

## Our butts are getting bigger as airline seats are getting smaller

► Just one of many issues that make modern air travel annoying and uncomfortable

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You've probably been there. You've

just settled into a cramped airline row of seats, squeezed into your allotted space and wham, the person in front of you decides to recline their seat, literally putting their seat into your lap.

If you're the least bit claustrophobic, that one move by an inconsiderate person

can make for a miserable flight, but it's not likely the only annoyance you'll encounter while in the air.

Crowded flights contribute to boarding and deplaning headaches, shortages of overhead bins and personal space issues

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# Weekend Times

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## Rundown of local store hours for Thanksgiving and Black Friday

► More retailers than ever will be open on turkey day

By Yvonne Stegall

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It seems like every year Black Friday starts earlier and earlier. In an attempt to alleviate the craziness of this "holiday," Cyber Monday, the first Monday after Thanksgiving, was created a few years ago. That initiative, however, hasn't seemed to have made any difference to the die-hard shoppers who still blast in for door-buster sales.

According to PR Newswire, one in three consumers feel that retailers being open on Thanksgiving Day gives those who have to work on Black Friday the opportunity to still get great sales.

Close to one in four Americans feels retailers being open on Thanksgiving Day gives people something fun to do on the holiday.

See **BLACK FRIDAY** on 7A

**“It's important for us to be available to the community for last minute needs so they don't have to go to the big chains.”**

**Marvin Yono**  
*Alpine Marketplace owner*

## 700,000 Michigan hunters heading to the woods this weekend



See story on  
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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Avid hunter John Toth of Fenton is ready to head to the UP this weekend. He'll join more than 700,000 registered hunters as he prepares for open firearm deer season. According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Michigan is third in the nation for hunting, an activity that brings in \$28 million annually in federal wildlife funds.

## Michigan considering decriminalizing marijuana



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

Genesee County Sheriff's deputies seized several garden bags worth of marijuana plants in this 2011 file photo.

► One of 36 states with pending weed legislation

By Tim Jagielo • tjagiello@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795

**“I don't see this genie going back in the bottle.”**

**Denise Pollicella**  
*Attorney, Cannabis Attorneys of Mid-Michigan*

You still can't light up in the city of Fenton, at least legally, but some cities have tried to make marijuana legal, in certain amounts, or in certain places.

In the most recent election, five Michigan cities — Saginaw, Oak Park, Berkley, Mt. Pleasant and Huntington Woods, all made small amounts of marijuana legal. "It will be very, very interesting to see how cities handle this," said Denise Pollicella, a managing attorney for Cannabis Attorneys of Mid-Michigan.

See **MARIJUANA** on 6A

GENESEE COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL UPDATE:

## Commissioners say new management, not money, is the answer for GCAC

By Yvonne Stegall

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Prior to Election Day, volunteers and members of G.R.A.C.E. (Genesee Residents for Animal Control Evolution) were asking voters to vote 'No' on the millage that would give more funding to the Genesee County Animal Control (GCAC). Why? Because they know that money isn't the answer and isn't the mechanism that is going to solve the problems at GCAC.

See **ANIMAL CONTROL** on 8A



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**TEXT  
YOUR  
HOT LINE**



**“Michigan house lame duck session just voted to change the law that public ordinances no longer have to be printed in newspapers.”**

We want more government transparency, not more secrecy. Cowards.”

**“Lefty whiners claim every medium favors the right. The ridiculousness of that claim is more evidence of their intolerance and blindness to any viewpoint other than their own.”**

**“When will someone stand up and initiate the end of the inane daylight saving time? This idiocy dates back to WWI and has no redeeming value. Utter government nonsense.”**

**“The Hot line about recycle bins is right on. Come on Fenton, get with it and demand larger bins, the ones on wheels preferably.”**



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**COMMENT  
OF THE WEEK**

**“I really enjoy going through Fenton now and seeing all the hustle and bustle of a revitalized downtown. Great job to the DDA and city officials. Glad my kids will get to use it.”**





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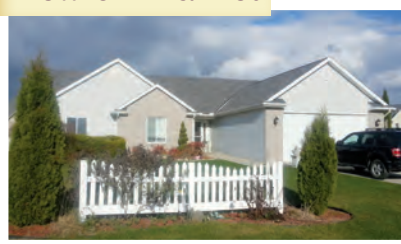
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# News & Features



## Buy the right generator for your home

**Briggs & Stratton portable generators are one of the more popular models.**



### ► Preparing for inevitable power outages this winter

**By Yvonne Stegall**

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Last year around the holidays, we had a massive power outage that left many families with a less than happy holiday surprise. For those who were prepared for such weather, it probably wasn't as much of an inconvenience.

