHING golf for many, many years and I watched the Woods tournament and I noticed that he had a bodyguard following him. I don’t suppose that’s against PGA rules but I don’t think the PGA runs his tournaments. I just wondered why? Does he carry that much money on him?

WOULD JUST LIKE to wish the tri-county area a happy holiday and a merry New Year.

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Weekly Reader Write

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Dear editor,

If you want to shop locally, try a book by our own local author, Don Beck, who used to write articles for the TC Times. Don has compiled a book “Miscellaneous Ramblings” from his local writings. The book can be found at the book store in Dib-bievile.

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Or, perhaps a gift certificate to The Laundry?

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There are many other specialty stores in our area which may make your shopping trip FUNKY.

— Rich Steinhoff
Fenton Township

What movie would you like to see?

“American Hustle.” It looks fun.

— Vera Cranwell
Fenton

“We’re here 24/7! We Make House Calls!”

“Saving Mr. Banks” because it’s Disney and similar to “Mary Poppins.”

— Cearyn Thurston
Fenton

“I haven’t been in a long time, but there is one about a book I want to see.”

— Peter Ormsby
Fenton

“I like Tom Hanks and Emma Thompson.”

— Nancy Lawlors
Fenton

“Saving Mr. Banks.”

— Dave Spencer
Fenton

“Thor.” I thought the first one was funny and I like the way he talks.”

— Callin James
Linden

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Quick kids save grandpa

Head, neck and chest pinned when vehicle falls off jacks

By Sally Rummel
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The holidays already seem a little sweeter for two Fenton families. It was Saturday before Thanksgiving when two local children became heroes by using their quick-thinking skills to help save the life of their grandfather, Mike Thompson, who had become pinned under his vehicle while working on his van for a trip. His daughter was just about ready to drive both in Arlington, Mass., and he and his wife, Karen, were planning to drive out there to stay for three weeks to greet their daughter’s third child.

Working out in the garage with Thompson was his 5-year-old grandson Blake Uherek, who always helped his dad, mechanic Rob Uherek, with cars. The minivan had come crashing down on Blake’s “Papa,” and Blake knew something was seriously wrong.

“I was changing the oil in our van and I didn’t put on normal precautions I always do,” said Thompson, 57. Before he knew it, the van had fallen off the jacks and onto his face, neck and chest, squeezing his head between the tire and the concrete.

“I couldn’t scream, I could hardly breathe.”

But Blake quickly reacted by going inside and getting his “Nana,” Karen Luckily, Thompson, who then called 911. Karen was very concerned that her husband wasn’t going to survive without major head trauma or even death, in time for emergency personnel to get there. So she stayed on the line for instructions, while Blake’s 9-year-old sister Abygail ran outside in freezing weather and deep snow in her pajamas to get help from a neighbor, six doors down. This neighbor sprang into action and somehow was able to jack up the car enough to pull Thompson out from underneath. Emergency vehicles arrived quickly, working quickly to get Thompson medical help.

“It all happened so fast, but it seemed like an eternity,” said Thompson, who was then rushed by ambulance to Hurley Medical Center in Flint, where he was treated for lacerations and bruises.

The doctors told him that if he had not turned his head to the side when the minivan came crashing down, he might not be here today. “It was certainly the most terrified I’ve ever been in my life,” said Thompson. “I now have three heroes in my life — my quick-thinking grandchildren and their neighbor, Darrell, who has become a new friend.”

The miracle of it all, according to Blake and Abygail’s parents, Rob and Debbie Uherek, is that their three kids were at their grandparents’ house when Rob was working and Debbie was in Atlanta, Ga. on a job assignment. “If the kids hadn’t been there, nobody would have heard my dad cry for help,” said Debbie.

Her husband, Rob, added, “Everything happens for a reason. It wasn’t just a normal day. These kids were at their house because that’s where they were meant to be.” Blake’s twin, Gabriella, was inside the house at the time and didn’t understand what happened until all the commotion of emergency personnel converged on their grandparents’ home.

“She didn’t speak for almost 24 hours,” said her dad, Rob. “That’s how she handled her emotions.”

Lucky for the Thompsons, they were just six hours in the hospital, and the couple’s trip to Massachusetts was delayed only by two days. Mike Thompson was soon able to hold his sixth grandchild, Grace Elise John after her birth Dec. 4.

Quick-thinking Abygail is a fourth-grader at North Road Elementary School. Her big life lesson from the event? “It’s safety first, and don’t rush,” she said.

Blake is a Young 5’s student at the Ellen St. World of Wonder with his twin, Abygail. They both hug their grandparents a little tighter with each visit now, and are looking especially forward to the special meaning of Christmas.

Ditches along McCaslin Lake Road in Argentine to get $1 million facelift

Local lawmaker says road headed in right direction

State Rep. Joseph Graves today announced three local road-improvement projects are a step in the right direction in the Legislature’s drive to fix Michigan’s transportation system, and are being done without raising new taxes or fees.

Graves (R-Argentine Township) said the Genesee County projects were made possible by a fund the Legislature set aside for transportation projects in the current budget.

Projects in Genesee County are:

• Reconstruction of ditches and drains along McCaslin Lake Road in Argentine Township at a cost of $1.06 million;

• A $702,000 project to improve M-13 north of Interstate 69 to M-21; and

• Removal and replacement of the bridge over Misteguay Creek on Duffield Road at a cost of $673,800.

“This is a good initial investment in making the roads and bridges in Michigan safer and smoother,” Graves said. “Residents of our communities and job creators who operate businesses deserve to have safe roads on which to travel. I am extremely happy that we were able to set this money aside and fund these projects without raising any new taxes in the process.”

As part of the fiscal year 2014 budget, the Legislature created the special fund using $230 million in existing state revenue. One-half of the funds were available for appropriation on Oct. 1, and the other half could be appropriated for roads next year.

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you might have to take a sleigh ride 76 miles northwest (although not all the way to the North Pole) of Fenton to Midland.

Midland is the home of the Charles W. Howard Santa School, the oldest Santa school in the U.S. and the “Harvard of Santa Schools,” according to a story published about it in the Los Angeles Times. For the 120 Santas who graduated from this Santa school on Oct. 19 and thousands of previous Santa graduates, being a Santa is a calling, not a job.

According to Tom and Holly Valent, who have served as dean and registrar, respectively, of the school for the past 38 years, their goal is to make Santa be the best he can be, so he can provide the best possible Christmas memory for a child. They are only the third dean/registrar couple of the school since it was founded in 1937.

“It’s not as easy as you might think,” said Holly, 62, whose Christmas-themed first name makes her a very special Mrs. Claus. “It takes a lot of knowledge, plus looking, acting and living the part of Santa. You have to put everything you have into that one three-minute interaction. Every time spent with a child is the most important time.”

If you think it’s not a full-time job, just look at the list of topics and activities that are covered during the once-a-year class, always held at the Midland Santa House in mid-October.

“We call it 40 hours of ‘Santa immersion,’” said Holly. “It’s three very long days, but Santa gets fed very well, from a pig roast with entertainment to a very nice meal at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth plus the third night’s Christmas Gala and graduation. You should see the looks we get on the second day as we take three busloads of Santas into Bronner’s?”

The $400 tuition gets Santa students hands-on training, lectures and field trips geared toward preparing the Santas for every possible scenario. They’ll learn the history of Saint Nicholas and Santa Claus, songs and poems, proper dress and makeup, live reindeer habits, songs and poems, spurt-of-the-moment storytelling skills — even how to say “Merry Christmas” in sign language, straight out of Miracle on 34th St.

In fact, the school’s namesake, Charles W. Howard, was technical director for the original movie, as well as the Macy’s Parade official Santa from 1948-1966.

The “Golden Rule” of Santa school is to keep your hands where everyone can see them. Better yet, wear white gloves so there’s no mistake about it. As in every part of today’s society, liability has become an issue. Other issues discussed are how today’s Santas can protect their rights during the crazy holiday season, from contract issues to making sure they’re entitled to regular bathroom breaks.

The school has become so popular that not all the Santas who apply are able to get in. “There’s a waiting list,” said Holly. “This year, we had to turn away 40 applicants. Our most recent graduating class included Santas from California, Texas, New York, Florida, Iowa, New Jersey, even five from Canada, one from Norway and one from Sweden. We haven’t had any Santas that I recall from Fenton, Linden or Holly, but we have had students from Flint and Owosso.”

Graduates from the Charles W. Howard Santa School have been well suited for many famous Santa positions, from stints with Disney to shooting commercials in Europe for Hallmark and Pet Smart. “We’ve also had graduates do commercials for Coca-Cola,” said Holly.

The school was founded in 1937 by Charles W. Howard, who wanted to instill the utmost values and etiquette in those looking to take on the role. Tom Valent’s goals 38 years ago were much the same. He was expecting his first baby and he wanted to be sure that he could be a perfect Santa for his newborn child, excepted in 1976. At that time, the school was in Bay City.

“I made his first Santa suit,” said Holly, who admitted she didn’t know how to sew at the time. “Then we went to Frankenmuth and bought a beard.”

In 1987, the couple bought the Santa House in Midland, which Holly said is the best Santa House in the U.S. “Tom’s a builder, and president/CEO of his own company, Gerace Construction,” said Holly. “Tom designed the house and his company built it, with donations from local people in the area. That’s when we moved the school from Bay City to Midland.

As the Christmas season begins to wind to a close, Holly admits she and Tom look at the holiday in two different ways. “I’m exhausted and worn out,” she said. “He’s just exhilarated, he loves it so much.”

Any aspiring Santas out there? The registration form is on the website, www.santaclauschool.com and be prepared to write an essay explaining why you want to be the perfect Santa.
Nearly $150 million in sales last week, matches 2012 sales

By Tim Jagielo
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Grand Blanc — For just a short time Saturday evening, the NCG Trillium Theater was quiet — that is until the latest “Hobbit” movie let out and started to fill up with the next audience at the IMAX theater.

At his post, Ahmad Sheikh-Khalil of Grand Blanc smiled and took tickets and handed out the correct 3D glasses for The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug, in IMAX 3D.

He goes from standing still, to having visitors streaming past, in and out of, his wing. The 9:15 p.m. “Hobbit” showing is sold out, and one of the workers let the waiting crowd know that there can’t be any empty seats for that showing.

It’s the holiday movie season, when the biggest movies outside of the summer are released. Franchises like “The Hunger Games” and anything Tolkien amount to almost the Black Friday of the movie theater season.

Tim Dilts of NCG said the holidays are a busy time of the year, which includes gift certificate sales. A lot of blockbusters also launch this time of year — last year the other Hobbit movie was king. “The busiest day of each year tends to vary by when overlapping blockbuster movies occurring on the same day which appeal to all ages,” he said via email. The first Hobbit movie brought in $136,705,051 the same weekend last year.

Last weekend, the new tale from Middle Earth took $147,565,848 overall gross sales according to Box Office Mojo. IMAX sales should be high this season because of the Hobbit, which was the highest grossing last year.

While they waited, Justin and Devan Melick of Flint Township, ages 20 and 15, check out the game room with Jasmine Worthing, 19, of South Lyon. Like lots of people, they’re there for the 9:15 Hobbit, in IMAX. Justin liked the first Hobbit movie. “I’m excited for the second one,” he said. At the front concession stand, workers try to keep up as visitors stream past. “The holiday season is certainly a time for families to enjoy the movie-going experience,” said Dilts, who added that concession sales group during the holidays as more families go to the movies.

While Hobbit is king now, it will likely eclipse the $200 million mark. “Avatar” sold the most in the past 30 years for the final week of the year in 2009, and “Catching Fire” sold the most in the middle of November, peaking at $226,119,498.

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**LIGHTS**

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she doesn’t see much of a bump in her power bill even though this year she’s running older, less efficient multi-color lights, for the sake of nostalgia — she prefers the clean white lights.

The good news is that all these extra lights only cost the average consumer and extra $3.90 a month, or $13 per night, according to Consumers Energy.

“We don’t see any huge surges,” said Debra Dodd, spokesperson from Consumers Energy, which services Livingston and Genesee counties.

According to Consumers Energy, it costs about 8 cents to keep 300 icicle lights on for four hours, and about 5 cents to light a Christmas tree with 200 miniature lights for four hours.

The power company pegs LED lights at an 80-percent savings, which is why people like Dwyer opted for them.

Some neighborhoods are more decorated than others. The Orchard Trail subdivision in Fenton Township seems to be a little more into the Christmas spirit, with around 30 percent decorated.

Pat Lockwood, chair of the Fenton holiday lighting committee said, “Holiday decorations are extremely important to our community as they help build a festive holiday spirit for shoppers, diners, residents and visitors.”

She said Christmas lights build a sense of community, and shared celebration.

**HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY TIPS**

1. **Choose a fresh** Christmas tree and water it frequently. Place the tree in a stand that will not tip over and keep the tree away from heat sources and exits.
2. **Keep burning candles** away from decorations and other materials that can catch fire. Do not leave children unattended in a room with lighted candles.
3. **Never leave the stove unattended** while cooking, and turn pot handles inward on the stove and out of children’s reach.
4. **Make sure the fireplace** is open before starting a fire, and never burn wrappings or a Christmas tree in the fireplace.
5. **Have at least one working smoke alarm on each level** of your home, especially near sleeping areas.
6. **Always keep a fire extinguisher handy**.

Source: Consumers Energy, Michigan Fire Marshall

**BOND**

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Board President Lynn Hopper said the Monday meeting was regularly scheduled as a workshop, however the board changed it to a special meeting 72 hours prior to the meeting. A special board workshop meeting was also held Saturday, Dec. 14 from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Public discussion for a new bond proposal began earlier this month, when the board discussed the need for new technology at a special meeting held Dec. 9.

“The way the taxes have been structured, we have opportunities we have not had before, allowing us to go for $11 million,” said Hopper. The board president does not expect taxes to increase for “at least for the first year, if not longer. It all depends upon property values. We look at it as a potential of no tax increase for the bond duration. It could even be a reduction in taxes, depending on how the economy is.”

Credit rating company Moody’s recently downgraded FAPS’ rating to A1 from the previous Aa3. Moody’s website lists fairly stable enrollment trends and a moderately sized tax base as strengths for the school district. A general fund with limited operating flexibility and an underfunded cost-sharing retirement system are listed as challenges for FAPS.

Hopper said the administration now has the authority to move forward and investigate the necessary steps for a new bond. Hopper added that Monday was an open meeting.

“Unfortunately, just like the majority of our board meetings, you have very few, if any people at our meetings,” Board member Drew Shapiro, who cast the lone dissenting vote, is hoping more of the public will attend school board meetings and voice their opinions.

**CRIMINAL**

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female high school student.

The case was presented to the Oakland County Prosecutor’s Office and they issued a one-count warrant for Distributing Sexually Explicit Visual or Verbal Matter to Children, a two-year felony. An additional charge of criminal sexual conduct second degree, a 15-year felony is being authorized by the Oakland County Prosecutor’s Office.

On Dec. 19, Lawrence was arraigned in front of Magistrate Nicholas Camargo and was given a $25,000 personal bond. The Magistrate ordered him not to return to the any property of the Rochester Community Schools. In addition, he is not to have any contact with the victim. It was also ordered that he have no unsupervised contact with any minor.

Lawrence has no prior criminal history. He is scheduled for an exam in front of Judge Nancy Curnak on Jan. 14, 2014.

Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard said “Whether it is a failed DC politician or a security guard, this behavior is disgusting and obviously, in this case, criminal. People are responsible for their actions and will be held accountable. If anyone else received similar things from this person, please contact us.”

Sheriff’s detectives believe that there are other victims and are asking anyone with information to call the Sheriff’s Office at (248) 858-4911.
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Lake Fenton - $1,499,999
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Waterfront

Lake Fenton - $650,000
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Current Pending Homes

Fenton Schools - $224,900
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Linden Schools - $249,999
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Waterfront

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Recently Sold Homes in 2013

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Lake Fenton - $650,000
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Pending in 24 Days
DUCK DYNASTY’S PHIL Robertson was suspended by A&E Network Wednesday for correctly quoting The New Testament regarding gay behavior in an article in GQ Magazine. The man speaks the truth and GLAAD is upset? Whatever happened to his First Amendment rights guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution?

I WANT TO say that I like to shop local, but I also like to get a little value for my money. Up in Swartz Creek yesterday on Miller Road, their gas stations were $2.76 a gallon. They are $3.05 or $3.09 here in Fenton. Give me a break.

THE 22ND AMENDMENT states, ‘No person shall be elected to the office of the President more than twice.’ Once Obama leaves office three years from now, you’ll get to complain about Hillary Clinton for eight years.

IF THERE’S A bigger idiot than Kanye West, I have yet to meet him. To say that performing on stage at a concert is like being a soldier on a combat mission overseas is an insult to all our armed forces. Signed, a real soldier.
MICHELLE OBAMA, IN an interview last week, said that she and President Obama don’t give Christmas gifts to each other. They merely say, “We’re in Hawaii,” and that’s Christmas gift enough. You’re welcome. Signed, a taxpayer.

THIS IS in response to the FARR store closing. They do focus on service. For the past five years, I have purchased my stove, washer and dryer, all my grandsons’ clothes and toys, and my shoes and boots. A dress costs $2 at FARR and $6 at another thrift store in town. I hope FARR reconsiders closing.

OH LORD, THE president is going on vacation to Hawaii. Now I’ll have to read and hear about for 17 full days. Give us a break and be quiet.

THE LOSS on GM doesn’t matter. Everyone including the Federal Reserve chairman were afraid the taxpayer would be short changed on the bailout. Instead, we made billions on the total bailout. For example, we sold all our shares in AIG for a $12.4 billion profit.

THANK YOU AREA superintendents for cancelling school on Friday. Although it didn’t appear to be bad on the main roads, the back roads were an icy mess. Having no school kept inexperienced 16-year-old drivers at home.

WORSHIP

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Vigil of Christmas Mass
Tuesday, December 24 • 4pm, 6pm, 11pm

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Wednesday, December 25 • 9am & 11am
Feast of the Holy Family
Saturday, December 28 • 4pm
Sunday, December 29 • 8am, 10am, 12noon

Vigil of Mary, The Mother of God Mass
Tuesday, December 31 • 7pm
Mary, The Mother of God Mass
Wednesday, January 1 • 9am, 11am

Christmas Eve Gatherings
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9:00pm & 11:00pm in the Sanctuary with Candle lighting

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Fenton, MI 48430
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**Mary York, office manager**
Growing up with seven siblings, Dad would take us for a ride around town to look at lights and see if we could see Santa in the sky. While we were gone, Santa (aka Mom) always came, and I still remember the rush of excitement walking in the door as we raced to find our pile of gifts! After opening gifts, we had oyster stew and crackers for dinner. Thinking back to those times makes me smile.

**Stacia Moses, circulation manager**
Pat’s family always has had the tradition of the newest person in the family playing Santa with a hat and all, then handing out the gifts. Since we got married in June, I’m still the newest person in the family, so I’ll be playing Santa “til I get replaced.

**Heidi Weiss, classified advertising**
Our kids always get new pajamas and then we watch movies on Christmas Eve. We always have family over to our house on Christmas Day.

**Judy Toaso, display advertising**
On Christmas morning, we open our gift one at a time, starting with the youngest and going to the oldest. Our gift exchange includes our two cats—they’re part of our family.