One of the best ways to be prepared for power outages in nasty weather (which includes heavy ice and snow) is to have a generator available for usage when the lights go out. It is especially important for this in the winter, even if to just be able to heat your home.

Jim Waite, an electrician with Craftsman Electric, said,

"There are some issues with portable generators these days." Those issues being the fact that they won't run many of the high efficiency furnaces out there these days.

Waite said that the top three things people need to have backed up when the power goes out are water, heat and the refrigerator. City folks won't have to worry about their water, but those with well pumps do.

### Summary

► Did you know you can't just go buy any random generator and plug it in when the power goes out? There is a lot more to it.

to keeping the average household going. For the average home, you'd likely need at least a 6,000 to 7,500 watt range, which will get your television going, too. Even this range isn't good for running an air conditioner though (something you don't really need to worry about this time of year).

**See GENERATOR on 20A**

Necessities you'll need to survive a power outage

► **Be able to cook, use your cell phone and stay warm — even when the power is out**

**By Tim Jagielo**

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Because winter is coming, it may not be a question of whether power will be lost sometime, but when. In 2013, some lost power in the dead of winter for nine days, following the ice storm, but it also knocked power out for hundreds of thousands.

Even if you do hook up a generator, **See NECESSITIES on 22A**



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# Why do I live in Michigan?

I am often asked, as many Michiganders are, why do I live in Michigan? Like so many who have never visited here, the image most outsiders have of Michigan has been shaped by the national media's chronicling of the decimation of the auto industry, in addition to the 20 years of Detroit's death spiral under the leadership of corrupt mayors like Coleman Young and Kwame Kilpatrick. But all that's ancient history. Today, Detroit — like the proverbial Phoenix — is rising from the ashes as we speak.

But, I digress. Here is why I live in Michigan.

As we all know, water is life. And man do we have water. The Great Lakes are the largest group of freshwater lakes in

the world and contain an astounding 84 percent of the world's fresh water supply. They also bless us with an astounding 3,126 miles of pristine sandy beaches — more than any other state. If you are anywhere in Michigan you are never more than 84 miles from a Great Lakes beach.

If that doesn't float your boat (sorry), simply seek out one of Michigan's 11,041 inland lakes, or take a canoe or kayak ride on our over 36,000 miles of rivers.

Not a boater? No problem. Go hiking, biking or exploring among our 19 million acres of forest.

Higher aspirations? The Porcupine Mountains, which are one of the oldest mountain chains in the world, rise to an

altitude of almost 2,000 feet above sea level in the U.P. (FYI, the Fenton area is 881 feet above sea level.)

To be fair, there are some things we don't have. We don't have earthquakes. We don't have major wildfires that wipe out hundreds of homes like so many of the drought-plagued western states. We don't have major floods that wipe away towns and homes like New Orleans. Heck, even if there were a flood we have an abundance of sand dunes to bag from. Speaking of which, Michigan's Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore was named the 'most Beautiful Place in America' by ABC's Good Morning America.

We are a major sports hotbed with the U of M vs. Michigan State rivalry, the Tigers, Red Wings, Pistons and, surprise, even the Lions are competitive this year.

'Up north' means traveling to the robust

Traverse City area, the laid back Oscoda east coast, or any of the hundreds of sleepy meccas in between. Grand Rapids is a mini-Chicago, minus the grime and crime. Sleepy Douglas and Saugatuck are a laid-back haven of art and culture a mere couple hours drive away.

Mackinac Island is world-renowned for its charm and character.

We get to experience the beauty of four distinct seasons — sometimes all in one day.

And we're pretty much the most recognizable state on any U.S. map.

These are just a few of the literally hundreds of reasons why most of us love Michigan and choose to live here.