**Janice DeNell, receptionist**
“I’m going to ‘borrow’ a tradition from a relative, who sends a box of homemade cookies to the first two people who email her or message her with their address.” I was lucky to be number one, and I thought it would be a fun tradition to pass on for next year.

**Sally Rummel, features writer**
We always held scavenger hunts on Christmas morning, with each rhymed note giving clues to the location of each child’s biggest, final gift. It might be in the oven, under the bed or in the laundry room. They’d have to go find it, and that was a big part of the fun!

**Mary Powell, composition**
When our children were small, we had a tiny-size creche for the baby Jesus and lots of tiny pieces of shredded tissue paper “straw.” Every time our kids would do a simple kind and loving deed, they were able to place some “straw” in the manger to help prepare the bed for baby Jesus. Our children seemed to enjoy this special way of preparing for the celebration of Jesus’ birth.

**Terese Allen, display advertising**
On Christmas eve, my children and I bake and decorate a cake. Christmas morning, before opening presents, we light the candles, sing happy birthday to Jesus, and enjoy cake for breakfast.

**Tiffany Marchand, display advertising**
We always take our two kids driving around to look at Christmas lights.

**Judy Toaso**
**Stacia Moses**
**Mary York**
**Janice DeNell**
**Sally Rummel**
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A total of 1,091 people were killed in DUI crashes last year between Thanksgiving and New Year’s Eve.

Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

**Merry Christmas**

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That’s why the holidays are among the deadliest times of the year on the roads, according to a recent article published in USA Today. Data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration showed that 1,091 people were killed in DUI crashes last year from Thanksgiving through New Year’s Eve.

The holidays do bring about increased opportunities for socializing and drinking. However, the years of creating awareness about the dangers of drinking and driving appear to be making a difference in the number of holiday crashes resulting from alcohol use in the tri-county area.

Lt. Jason Slater of the Fenton Police Department said that most people, generally speaking, are drinking more responsibly during the holidays, making sure that they have a designated driver in place before they start drinking.

“People have been paying attention to the drinking and driving public service announcements that have been going on for years,” said Slater. “The person will have a problem with is that isolated drinker out on any night of the week, any time of the year. Unfortunately, we’re always going to have people who drink and drive, regardless of the holiday or how many times we preach against drinking and driving.”

Slater does want to remind holiday revelers that in addition to the .08 blood alcohol level that will get a driver arrested for “operating while intoxicated,” there’s also a lesser known “operating while impaired” law that allows an officer to arrest a driver who appears to be driving under the influence. “If an officer can show a person’s driving is impaired by alcohol, controlled substances or medication, he or she can be arrested for impaired driving,” said Slater.

Slater believes that weather, more often than alcohol, is the cause of most DUI crashes last year. “The holidays do bring about increased weather related crashes,” said Slater.

“Unfortunately, we’re always going to have people who drink and drive, regardless of the holiday or how many times we preach against drinking and driving,” said Slater of the Fenton Police Department.

**Fenton Police Department**

Lt. Jason Slater

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A fire started in the basement and firefighters quickly extinguished it. The home sustained minimal smoke damage throughout. The residents had to leave until they had the furnace fixed.

**BASEMENT FIRE AT HOME ATTACHED TO SEMINARY**

At 2:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14, the Fenton Fire Department responded to a report of a fire at a home in the 300 block of High Street. The Linden Fire Department responded through mutual aid. Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairn said a fire, electrical in nature, started in the basement, and the residents were forced to make other living arrangements. Firefighters cleared the scene at 4:20 a.m.

**MINOR INJURIES IN HOLLY CRASH**

North Oakland County Fire Authority Chief Jeremy Lintz said shortly after 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 11, a vehicle driven by a Holly High School student rear-ended another vehicle that had stopped on East Holly Road, just west of the high school as the driver was attempting to make a left hand turn. Within minutes, four more vehicles became involved after two Holly High School students failed to stop their vehicles in time for the initial crash. "All together there were six cars involved in the accident, and we transported one 17-year-old female to the hospital with possible neck injuries," Lintz said. "It wasn’t a matter of the road being too slippery or anything, it was just a case of inexperienced drivers tearing out onto E. Holly after school and not paying enough attention."

**DISORDERLY IN HOLLY**

A 24-year-old Pontiac man was arrested for disorderly conduct on Dec. 19 following a fight at a home in the 4041 block of Grange Hall Road in Holly. The man reportedly tried to defend his friend, an 18-year-old from Waterford Township who was trying to visit with his son who was living at a residence on Jeep Road. A scuffle ensued and the Pontiac man left the scene prior to police arrival. Police located him, transported him to the police station where he was booked for disorderly conduct.

**STUDENT ARRESTED AT SCHOOL**

On Thursday, Dec. 12, at 11:35 a.m. Holly police responded to Holly High School on a report of a strong marijuana odor in one of the classrooms. School staff reported that a student had arrived late for school and he smelled of marijuana. Police located the student in class and questioned him in the office. Police recovered a plastic bag containing loose marijuana and partial marijuana cigarettes. The teen was arrested for possession of marijuana.

**INFLATABLE CHRISTMAS TREE STOLEN**

On Dec. 5 at 7:30 a.m., Holly police responded to the 200 block of Corbin Street in Holly Village to investigate a larceny complaint. The homeowner reported that sometime overnight, someone stole a blow-up Christmas tree from her front yard.

**FENTON MAN FACES CHARGES**

At 2:47 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 18, Fenton police assisted the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department on a call regarding a suspicious male carrying a flashlight and walking between houses and cars on Aspen Hollow Drive in Fenton Township. Sgt. Greg Feamster of the Fenton Police Department said a sheriff deputy, as well as a Linden and Argentine officer were in the area already and all responded to the subdivision within minutes. The Fenton police officer saw shoe prints in the freshly fallen snow and it was apparent that the suspect had wiped snow from multiple vehicle windows to look inside. The shoe prints led police to a field where the Fenton police officer found the 22-year-old suspect hiding in tall grass. The suspect, known to police, was taken into custody. The vehicle he had driven to the area had been reported stolen from Tyrone Township on Dec. 17. Charges are pending for possession of a stolen vehicle and larceny from autos. The case remains under investigation.

**ASSAULT CHARGES PENDING**

At 4:25 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15, Fenton police responded to a 911 hang-up call from the 200 block of Fenton Commons Lane. A Fenton woman told police that her 32-year-old boyfriend had assaulted her and locked her out of his condo following an argument. Both were intoxicated, according to police, and police and to prevent the situation from escalating further, police took the woman from the area. Police will be seeing domestic assault charges from the prosecutor’s office.

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**Christmas Tree Safety Tips**

- Choose a Christmas tree with fresh, green needles.
- If you have an artificial tree, make sure that it is labeled as a fire retardant one.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from heat sources such as fireplaces or radiators.
- Only use lights that are labeled with the certification of an independent testing laboratory.
- Always turn off Christmas lights before leaving home or going to bed.

Tips from the National Fire Protection Association. For more Christmas tree safety tips, visit www NFPA org/education

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Eagles pull off upset vs. Swartz Creek, 67-60

Shocking result is team’s biggest victory during Wright’s coaching career at Linden

By David Troppens
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If the Linden varsity boys basketball team was looking for a signature win to prove they are an improved product, the Eagles got it on Tuesday.

The Linden Eagles (1-3), who struggled mightily in their first two games of the season, upset expected Metro League contenders Swartz Creek 67-60 at Linden High School.

The Eagles followed with a 64-40 loss at Flushing on Thursday, but that result couldn’t dampen what Linden accomplished on Tuesday.

“By far,” said Linden coach Anthony Wright when asked if this was his biggest win since becoming varsity coach last year. “It means a lot to the guys, seeing how they come in and practice hard and have the right focus. Everyone knows their role and executes it. When you do that, you are going to double your chances to win.”

The Eagles field a team with limited experience, but out of the group with some, they played well on Tuesday night. Kyle Korman produced a team-high 16 points, while Collin Hoeberling had 15 points. Travis Rinks also provided nine points, but also played a strong game in other areas. Many of the Linden players were still recovering from the death of Swartz Creek student-athlete Brendon Fitch. A Linden resident, Fitch knew some of the players on Linden’s team well.

“We had a rough first week emotionally so I think giving them the time off the entire weekend helped them refocus,” said Wright, who also coached Fitch during summer league basketball games. “It gave them some time to gather themselves mentally as well as physically.

“He was close to my two seniors (Hoeberling and Rinks). They came back in this game and were the best players on the court. They led us from a maturity and a leadership standpoint. They filled that role well.”

The contest remained reasonably close throughout, but Linden led most of the game. The Eagles trailed 16-15 until Austin Buerkel hit a three-pointer, putting Linden up 18-16 during the second quarter. Linden never trailed again. The Eagles used the try to spark a 17-11 run, giving Linden a 35-27 halftime lead.

The Eagles usually led by around eight points during the second half, but Creek did cut the gap to 55-52 with about three minutes left. However, Hoeberling hit two free throws, helping the Eagles pull off the upset.

See EAGLES on 22A

Allen scores three goals in Metro League Griffins’ first victory of season

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Even when things go good, Jeff Mynatt has had a little bit of bad luck.

The Metro League Griffins hockey coach saw his team win its first game of the season on Tuesday, but he actually didn’t see the game-winning goal.

The Griffins, a co-op squad made up of Fenton and Linden hockey players, broke a 3-3 tie on Connor Phillips’ fourth goal of the season 5:44 into the third period. From there the Griffins held on, earning a 4-3 victory against Grand Ledge.

“I actually didn’t see it,” Mynatt admitted. “I was coaching. I believe it was off a rebound. He buried it with his usual strong presence in front of the net. He worked his butt off, and like Nate (Allen), was getting some great scoring opportunities.”

While Phillips got the game-winning tally, off an assist from Ian Crampton, Allen was the biggest offensive star, scoring the first three goals. He gave the Griffins a 2-0 lead with a first-period goal and then a second-period goal just 2:32 into that stanza. Grand Ledge cut the gap to 2-1 about six minutes later, but Tyler Bourassa assisted Allen’s third goal 12:03 into the second period, putting the co-op up 3-2.

See ALLEN on 21A
Fenton swimmers post two victories

Tigers earn five overall firsts in three-team meet

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Why beat just one team when you can defeat two on the same night?

That’s what the Fenton varsity boys swim team did on Tuesday night at Fenton High School.

The Tigers posted five overall first-place finishes, earning wins against Mason (109-79) and Powers (112-71).

The Tigers dominated two events in the medley relay. Mikulenas captured the top spot in the 400 medley relay (3:39.05), while winning the 200 medley relay (1:58.30) and the 500 freestyle (5:26.16) individually. Cassidy also earned three firsts. Individually, he took the top spot in the 50 freestyle (23.07). Along with the 400 medley relay, he teamed with Landis, Zahn Macklin, and Zac Miceli to open the meet with a victory in the 200 medley relay (1:49.38). He also earned a second in the 100 freestyle (50.65), just missing a state-qualifying time by less than a second.

The Tigers had three other individual seconds. In diving, Maddie Mackoosd finished in the runner-up spot (180.70). Two swimmers also placed second in events. They were Miceli in the 200 individual medley (2:23.25) and Landis in the 100 backstroke (1:03.07).

Lady Tigers collect third straight Metro win in a row, beat Kearsleys

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Apparenty what the Fenton varsity girls basketball team needed was to get back into Metro League action.

After a 0-2 start, the Lady Tigers have captured three straight victories, all against Metro League teams — raising their record to 3-2.

The third of those victories came against Kearsley on Tuesday in a 56-37 verdict.

After scoring just 56 points combined in losses to Howell and Hartland, the Tigers have averaged 51.7 points during their three victories, scoring at least 45 points in each of the contests.

“Even though we returned some kids early on it was a matter of trying to figure out from a chemistry standpoint how it would work. We were trying to work out some of the kinks,” Fenton head coach Becki Moore said. “We are still working them out and playing a little bit better.”

“We are being patient (offensively),” Against Kearsley we talked about using our inside and outside game. We have a little different set up with our fresh- man (Emma Evo). She’s probably one of the most true post players we’ve had in awhile. She’s very comfortable with her back to the basket. We get it in and out with her, and with Sarah (Cumings) and Paige Wendland both are doing a good job of doing a good job playing defense.”

Against Kearsley, the Tigers’ offense had the game blown open by halftime. The Tigers took an 18-10 lead after one quarter, and used a 17-8 run in the second quarter to take a 35-18 lead at the half. The Tigers flirted with a 20-point victory mark of the second half, and led by a 50-27 margin after three quarters.

The offense was balanced. Evo led the squad with 12 points, five steals and four rebounds, while Carly Granner netted 11 points. Katie Conroy chipped in 10 points and Cassandra Reuschlein had nine points.

Katey Cairnuff grabbed seven rebounds, while Hannah Evo had six steals and three assists.
Hillger, Blue Devils impress in GAC dual

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Lake Fenton — When one looks up and down the eighth-ranked Lake Fenton wrestling lineup, it’s easy to see why the Blue Devils are ranked.

They have a strong team with some well-established wrestlers. And that’s why the Blue Devils defeated Goodrich 42-20 and Durand 70-9 Wednesday night at home.

However, what seems shocking is on a team with a lot of wrestlers with strong records, only one full-time varsity performer is undefeated. It’s freshman Trent Hillger.

And it’s not like Hillger is a freshman at 103 or even 125 pounds, earning strong success at a weight class one expects to see starting freshmen. No, he’s undefeated wrestling at 171 pounds, or in Wednesday’s case up at 189 pounds. These are classes usually designated for well-seasoned juniors and seniors who have grown into their bodies. But as a freshman, Hillger has shown in less than a month of action, the sixth-ranked 171-pounder according to michigangrappler.com’s rankings, can hang.

“We knew what he was capable before he got here,” said Lake Fenton’s Andy Donoho, ranked in the 189-pound class. “He’s been wrestling in our room for a little bit now, and he’s just a stud.”

“I’ve been training for this moment,” Hillger said. “I’ve been working on getting stronger and my dad (David Hillger, well known for being a trainer at Holly and Swartz Creek during recent seasons) has been helping me out, helping me get stronger.”

Hillger continued his impressive undefeated run with two more wins on Wednesday night. One came via forfeit against Durand, but he did earn an 8-2 victory in his match against Goodrich.

“My season has gone pretty well so far,” Hillger said. “I had some tough matches this week, but I’m not happy until I’m on top of the podium.”

Hillger is just one wrestler on the Blue Devils off to a fine start. On Wednesday, Hillger was one of nine Blue Devils to finish with the night with two wins. Zach Zoll (119) and Donoho (215) made their victories really count, earning two pinfall wins. Others that finished with two victories were Hunter Corcoran (112), John Barry (155), Tristan Ne-

Fenton posts strong start, stings the Hornets 48-38

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Slow starts have been an issue for the Fenton varsity boys basketball team during the first two games of the season. Against Clio, the Tigers trailed at one time 16-3, eventually losing to the Mus tangs. Against Lapeer East, the Tigers trailed 12-2 before earning a 44-33 win.

Fenton head coach Tim Olszewski was tired of the slow starts, so the Tigers did something about it. They had a fast start in their third game of the season, leading the Tigers to a 48-38 victory against Flint Kearsley on Tuesday night.

“We put pressure so we could get to a quick start,” Olszewski said. “We started slow our two previous games and this time we scored 15 first-quarter points. We were up 15-7 and settled back to our halfcourt defense. We forced 28 turnovers and just took care of business.”

The early lead held. The Tigers never lost the edge and played strong defense, never allowing more than nine points in the first three quarters. The Tigers (2-1) led 38-23 entering the final period.

“We want to do whatever it takes to win,” Olszewski said. “The kids worked hard again and busted their butts. I was not worried about the shots not falling because I was confident they would. As long as the energy is there, and we learn something about each other, we’ll keep on getting better.”

“We didn’t know how it fell (to have an early lead). At halftime we were happy to go in with the lead and we were able to play in front. We never lost the double-digit lead. It was a good win for our guys.”

James Claborn continues to play strong basketball. He led the Tigers with 15 points, five assists, four rebounds and two blocks. Ross Ebert had eight points, while Scott Lukas and Andrew Mowery had five points. Mowery also had four steals.
Daniels is dominating at Holly

Scores 23 points in 86-47 win vs. East

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Holly — Jake Daniels sat on the Holly varsity boys basketball bench last year.

As a transfer, he was ineligible to play with the Bronchos.

This year, Daniels’ patience has been rewarded.

For the third time in his three Holly varsity basketball contests, Daniels scored at least 20 points, leading the Bronchos to a pretty convincing offensive victory.

On Tuesday it was an 86-47 win against the Lapeer East Eagles.

Daniels scored a game-high 23 points against East, leading the Bronchos to an easy win. In three games, Daniels has scored 71 Holly points, leading the Bronchos to a scoring average of nearly 90 points a game.

“No, because I’m ready for it,” said Daniels when asked if he’s at all shocked by his start of the season.

“I feel like I’ve worked so hard up to this point. Every time I go on the floor, I expect to produce and that’s what I’ve been doing so far. And I plan on keeping it up. I give all the credit to my teammates for getting me open shots. It’s been great. We are going great.”

There’s no question the Bronchos (3-0) are doing great. Holly has won their three contests by an average of 32 points and only one squad — Swartz Creek in a 99-88 loss — can even argue they were reasonably competitive with Holly. East never really had a chance on Tuesday. Holly scored the game’s first seven points and led 18-7 after one quarter. Holly blew the game open with a 27-point third quarter, raising their edge to 60-34 entering the final period.

And while Daniels is the obvious focal point, it’s not like he’s the only one doing damage. Kyle Woodruff is only a couple of hoops behind his teammate for the leading scorer honors so far this season, scoring 66 points in the three contests.

On Tuesday he had his “weakest” offensive contest of the season, scoring “just” 18 points. Actually, the entire Holly roster got involved against East, with every player scoring at least one bucket.

After the top two standouts, Scott Maki added three three-pointers, scoring nine for the contest. Joshua Simms, who already has a 24-point night to his credit, chipped in eight points off the bench.

“We just try to come out here and try to compete every game,” Daniels said.

“We got off to a better start than we have been in the third quarter the first two games, and it really showed with our intensity and our effort. We have some new guys coming in hitting some shots. Everyone is really coming together and I’m loving it so far.”

“Everybody scored. Games like this when everyone scores is great for morale,” Holly coach Lance Baylis said.

“Everybody’s happy. Everybody cheers for each other. They all like each other. Our main goal is to keep together. We don’t want to have any outsiders derail us, and we don’t want any insiders to derail us. We want to stick together, support each other say positive things to each other and that’s what we are doing.”

Holly traveled to Brandon on Friday and went to Saginaw Valley State University for a contest against Ann Arbor Prep on Saturday.

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get pinned and that’s really big. If you are going to lose, do whatever you can to stay off your back. Everyone tries hard. We have some depth in a lot of positions. Our lineup from 152 and up is stacked.

“They have us ranked eighth right now, and I think that’s appropriate, but I think the sky is the limit for this team. If we get a couple of those kids a little more experience, then the sky is the limit.”

“These kids are working hard,” Lake Fenton wrestling coach Vance Corcoran said. “Today was a good test. Goodrich has a good team. I was expecting something a little closer, so obviously our kids wrestled well. We have some young kids that are filling a couple spots that are coming along.”

EAGLES

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ing the Eagles start the process of icing the upset victory.