These — and dozens of other reasons — are the answer to the question, why do I live in Michigan.

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By Foster Childs



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**WORD OF ADVICE**, please don't clip your fingernails during a township or city meeting. That should be done in the privacy of your home.

**IF ANYBODY OUT** there really wants to know the main reason why I didn't go out and vote this year it's because it really doesn't matter who you vote for. They are politicians, they are all a bunch of liars. They say what they need to in order to get elected, and once they are in it's all downhill from there.

**ARCHITECT OF OBAMACARE** Jon Gruber said they had to lie because the American people were too stupid to know what was good for them. Well, eight Democratic Senators lost their seats in November and we have more seats in the House than in 1929. They woke up a sleeping giant.

**ATTENTION PEOPLE WHO** are having the Rover pipeline going near their area, they are having biologist and environmentalists walking through that whole area. They have been walking through and will continue to, even during hunting season. They won't be there on the weekend, but they will be on weekdays. Be careful.

**IF YOU PLAN** to retire in Michigan, bring money. The passage of Proposal 1 awarded Michigan big busi-

ness millions in tax cuts. Now we must limp along under this huge tax shift until inflation becomes a catalyst for yet another tax increase; all with voter approval of course.

**SO DISAPPOINTED THAT** Linden would spend \$150,000 on new street lamps when money would be better spent elsewhere — Mill building, sections of pavement, and other more important infrastructure. Well, we'll have 'matching' lights while the rest of the town crumbles. Really question the priorities here.

**HAVE YOU EVER** thought that maybe Republicans don't want to help people with education because an educated society would vote them out?

**OBAMA MADE THE** statement that he heard the voters and in the next breath, he said he was not changing course.

**HONESTLY, I DO** like people. But, when you try to take the 'Be Closer' logo to heart, it is not a good idea to do that, while driving in your truck behind me. I don't believe that is what the logo means. Please leave some space. Thank You.

**A BIG 'THANK you'** to the gentleman who helped me with my special needs son during his meltdown at a Fenton store. You were so kind when dozens of others just sat and watched. You're amazing. May God bless you.

**HEY, NEWS MEDIA**, cold temperatures and snow make up what we call 'winter.' It happens every year about this time, and it is not news. Could you report on something more interesting?

**DID IT EVER** occur to you the reason so many bash Obama is because he is out of his league, a proven liar (as is most of his administration), has not fulfilled what he promised and in fact done much more harm in his six years?

**DOES THE 24TH** amendment argument get you on an airplane without ID? That is crazy liberal nonsense and no one is buying it. So very glad Michigan has voter ID laws. Makes it that much harder for the left to steal votes on Election Day.

**I FAIL TO** see how Groveland Township's new adventure park is going to bring money to the township, but I can only imagine how the noise and traffic will affect residents. Glad we sold our home out there and hope the State Police keep their post nearby. They'll need it.

**APHS CLASS OF** 1959 looking for classmate Barbara Bloch Brown. Facebook APHS or call me you have my number.

**IF YOU WANT** to drive the speed limit, that's fine, just don't do it in the left lane. The left lane is for passing, not for driving the speed limit or under. Consider others and don't hijack the left lane.

**HARRY REID IS** now saying 'let's work together.' So now, he will? What a laugh.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

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## What are you doing when the guys go deer hunting?

## streettalk



"Hopefully I'll be getting together with some friends and celebrating with some wine."

— Meghan Schelzer  
Fenton



"I wait at home to listen to the stories."

— Patricia Huhn  
Byron



"I'm planning a surprise party for a friend."

— Jackie Pudvay  
Byron



"When they go hunting, I go shopping."

— Joanne Getz  
Fenton



"I'm doing a fundraiser at a friend's house, raising money for people in Guatemala."

— Mary McIntosh  
Fenton



"I have two young men who hunt on my property. I sit in the house and hope not to get shot."

— Pat Zacharska  
Fenton Township





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Failing to have all the necessary utensils, or planning dishes that all need to be in the oven at once are mistakes that can derail a Thanksgiving dinner.

## Avoid these Thanksgiving dinner disasters

► Plan ahead so these 10 mistakes don't happen at your holiday table

By Sally Rummel

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With out-of-town company, high expectations and dozens of different recipes to prepare, Thanksgiving dinner has all the makings of a kitchen disaster waiting to happen.

Even the most experienced cook can forget to put the rolls in the oven, serve lumpy gravy or run out of oven space for all the dishes.

The editors of Bon Appetit magazine and other food editors compiled a list of the most common Thanksgiving dinner mistakes and how to avoid them (this writer plans to hang this on the refrigerator to make sure nothing on this list gets missed!)

### MISTAKE #1

#### Not reading the recipes first

This classic mistake results in "Oops, I don't have that ingredient or the right pan, or oops, I didn't know it needed to chill overnight." Make sure you have dishes and ingredients needed and ample time to get the recipe done.

### MISTAKE #2

#### Picking dishes that all require last-minute preparation

Figure out how it's going to get put together and on the table at the same time. Know what can be done ahead, what can be warmed in the oven while the turkey rests, etc. Make a plan!

### MISTAKE #3

#### Picking dishes that all need to be in the oven at the same time

Choose recipes that require different preparation and can be served at different temperatures; oven versus stovetop and hot versus room temp.

### MISTAKE #4

#### Not having all the serving dishes and utensils needed

Reading recipes ahead of time will help you figure out what you need. Get everything out ahead, also, so you can see what dishes/pans are required for a particular recipe. If you're short, borrow from friends and family.

### MISTAKE #5

#### Undercooking the turkey

Rely on internal temperatures by using a meat thermometer, to determine when your bird is done.

### MISTAKE #6

#### Overcooking the turkey

Start checking if it's done about one-

half hour before the recipe says it will be done. Check it fast, because the more you open your oven door, the more heat the oven will lose, increasing the roasting time. You can also use a probe thermometer.

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## Tri-county fundraisers

### 'Believing In Bella' fundraiser

The University of Michigan-Flint men's and women's hockey teams are hosting a benefit fundraiser, "Believing In Bella," sponsored by General Motors Flint Operations. Proceeds will go to 3-year-old Isabella Ward who has Retinoblastoma, a rare cancer of the eye. Her cancer has spread to her pineal gland in her brain and her spine. Visit [www.youcaring.com/medical-fundraiser/believe-in-bella/128022](http://www.youcaring.com/medical-fundraiser/believe-in-bella/128022) to read her story. The fundraiser will be held at Crystal Fieldhouse in Burton on **Saturday, Dec. 6** during their game against the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor D3 Club Team. **Doors open at 6 p.m.** and puck drop is at 7:30 p.m. This will be the very first time UM-Flint will play UM-Ann Arbor! There will be a Silent Auction, Chuck-A-Puck, as well as other tables set up to help raise money for Bella and raise awareness about Retinoblastoma. Santa Claus will make a visit as well! The community is invited to provide support to Bella and her family as well as watch great college hockey as UM-Flint battles UM-Ann Arbor.

### Police&Fire

## report

### SPORTS MEMORABILIA STOLEN

Detectives with the Genesee County Sheriff's Department are investigating a larceny from a Fenton Township home. Dep. Geno Gaticka said the owner of a home in the 3500 block of Rolston Road, between Jennings Road and Four Lakes Avenue, reported a theft, which occurred over Halloween weekend. The homeowner said a Livingston County male, between the ages of 18-21 showed up for a party uninvited. This male is suspected of stealing at least \$2,000 worth of autographed sports memorabilia. The case remains under investigation.

### VEHICLE KEYED

The Genesee County Sheriff's Department received a malicious destruction of property complaint on Nov. 9. The owner of a vehicle had parked his car in a business parking in the 14000 block of North Fenton Road and left it there overnight. When he returned, he noticed that someone had keyed scratch marks in the paint.

## MARIJUANA

### Continued from Front Page

She said that four other cities have made enforcing marijuana laws a lower priority.

According to the Marijuana Policy Project (MPP), Michigan is one of 36 states with pending legislation that will either decriminalize or reduce marijuana charges for possession of small amounts.

While some of these bills have passed, some will die in committee, or expire before the "cross-over" deadline passed, meaning it had to pass the house or senate to be considered for signing by the governor.