Buerkel had 12 points, giving Linden three double-digit scorers. Tanner North had seven points but also helped defensively and with rebounding Wright said. Wright also credited Mike Gold’s and Corey Green’s defensive work.

Swartz Creek’s Marquavian Stevens led all scorers with 27 points, but no one else had more than 10 for the Dragons.

Against Flushing, The Eagles were outscored 33-15 during the middle two periods of the contest, resulting in the loss. Hoebeling led the Eagles with 10 points, while Mike Gold and Tanner North had six points each.

Linden traveled to Saginaw Valley State University on Saturday to play Saginaw Heritage at noon.
And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

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From the Rose Bowl to the Pizza Bowl

Here is your guide to some of the most interesting, strange college bowl match-ups

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When I was a teenager, there were few seasons I looked forward to more than the college bowl season.

But those days were about 25 years ago, and the bowl environment was drastically different.

For example, the 1983 bowl season consisted of just 16 games, and none of them included the “word” .com on its title. The bowl season ended on Jan. 2, 1984 and there was no BCS title game.

At the time, the four major bowls were the Rose, the Sugar, the Orange and the Cotton bowls. The Fiesta Bowl was still trying to wrangle itself among the elite. Talking elite, the Big Ten was considered just that. Not only was Illinois in the Rose Bowl, but Michigan played in the Sugar Bowl (beating Auburn), and Ohio State in the surging Fiesta Bowl. Syndicates like Raycom usually televised the bowls instead of strange cable stations like ESPN.

This season we have 35 bowl games, and of those 70 teams, seven squads can lose their contest and finish the season with a losing record. Just about every game is on ESPN, and even lowly leagues like the Mid-American Conference has a large number of squads going bowling. Is it better or worse now? That’s up to you to decide. We thought this would be a good time to highlight some of the contests.

Biggest potential blowout
If we go based on the Vegas point spreads, that honor goes to the Jan. 1 Fiesta Bowl. The Baylor Bears are whopping 16.5-point favorites against the Central Florida Knights. Both squads sport impressive 11-1 records, but Baylor is from the Big 12, where the level of competition is better than in the newly formed American Athletic Conference (AAC).

Other games with large point spreads include the Dec. 28th Pin Stripe Bowl pitting Notre Dame against another AAC squad, Rutgers, and the Sugar Bowl where Alabama is a 15-point favorite against Oklahoma.

Is this really the name of a bowl game?
Which of the following is not a name of a bowl game this year? 1) The Eat Pork Bowl 2) The AdvoCare V100 Bowl or 3) The Belk Bowl?

The AdvoCare V100 Bowl pits Arizona against Boston College on Dec. 31, while the Belk Bowl is on Dec. 28 with North Carolina and Cincinnati doing battle. Belk is the southern equivalent of JC Penney’s. Unfortunately, my wife has forced me in a couple of Belks in my lifetime. The ‘Eat Pork Bowl’ is the bogy one.

I’ll watch it but no one else will
While most people love the BCS conference powerhouse games and the title contest itself, I find myself gravitating to the games with a Mid-American Conference team in it. Out of the MAC squads bowling, the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl has my attention the most. Bowling, Green is facing See BOWLS on 88

Big Ten Bowls

Here is a list of every bowl game involving a Big Ten team.

Texas Bowl: The Dec. 27 bowl pits Minnesota against Syracuse. The Golden Gophers are minor favorites.

Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl: The Wolverines face another 7-5 team when they face Kansas State on Dec. 28 for a 10:15 p.m. kickoff. Yawn.

Capital One Bowl: Wisconsin (8-3) faces SEC foe South Carolina (10-2) in the first of three bowl games involving Big 10 teams on New Year’s Day.

Gator Bowl: Nebraska will have their hands tied facing 22nd-ranked Georgia on Jan. 1. Outback Bowl: The Iowa Hawkeyes should leave the game resounding losers to the LSU Tigers. Skip this Jan. 1 bowl. Rose Bowl: Good luck Spartans. Your quest for a Rose Bowl victory against Stanford starts at 5 p.m. on Jan. 1. It’s one of the best matchups of the Bowl season. Orange Bowl: So will U-M and MSU fans pull for or against Ohio State against Clemson on Jan. 3? My guess is most will be pulling for a Buckeyes’ loss.

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Hatchet
by Gary Paulsen

For 20 years Gary Paulsen’s award-winning contemporary classic has been the survival story with which all others are compared. After a plane crash, 13-year-old Brian spends 54 days in the Canadian wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents’ divorce.

Killing Jesus
by Bill O’Reilly

Millions of readers have thrilled to bestselling authors Bill O’Reilly and historian Martin Dugard’s Killing Kennedy and Killing Lincoln, page-turning works of nonfiction that have changed the way we read history. Now the author of The O’Reilly Factor details the events leading up to the murder of the most influential man in history: Jesus of Nazareth. Nearly two thousand years after this beloved and controversial young revolutionary was brutally killed by Roman soldiers, more than 2.2 billion human beings attempt to follow his teachings and believe he is God. Killing Jesus will take readers inside Jesus’s life, recounting the seismic political and historical events that made his death inevitable — and changed the world forever.

Gulp
by Mary Roach

Why is crunchy food so appealing? Why is it so hard to find words for flavors and smells? Why doesn’t the stomach digest itself? How much can you eat before your stomach bursts? Can constipation kill you? Did it kill Elvis? In Gulp we meet scientists who tackle the questions no one else thinks of — or has the courage to ask. We go on location to a pet-food taste-test lab, a fecal transplant, and into a live stomach to observe the fate of a meal. With Roach at our side, we travel the world, meeting murderers and mad scientists, Eskimos and exorcists (who have occasionally administered holy water rectally), rabbits and terrorists — who, it turns out, for practical reasons do not conceal bombs in their digestive tracts.

Sycamore Row
by John Grisham

John Grisham’s A Time to Kill is one of the most popular novels of our time. Now we return to that famous courthouse in Clanton as Jake Brigance once again finds himself embroiled in a fiercely controversial trial — a trial that will expose old racial tensions and force Ford County to confront its tortured history. Seth Hubbard is a wealthy man dying of lung cancer. He trusts no one. Before he hangs himself from a sycamore tree, Hubbard leaves a new, handwritten will. It is an act that drags his adult children, his black maid, and Jake into a conflict as riveting and dramatic as the murder trial that made Brigance one of Ford County’s most notorious citizens, just three years earlier.

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by Markus Zusak

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by Stephen King

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It’s not every day that a tattoo studio opens with a focus on custom art and integrity.

Those are the goals of Solid Metal Tattoo, LLC in Fenton, which opened Sept. 11 at 2415 Owen Rd., Suite C, across from Joe & Lewie’s Penalty Box.

Solid Metal Tattoo provides custom tattoo work and body piercings, using state-of-the-art digital equipment that provides a softer, less invasive and more consistent touch. In addition to body art, this studio offers the feel of an art gallery, with canvas paintings and prints lining the colorful walls. This makes an obvious statement about this studio’s commitment to serious art that sets Solid Metal Tattoo apart from other body art businesses.

Business partners in this venture are Damon Christopher, a graphic artist and college professor with more than 20 years in the art field and Brandon Burke, an artist in his own right with 16 years experience in tattooing and nine years in body piercing. Together, they focus their skills on providing a full, positive artistic experience for each client, whether a client is choosing a piercing or tattoo. Nose piercings and ear piercings are especially popular now, with clients of all ages. Tattoo art has also become a mainstream personal expression.

“Our goal is to offer custom work to our body art clients, so that they leave our studio with exactly what they are looking for,” said Christopher. “We also hope to be a destination in the future for serious art programming and job training in art-related fields such as graphic arts, web design, multi-media, etc.,” said Christopher.

Solid Metal Tattoo is open Monday through Saturday from 12 to 8 p.m. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (810) 750-1355, or visit their website at solidmetaltattoo.com

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Tattoo customer Sarah Wojciechowski is getting a text tattoo on her side from Damon Christopher at Solid Metal Tattoo in Fenton, while Brandon Burke stands for a semi-portrait.

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Anti-bullying advocate asks for help

Gabrielle Ford’s foot broken in accident, needs prayers and place to recover

By Sharon Stone
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Gabrielle (Gabe) Ford, a national anti-bullying advocate and Fenton native broke her ankle in a bicycle accident near her Florida home on Dec. 8. Wheelchair bound since she was a teen, Ford’s family now needs to move her into a rental home near her Melbourne, Fla. home that is handicap accessible.

Ford, 33, was diagnosed with Friedreich’s Ataxia, a rare genetic neuromuscular disease at age 12 when she lived in Fenton. Since that time, she has gotten around in a wheelchair.

Ford has made it her life’s work visiting schools across the country speaking out against bullying. Soon after her diagnosis, Ford and her loyal four-legged companion Izzy became a team and she established “Gabe & Izzy, America’s Voice for the Bullying,” (www.gabeandizzy.com). Michael Smith

Fenton Township is friends with Ford’s family. He is reaching out to the Fenton area to see what help community members here can do for Ford and her family.

“These are good, honest people and Gabe was honored by USA Network for her work across the U.S. against bullying,” he said.

“We hear of miracles here in the U.S. and this family could use one right now.” Ford has a new book, Gabe & Izzy Standing Up For America’s Bullying, owned by Penguin Random House Publishing. It is due out in the spring and the royalties should help the family out financially, however, at this time, they are in desperate need of some help.

Explaining Ford’s accident, Hillman said her daughter was riding her Cat Trike in her Florida neighborhood and as usual, her latest dog ILO (Izzy Lives On) was running alongside her. ILO spotted a dog friend and began running back to play. Ford’s trike began to roll backward, prompting her to hit the brakes. Her foot, which was locked, See GABRIELLE on 6B
Key of Hope choir performs.
seeks $100,000 for school,
medicine over 35-stop U.S. tour
By Tim Jagielo

Fenton — A different kind of music filled the Family Life Center at the Fenton United Methodist Church (FUMC) on Thursday — Zulu tribal music, along with traditional western holiday songs.

It’s not every day that someone in Fenton can hear Zulu tribal language and music, right from the source, and the 140 or so guests warmly applauded the children from the Key of Hope choir.

The children aged 11 to 18 sang, danced a little, and at one point played two D’jembe, which are a medium-sized African drum. They hail from near Durban, South Africa, which has been described as the epicenter of the AIDS epidemic.

It’s difficult to see the challenging world these kids came from, but many live in poverty, and all are affected directly by HIV. A few of them according to Key of Hope co-founder Rachel Smither have the virus themselves.

This is their second performance in Fenton. The first was at The Rock Church, and they’ll move on to Holly next week.

Smither acted as the exuberant conductor of the choir, each note and lyric playing across her face as it erupted from the mouths of the kids. She said the goal is to raise $100,000 with the 35-venue tour, which runs through the end of December.

She isn’t sure how much has been raised, though she knows there is more work to do. For their first tour, it seems to be going well.

The funds they hope to raise will go to many things including schooling, after-school tutoring, food, programming, sports and even AIDS medications. Things like birth certificates and identification papers, which may be taken for granted here, cost money in South Africa and are needed to apply for aid and grants. These will also be funded by the donations.

One such person who opened her checkbook was Nancy Menzies, who described her gift as modest, and split the donation with a friend. “I was moved by the program,” she said. “They’re wonderful, talented children.”

The program ran for about half an hour and mixed the Zulu music with traditional western holiday carols and Christian music. The familiar songs like “Little Drummer Boy” were completely familiar in sound, but contained diction from the choir’s South African English accent.

Here, the climate, culture and everything is different from the town of Durban. After several weeks touring the Midwest, some are getting homesick and ill from the weather. Despite all of this, Smither said, “all and all they’re having a great time.”

After the performance, the kids put coats on, and some helped move gear into a room off to the side. Key of Hope child advocate Kim Montgomery said the kind of poverty they deal with doesn’t exist in the U.S. “Our poor is richer than them,” she said, but quickly corrected, “More wealthy than them. They’re richer in spirit.”

Two of the choir members paused for some questions amid the action of packing up and moving on. Khetha, 14, said he experiences nervousness in performing in front of others, but enjoys sharing his Zulu culture with an American audience.

“I was moved by the program. They’re wonderful, talented children.”

Nancy Menzies Fenton resident, audience member

The Key of Hope choir from South Africa performs at the Fenton United Methodist Church on Thursday morning. The tour is the first and aims to raise funds for the ministry that supports these children, who live in poverty, many dealing with HIV.

Gabrielle Ford’s favorite posting on her website

Dear Gabe,
You recently visited my high school, Tanque Verde. Your story basically saved my life. Early this week, I was thinking of ending my life. Not due to bullying but because of other reasons. You showed me that life is what you make it and that it can/ will get better. You have given me such a hope and a will to see my bright future. Thank you so much for speaking to us and may you continue spreading your inspiration across the U.S., across the world. You are a true hero.

Anonymous, May 17, 2011
The wise men and their after-Christmas gifts

Without question, the wise men are the most mysterious characters of Christmas. We’re not sure where they come from, though Matthew tells us it was somewhere in the east; nor do we know just when they arrived or how many wise ones made their way to Bethlehem to find the newborn king.

We’ve assumed there were three wise men because of their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, but there are at least two other interpretations that could have been brought by any number of wise men. Some estimate there may have been more than a hundred who made their journey from afar following a star. And, according to the Bible, they arrived after Christmas, finding Mary and Joseph and the baby in a house in Bethlehem (Matthew 2:11). Does it matter? What’s important is that when these wise men arrived they worshipped and gave gifts.

Their example of gift giving (even though their gifts were given after Christ’s birth) is remembered by millions. But their worship is often forgotten.

We’re missing something important here. Worship was the most important gift of the wise men. It was a gift they needed to give.

When returning from a mall where I had been searching for a gift for my wife, I was involved in a serious accident. A car darted in front of me from a driveway along this five lane heavily traveled road, attempting to cross three lanes of traffic, and there was no way I could avoid the frightening crash that followed.

The next several hours found me in an emergency room surrounded by sounds of misery and pain and experiencing some of my own, especially in my chest and back, caused by the impact of the accident and the pressure of the seat belt.

Finally, dressed in my skimpy blue hospital gown, I was wheeled into the X-ray department where the temperature seemed barely over the wintry blast outside. But the technician was friendly and the warmth of her smile and her cheerful attitude as she went confidently about her work made the cold more bearable.

‘Do you like your job,’ I asked.

‘I love it,’ she replied. Then I asked a question that took her by surprise: ‘Where do you go to church?’

‘It’s interesting you’ve asked,’ she half-laughed. ‘I have no religion at all, but I’ve decided to visit a church.’

Upon inquiring where she lived, I was able to recommend a great church near her home and urged her to visit a service there soon.

‘I’m going to do that,’ she promised. What moved a young woman without any religious background to finally feel her need of learning more about faith in God and how to worship Him?

The same heavenly pull that brought the wise men from the east to Bethlehem to present their after-Christmas gifts to the Savior.

A popular bumper sticker says, WISE MEN SEEKING HIM. And it’s true. They also give Him the gift of worship...and their hearts.

Wisemen do wonder.

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It feels so good to receive a holiday greeting

Christmas card sales on the rise

By Sally Rummel

Sunday, December 22, 2013

Social media sites like Facebook and Twitter aren’t winning when it comes to sending out Christmas greetings. People this year are choosing to send out holiday greetings the old-fashioned way — with traditional Christmas cards sent via the U.S. Postal Service.

“We’re doing more and more Christmas cards this year,” said Fenton Postmaster Brenda Hendrix. “Things are up this year, which is great.”

The busiest day for sending out cards this year was last Monday, Dec. 16, according to Hendrix. While it’s not too late to get your holiday greetings out, it’s getting down to the wire. Each card sent through the Fenton post office goes to the Pontiac sorting facility, where it is sent to its final destination. Whether your cards are being sent to Fenton or Frankenmuth, they all go to the same place to be sorted, according to Hendrix.

Cards sent out this Monday, Dec. 23 may get to their destination, “but it’s pushing it,” said Hendrix. “They’ll either get there Tuesday or on Thursday, the day after Christmas.”

According to the U.S. Greeting Card Association, about 1.6 billion Christmas cards will be purchased this year, making it the largest card-sending holiday in the U.S. That figure includes boxed cards, but does not include photo cards and other personalized cards sold via the Internet. Overall, Americans purchase approximately 6.5 billion greeting cards each year, with annual retail sales estimated between $7 and $8 billion.

Judy Fuller, store manager at Caravan’s Hallmark store in Fenton, isn’t surprised. She has noticed a huge increase in boxed card sales this year. “Usually, we have quite a few left at the end of the season to put on sale,” said Fuller. “This year, I don’t think we’ll have many left. It seems like people are sending a lot more cards this year than in recent years.”

Hallmark Cards research shows that three-quarters of the consumers who send holiday cards do so because they know how good it feels to receive a holiday greeting.

Tyrone Township residents Dan and Wendy Wolverton enjoy sending out cards every year. Usually sending out about 60, Wendy writes a short note on each one and they typically receive about the same number in return. This year, she sent out cards through the Leaders Dogs for the Blind organization, receiving cards, labels and seals to make mailing simple and easy. “I like to support a charitable group when I’m selecting cards,” she said.

New trends this year include fun embellishments, such as removable ornaments, designs with simple photography, laser-cut holiday cards and cards incorporating rich colors and short but powerful sentiments.

Other design trends leading the way include modern updates on traditional text and icons, quirky humor mixed with nostalgia, bold color palettes and unexpected pops of color. American Greetings is focusing on traditional designs with a contemporary flair. People like to give a modern update to a traditional sentiment. Christmas cards this year will go from classic to quirky, they say.

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ACC foe Pittsburgh. And while the Panthers are a pretty weak 6-6 squad in an equally weak BCS conference, it never hurts the MAC to beat one of these teams. I’m hoping for a Falcon victory at Ford Field Dec. 26.

Best Big 10 game

Wisconsin facing South Carolina on Jan. 1 for the Capital One Bowl is an interesting matchup, but I’d be an idiot if I didn’t select Michigan State playing in the 100th Rose Bowl against Stanford on that same date. I’m not a Spartan fan, but I live in the state, and I know what a victory would mean for Spartan fans, so I’m pulling for Sparty. I might even watch the game. Sorry, Michigan. Your bowl doesn’t interest me a bit.

Potential for a lot of points

Based on Vegas, the game that promises to have my favorite cow commercials is the answer to this question. The Chick-fil-A Bowl on Dec. 31 pits Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel against a Duke squad that can put points on the board as well. The point over-under is currently at 73.5. Also, watch out for the Holiday Bowl on Dec. 30. I haven’t kept up on recent games in the Holiday Bowl, but back in the day, these were always high-scoring contests.

Possible defensive battle

Let’s go back to the Rose Bowl. Both teams can run the ball offensively, but both defenses are effective at stopping the run as well. If there is going to be a bowl game with a victor with less than 18 points, the Rose Bowl might be it.

How about the BCS title game?

What about it? Auburn faces Florida State on Jan. 6 at the Rose Bowl. By the time this game gets played, I’ll probably be bowled out. Hopefully the Wings or Pistons play that night.

Q: When was the first Christmas card invented?

A: John Calcott Horsley of London invented the first Christmas card in 1843, and its popularity quickly spread to the U.S.
Meet Santa Claus

• Man in red suit
• Ho-Ho-Ho’er
• World traveler

By Sally Rummel
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In the busy season of the year, the Times had a rare opportunity to interview Santa Claus himself, just days before his big travels around the world to deliver gifts for Christmas. Santa had made an appearance at the Fenton Village Players presentation of “North Pole’s Got Talent,” where he sat down with Features Writer Sally Rummel.