This is the likely case for Michigan House Bill 4623 (Senate Bill 626). It would "reduce the penalty for up to an ounce of marijuana to a civil fine; depending on the number of prior convictions, the fine would range from \$25 up to \$100." Pollicella said she'd love the bill to pass, but it hasn't budged since last year. "I don't think the Michigan legislature is ready to do anything about that right now."

She said that while the Michigan legislature is rather conservative, there is hope for the mostly Republican-supported HB 4271, which already passed the house. This new act would protect dispensaries and persons acting under the Medical Marihuana Act.

This is because while states may pass laws, law enforcement agencies will likely support federal law, under which any marijuana is still illegal, under the Controlled Substances Act — where alcohol used to reside.

The city of Flint decriminalized marijuana possession of less than an ounce, for anyone older than 19 in 2012. According to local reports, the city police would continue arresting, acting under federal law. This also means that property can be seized from individuals that police believe have any connection to "drug money," even if they are growing or using marijuana under the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act (MMA.)

Pollicella would like to see marijuana removed from the Controlled Substances Act, and move the illegal \$100 billion industry, into the legal light.

To her, the effort to legalize marijuana is beyond critical mass, with more states either allowing medical marijuana or decriminalizing it. "I don't see this genie going back in the bottle."

In Fenton, any marijuana is still illegal, and non-medical use is illegal in Michigan under state law. The 2008 MMA regulated the use of medical marijuana in Michigan, allowing for dispensaries creating new business opportunity for growers.

Many municipalities, like Fenton, have passed moratoriums on dispensaries, and medical marijuana, preferring to wait for

## Selected legislation

### Washington, DC

B20 409 replaced the penalty for possession of up to one ounce of marijuana with a \$25 civil fine. It was approved by the D.C. Council on March 4, signed by Mayor Vincent Gray on March 31, and became law on July 17 after surviving a Congressional review period. On Nov. 4, voters approved Initiative 71, which will legalize possession and cultivation of limited amounts of marijuana for adults 21 and older. The measure will only go into effect after surviving a Congressional review period.

### Florida

SB 1030 was signed by Gov. Rick Scott on June 16. The new law allows patients with cancer or conditions causing seizures or muscle spasms to use marijuana with under 0.8-percent THC and over 10-percent CBD and allows five licensed businesses to dispense the medicine. There is very little chance of it helping patients because it relies on doctors violating federal law by issuing an 'order' for the patients to obtain marijuana; physicians would also have to take an eight-hour class to recommend cannabis and to pass a special exam.

### Illinois

HB 4299, HB 4091, HB 5708; HB 4299 would reduce several marijuana penalties, including reducing the penalty for possession of up to 30 grams to a criminal fine of up to \$100; HB 4091 would reduce several marijuana penalties, including reducing the penalty for possession of up to 30 grams of marijuana; however, the fine range is higher and is based on prior similar offenses. The classification is also a petty offense; HB 5708 would reduce the penalty for possessing under 30 grams to a new category of offense called a regulatory offense, which avoids a criminal record and is punishable by a \$100 fine.

Source: MPP.org

court cases to emerge, challenging other cities and their laws.

The guidance came this year, with Ter Beek v the city of Wyoming, which kicked off the city's efforts to regulate medical marijuana dispensaries inside the city.

The city ordinance has not been up for a vote.

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## Lots of local layaway plans available

►Program helps cash-strapped customers avoid dealing with credit debt

By Christopher Jones  
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For those who want to purchase a big gift for the holidays, but don't have enough cash on hand or unwilling to rack up credit card debt, there are local businesses like Kmart, Walmart, Sawyer Jewelers and Sears Hometown Store, just to name a few, offering layaway programs for their items.

The programs allow customers to put an item on hold and make payments over a period of time until the item is completely paid for.

For Kmart, electronics, TVs, and video game consoles are the items most often put on layaway, with payments of \$10 for a 12-week contract for items over \$300, after a down payment of either 10 percent or \$30.

Tryshia Case, Kmart softline sales

lead, said the benefit for the program is twofold. "You don't get credit card charges and you don't have to hide the gift from your kids," said Case.