Well, it’s almost the big night of Christmas Eve. Are you up for the task? We’re just about ready. I know, Mrs. Claus will be supplying me with lots of coffee, that’s for sure. The elves have been helping take care of the reindeer, so they’re in tip-top shape. They feed them a steady diet of carrots and oats, and of course, treats from Mrs. Claus (ho-ho-ho?).

Speaking of reindeer, will Rudolph be leading your sleigh? He sure will! We always need Rudolph and his nose-so-bright in certain “rough patches” of bad weather. Hey, I’ve been to Michigan and Minnesota before, I know how bad it can get.

Everyone wants to know how you get around the world all in one night? We travel at the speed of light. Our sleigh goes 186,000 miles a second. First, we head down from the North Pole to the south, head far east, then we go west. I don’t know if I should tell you this, but I have a magical watch. When I start making deliveries throughout the world, I just push the button on it and it stops time — only for an instant in real time. But in Santa Time, it gives me time to deliver all the presents.

How do you fit all the presents in one sleigh? You want to know all my secrets? Well, there again, that’s another magical thing. One thing I can tell you is that we do a lot of filling, delivering and re-loading. We fill the sleigh up for each city. For Fenton, Linden and Holly, it will take thousands of gifts, and we’ll pack our load accordingly.

Do the elves help you wrap all the presents? We’ve got thousands of elves and they’re busy all year. Plus, we have many other helpers, like moms and dads. I certainly couldn’t do it with just me and Mrs. Claus (ho-ho-ho!). I see you have a key on your keyboard.

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Speaking of skinny, how do you stay in shape? I am in shape, my shape just happens to be round (ho-ho-ho!).
Do you really have a Naughty or Nice List? You bet I do! But I do know that if a child does enough nice things, we can cancel out those naughty things that sometimes get in the way. Nowadays of course, I use an iPad to keep track of all the names. That 32 gigs, and the cloud helps store the names.

Do you like being Santa Claus? I love it! I’ve always really loved Christmas. I get really annoyed when people say “Happy Holidays” instead of “Merry Christmas.” It’s Christmas, for goodness’ sake!
That looks like an expensive suit to wear. How often do you have to replace it? This is actually my third suit, and Mrs. Claus keeps reminding me that it’s getting expensive to be Santa. Every time I have to replace it, it costs $500. That’s not so ho-ho-ho...

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Mrs. I many presents? our Santa making south, head goes travel around the world. Everyone how Michigan certain his need will! Rudolph reindeer, carrots them tip-top Mrs. Christmas with Features Writer Sally Rummel. Village Players presentation of “North had made an appearance at the Fenton Village Players presentation of “North Pole’s Got Talent,” where he sat down with Features Writer Sally Rummel. Well, it’s almost the big night of Christmas Eve. Are you up for the task? We’re just about ready. I know, Mrs. Claus will be supplying me with lots of coffee, that’s for sure. The elves have been helping take care of the reindeer, so they’re in tip-top shape. They feed them a steady diet of carrots and oats, and of course, treats from Mrs. Claus (ho-ho-ho?). Speaking of reindeer, will Rudolph be leading your sleigh? He sure will! We always need Rudolph and his nose-so-bright in certain “rough patches” of bad weather. Hey, I’ve been to Michigan and Minnesota before, I know how bad it can get.

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When you’re done with all your hard work for the year, do you take a vaca-
The Times would like to thank all of the parents and their children who stopped by the office to submit their coloring contest entries and to have their photograph taken. The staff enjoyed looking at all of the works of art.
What are you hoping for under the tree?

“A new computer. Our old one doesn’t work very well.”
— Kyle Kleckner
Fenton

“A new car. I want a jeep.”
— Doreen Byson
Fenton

“A healthy 2014 for my family.”
— Nancy Hoeg
Fenton

“For all my kids to be happy. We will be together at Christmas.”
— Jim Land
Otisville

“A trip to Costa Rica. I want to get out of the cold weather.”
— Larry Timm
Fenton

“My house paid off. I just got a house in July.”
— Amy Jankowski
Linden

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which Akhona, 12, echoed.

What did he learn about the U.S.? “It’s really cold,” he said. Right now his class is on summer break, where it’s a nice 73 degrees Fahrenheit in in Durban. They tried local food, and decided they liked lasagna, pizza and mashed potatoes.

Khetha said that people are nicer here, than South Africa, and the racism of South Africa is not in the U.S.

The event was hosted by Good News for Women, a non-denominational bible study group that doesn’t technically belong to one church. Colleen Carnell made the gentle appeal after the performance to donate funds to the organization in the form of a “love offering” — all of which will go to Key of Hope.

HOT LINE CONTINUED
IN 1992, I began receiving Social Security and I have kept a record of the changes each year. In only two years since that time, there has been no increase, 2010 and 2011, when Obama was President.

UNDER OBAMA, GAS prices have sustained a much higher price for a longer period of time, compared to the Bush administration. It is because Obama has been an obstructionist when it comes to drilling new wells whether on land or offshore. The Republicans who take over in the future have a lot to do to clean up the mess Obama is leaving behind.

HOW TYPICAL OF the left to express outrage at a forum that fairly allows all to express your opinion on current events.

Thank you to the Times for sharing your valuable space so the little guy has a voice.

THE LFHS HOLIDAY concert was wonderful! Great job Ryan Gonder and all the band members. Keep on playing, and typing, your beautiful music.

I AM DISCOURAGED when people start thinking that an inflatable Jesus is something that people should put in their yards. It is a way to keep up with the Joneses, instead of following Jesus. Merry Christmas to all.

FORD EXECUTIVES SECURED billions in lines of credit before the banking, housing collapse. Kudos to their management for correctly predicting what was coming. Unless Doc Brown and Marty could have taken GM back in time, then what Ford did could never have saved GM.

LEGALLY SPEAKING
How to choose the right lawyer for the right circumstance!

Car crashes: proving fault

As with other types of accidents, figuring out who is at fault in a traffic crash is a matter of deciding who was careless — or negligent.

In many cases, common sense will tell you that a driver, cyclist, or pedestrian acted carelessly, but you may not know what laws or rules that person violated. Your argument at an insurance company that another person was at fault for an accident can be strengthened if you find some “official” support for your conclusion. Here are a couple of places to look for such support.

Police reports
If the police came to the scene of your accident, particularly if they knew that someone was injured, they probably made a written accident report. Ask the traffic division of the police department how to get a copy.

State traffic laws
Another place to look for support for your argument that the other driver was at fault is in the state laws that govern driving. These rules of the road are contained in each state’s statutes and are usually known as the vehicle code.

- No-Doubt Liability
If you’re involved in certain kinds of accidents, the other driver is at fault 99 percent of the time, and insurance companies hardly bother to argue about it.

- Rear-End Collisions
If someone hits you from behind, it is virtually never your fault, regardless of why you stopped. A basic rule of the road requires a vehicle to be able to stop safely if traffic is stopped ahead of it. If it cannot stop safely, the driver is not driving as safely as the person in front.

The other sure-fire part of the rear-end accident claim is that the damage proves how it happened: If one car’s front end is damaged and the other’s rear end is, there can’t be much argument about who struck whom. Of course, the driver of the car that hit you may have a claim against someone who caused you to stop suddenly, or against a third car that pushed his car into yours, but that doesn’t change his or her responsibility for injuries to you and damage to your car.

- Left-turn accidents
A car making a left turn is almost always liable for a collision with a car coming straight in the other direction. Exceptions can occur if:
  • The car going straight was going well over the speed limit.
  • The car going straight went through a red light.
  • The left-turning car began its turn when it was safe, but something unexpected made it slow down or stop.

If you are involved in a car crash, be sure to call the police so that a police report can be submitted to your insurance company.
From our Home to your’s we wish you a very Happy Holiday!

Homes sold in 2013

- **LINDEN**: 2434 Cranewood Dr, $600,000
- **LINDEN**: 11608 Argentine Pivct Dr, $545,000
- **LINDEN**: 13287 Harborview Dr, $447,000
- **FENTON**: 1218 Lake Valley Ct, $430,000
- **LINDEN**: 6081 Byram Lake Dr, $370,000
- **FENTON**: 10423 Carmer Rd, $374,999
- **LINDEN**: 2343 Lake Ridge Dr, $360,000
- **FENTON**: 13 Chateaux Du Lac, $350,000
- **FENTON**: 12277 Margaret Dr, $335,000
- **LINDEN**: 16069 Pavilion Dr
- **FENTON**: 12119 Margaret Dr, $325,000
- **FENTON**: 3488 Breeze Point CT, $323,000
- **FENTON**: 16190 Crest Dr
- **FENTON**: 13026 Cussewago Dr, $235,000
- **FENTON**: 11214 Ridge View Trl
- **FENTON**: 12300 Hogan Rd, $275,000
- **LINDEN**: 3517 E Rolston Rd, $235,900
- **FENTON**: 9250 Hogan Rd, $250,000
- **LINDEN**: 13026 Cussewago Dr
- **GOODRICH**: 9408 Fair Oaks Dr, $227,000
- **FENTON**: 1222 Vista Dr, $220,000
- **LINDEN**: 5185 Cottage Ct, $229,000
- **LINDEN**: 4150 Oak St, $242,300
- **LINDEN**: 16208 Pine Lake Forest Dr, $216,000
- **FENTON**: 14099 Landings Way, $215,000
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- Must have current valid license in Michigan
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Apply in person at
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The primary purpose of the Manager is to direct nursing care to the residents and to supervise the day-to-day nursing activities performed by staff nurses and nursing assistants. Such supervision must be in accordance with current federal, state and local standards, guidelines, and regulations that govern our facility and as may be required by the Director of Nursing to ensure that the highest degree of quality is maintained.

**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 possess ability to make independent decision when circumstances warrant such action.
- Ability to deal tactfully with personnel, guests, family members, visitors, government agencies/personnel and the general public.
- Must possess leadership and supervisory ability and the willingness to work harmoniously with and supervise other personnel.

If you are interested, come visit our facility and fill out an application at 202 S. Bridge St. Linden, MI 48451

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON
BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
DECEMBER 16, 2013

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday December 16, 2013 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions:

1. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
2. Approved the agenda as presented.
3. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of $378,754.17.
5. Approved a 3-year law enforcement services agreement with the Genesee County Sheriff Department.
6. Approved Adoption No. 2013-26, accepting two tax reverted properties from Genesee County.
7. Approve the Genesee County 2014 Pictometry and Orthoimagery Project intergovernmental Agreement.
8. Approved the Genesee County Hazardous Materials Response Team Agreement.
10. Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday. Ordinances, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

TYRENE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
HELD DECEMBER 17, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.

2. Approved the agenda as amended; approved the consent agenda as presented.
3. Received and placed on file Communications #1-2.
4. Approved the request of WHS & Associates and Enbridge Energy for boundary realignment on property at Parshallville Rd.
5. Approved the Supervisor’s appointments of Jeff Young, Ryan Rudzis, and Don Lo-Vasco to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Bill Wood to the Planning Commission.
7. Convened in closed session to discuss real estate purchase at 7:21 p.m. Re-convened in open session at 7:54 p.m.
8. Accepted the $700,000 offer from Scott Lozzen for the property on Old US23, contingent on stipulations and legal review.
9. Adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP

The Argentine Township Planning Commission has prepared draft text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding modifications and updates to the following sections:

Article 17 General Provisions
--- Fence Section 17.13
--- Wireless Communication Facilities and Services Section 17.18
--- Outdoor Wood Burning Boilers Section 17.20

Sign Ordinance

The proposed text amendments will be considered at a public hearing conducted by the Planning Commission on January 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., at the Argentine Township Hall, located at 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden MI 48451. The purpose of this hearing will be to receive public input on these proposed changes. The complete text of the draft amendments can be reviewed at the Township Hall during normal business hours.

Denise M. Graves
Township Clerk, Argentine Township
FENTON FIRE HALL

Debuts in downtown Fenton

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Turning the old Fenton fire station into a restaurant has been in the works since 2010 and after failed deals and delays, the restaurant is open. The Fenton Fire Hall, Kitchen and Taphouse opened to the public Thursday. Guests were let into the lower-level bar at 4 p.m. and after an hour delay, many flooded the dining area above. The restaurant is decorated in a shop-industrial style, and recognizes Fenton firefighters with portraits along the stairwell. The owners also own the popular Clarkston Union and Union Woodshop.

Goldie “Suzy” Pelkey, Goldie “Suzy” Pelkey - age 83, of Linden, died December 16, 2013. Funeral services were held Thursday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Corena Lucile (Eggleson) Willoughby 1923-2013
Corena Lucile (Eggleson) Willoughby - age 90, died peacefully in her sleep after years of struggling with Alzheimer’s. Per her wishes she has been cremated and will be buried at Crestwood Memorial Cemetery, in Grand Blanc, MI. A celebration of her life will be held some time next year. The family gives our sincere thanks to everyone at the Grand Blanc Assisted Living Center of Centerline, MI and Heartland Hospice Care of Flint, MI for their care and kindness given to our beloved Mother. Corena was born on August 12, 1923 in Kent County, MI to Clarence and Lucy (Lackey) Eggleson. She graduated from Pontiac High School in 1941. She married Arnold “Scotty” Willoughby on January 1, 1944 in Pontiac, MI. Together they had five children, Leslie Morgan, Houston, TX; Michele Stracel (Dr. Anton “Tony” Strocel), Fenton, MI and their children Brian Young, Becky Young and Dr. Chris and Shanon Strocel Ash; Timothy Willoughby, MI and his children Bruce Willoughby, and Angela and Joel Herrick; Rae Ford (Mark), Houston, TX and their children Robert and Amanda Haynes, Cory Champion and Joey Haynes; and Andrea Willoughby, L.A. California. There are also 12 great-grandchildren. Corena was a hard-working, kind and loving person to all and was “care-taker” for many. Corena retired from Central Printing, Flint, MI. She was a devout Christian, a long-time member of St. Christopher’s Church in Grand Blanc, MI and St. Andrew’s Church in Big Rapids, MI, a graduate of the Sewardian University of the South, School of Theology, Education for Ministry and a member of the Scottish Rite. She enjoyed traveling and was an accomplished seamstress. In addition to her children and grandchildren, she is survived by her sister Wilma “Jo” Chapel of White Lake, MI, her sister-in-law Virginia Reimiller of Maineville, OH, many nieces and nephews, and special friend, Bridge partner and traveling companion Margaret Coward, Grand Blanc, MI. She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, and husband Arden. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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**TIMES CLASSIFIEDS**

**BBQ CHEDDAR JALAPENO CHICKEN MEATBALLS**

**INGREDIENTS**

- 1 lb. ground chicken
- 1-2 jalapenos, seeded and diced
- 1/2 cup reduced fat shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup cilantro
- 1 egg
- 1/2 t. cumin
- 1/4 t. salt
- 1/4 t. pepper
- Splash of Worcestershire sauce
- 2 T. diced onions
- 1 T. minced garlic
- 1/2 cup barbecue sauce

**DIRECTIONS**

1. Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Line a baking sheet with foil and spray with cooking spray.
2. Mix together the chicken, jalapenos, cheese, cilantro, egg, cumin, salt, pepper, Worcestershire, onions, and garlic.
3. Roll into about 16 meatballs.
5. While still hot, toss with your favorite barbecue sauce.

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**NEW DVD RELEASES**

**ELYSIUM**

In the year 2154, two classes of people exist: the very wealthy, who live on a pristine man-made space station called Elysium, and the rest, who live on an overpopulated, ruined Earth. The people of Earth are desperate to escape the planet’s crime and poverty, and they critically need the state-of-the-art medical care available on Elysium - but some in Elysium will stop at nothing to enforce anti-immigration laws and preserve their citizens’ luxurious lifestyle. The only man with the chance bring equality to these worlds is Max (Matt Damon), an ordinary guy in desperate need to get to Elysium. With his life hanging in the balance, he reluctantly takes on a dangerous mission - one that puts him against Elysium’s Secretary Delacourt (Jodie Foster) and her hard-line forces - but if he succeeds, he could save not only his own life, but millions of people on Earth as well. R, 1 hr. 37 min.

**THE LONE RANGER**

From producer Jerry Bruckheimer and director Gore Verbinski, the film-making team behind the blockbuster “Pirates of the Caribbean” franchise, comes Disney/Jerry Bruckheimer Films’ “The Lone Ranger,” a thrilling adventure infused with action and humor, in which the famed masked hero is brought to life through new eyes. Native American spirit warrior Tonto (Johnny Depp) recounts the untold tales that transformed John Reid (Armie Hammer), a man of the law, into a legend of justice-taking the audience on a runaway train of epic surprises and humorous friction as the two unlikely heroes must learn to work together and fight against greed and corruption. PG-13, 2 hr. 29 min.

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**Open window means these two must ‘chat’**

DEAR AMY: I recently came across a chat window my wife left open on her computer. My wife was engaging in sexual chatting with a man she is friends with on a website. Looking at the chat days and times, I learned she was usually doing this chatting late at night after I go to bed but at least once she engaged in this while I was in the room (I know because she told him so). I confronted her about it, and she said it got out of hand, but she never apologized. They were also exchanging pictures. I am going to talk to my minister this week and ask his opinion, but I feel betrayed and wonder if she needs marriage counseling. It is not like our marriage is loveless. We are intimate at least once a week. My wife is prone to depression, and I wonder if there is a connection between that and her online behavior, but her stressors seem random to me. — Sad Husband

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have been with my husband for 33 years, and for the past six I have been suspicious of him being unfaithful. I went to the doctor and tested negative for HIV, but I was positive for herpes 1 and 2. My husband claims I could have had this since before we met and says that he’s completely innocent. Do you think I could have had this for 30 years and not known it? It seems rather unrealistic to me. — D.F.

**ANSWER:** Herpes viruses are a group of common viruses that share several traits, one of which is that they all stay dormant in the body and may cause recurrences in times of stress. Herpes simplex 1 causes an outbreak of cold sores; these often come out when people are ill or stressed. Herpes simplex 2 usually causes genital lesions. About 20 percent of adults in the U.S. are positive for HSV-2; many or even most of them don’t know they have it. Once you acquire HSV-2, it stays in your body forever, and may (or may not) cause recurrent disease, which most commonly looks like a clear, fluid-filled blister. These are very infectious, but it is possible to transmit the virus even when there are no symptoms. It is possible that you acquired the condition 30 or more years ago. The test isn’t able to tell how long you’ve had it.

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**iPhone tip of the week**

The built-in Camera app lets you easily capture video. On top of that, the Photos app comes with a “Trim” feature that allows you to trim the video right on iPhone. As you open a video in the Photos app, you should notice a timeline control showing individual frames in the video. Tap on the control, move it forward/backward and you’ll be brought into the Trim mode. Continue to drag the bar until your desired length. Finally tap “Trim” button to trim the video. You can either save the trimmed video as a new clip or replace the original video.

**Not enough? need advanced video editing!**

If you need more advanced features for video editing, you probably need to purchase iMovie app. Developed by Apple, the iMovie app lets you make a movie by combining videos and photos. You can even add your own audio as the video. The iMovie app is available from App Store for $4.99.

The tip is provided by Handbook for iPhone Life.

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**Sunday Jumble**

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