Sawyer Jewelers is more lenient, as the business does not have a flat rate, according to sales associate Theresa Van Avery. Instead, the store finds a monthly rate that fits the needs of the individual.

"We definitely have repeat customers who use our program for that fact," said Van Avery, who said the program has been used for the past 50 years.

Sears has eight- and 12-week layaway options for the convenience of its customers. Payments are made every two weeks and the product can be picked up when it has been paid in full. Store associates can provide further details.

Walmart also has a convenient layaway plan. A down payment of 10 percent or \$10, whichever is greater, allows the customer to pay in payments. The final payment and pickup must be made on or before Dec. 15 at the same store layaway was initiated.

**“You don't get credit card charges and you don't have to hide the gift from your kids.”**

**Tryshia Case**  
Kmart, softline sales

## BLACK FRIDAY

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Jeff Stone, owner of the Sears Hometown Store in Fenton said, "Sears has chosen to be open Thanksgiving and the independently owned Hometown stores generally follow their lead. Owners will be in the stores so the majority of staff can be with their family." He added, "Many Hot Buy items have limited quantities so the locally owned stores mirror the corporate stores' hours to ensure our customers have the opportunity to purchase the Hot Buy before they run out."

This year, many stores will open up on Thanksgiving Day to start selling at discounted prices, including local big box stores Walmart, Kmart and Target. Walmart will be open with regular hours on Thanksgiving Day, and 24 hours on Black Friday (opening normal business hours and not closing until Saturday night). Kmart and Target will both be opening at 6 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day and will remain open until Friday evening. Kmart will close at 10 p.m. and Target will close at 11 p.m.

Along with the traditional door-buster sales, you can also find that some stores will have different shopping events. Walmart offers three events throughout the two shopping days, two on Thanksgiving Day (starting at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.) and one on Black Friday, starting at 6 a.m., all offering different deals.

Some of the new trends this year include shopping apps that allow you to keep track of what you want where you want. iTunes has one available, Black Friday 2014, which claims to bring "everything you need to know about Black Friday into one, easy to carry around in your pocket place!"

Shoppers can order online and have their items shipped to the store for free for pickup at most stores, including Walmart and Target. This alleviates some of the rush and hustle of the traditional Black Friday shopping.

The biggest deals to be found at these crazy holiday sales are on electronics and toys.

For someone looking for kitchen gadgets, stuff for their bath and bedroom or even tools for the garage, Thanksgiving and Black Friday sales are excellent opportunities to get what you need at a greatly

## Guide to area store hours for Thanksgiving and Black Friday

• **Walmart of Fenton** will be open regular hours on Thanksgiving — 6 a.m. to midnight — and will open at 6 a.m. Friday and stay open until closing time Saturday evening.

• **Target of Fenton** will open 6 p.m. on Thanksgiving and remain open until 11 p.m. on Black Friday.

• **Kmart of Fenton** will open on Thanksgiving at 6 p.m. and will remain open until 10 p.m. on Black Friday.

• **Sears Hometown Store of Fenton** will be open from 5 to 11 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Black Friday.

• **Alpine Marketplace of Linden** will be open regular business hours on both Thanksgiving Day and Black Friday.

• **Tractor Supply Company (TSC) of Fenton** is closed on Thanksgiving Day, and will be opening at 6 a.m. for Black Friday.

• **Holly Foods** will be open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day and their regular business hours on Black Friday.

• **VGs Grocery of Fenton** will be closing at 4 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day. They will return to their regular 24-hour schedule starting 6 a.m. on Black Friday.

• **Walgreens of Fenton** will be open regular business hours both days.

• **Family, Farm & Home of Fenton** will be open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Black Friday and they are closed Thanksgiving.

discounted price. It just depends on whether you want to deal with the crowds of people vying for those same items.

Don't forget about Small Business Saturday, which is Nov. 29. This is a day to celebrate America's small businesses and to pick up a few extra deals on discounted items.

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## SEATS

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— especially during this upcoming holiday season with fuller flights than usual. With a load factor of 86.4 percent in June, such a high average means many more flights are flying at 100 percent, according to USA Today. Flights haven't been this full since airlines were troop carriers during World War II.

Tight quarters and smaller seats mean less legroom and knee room than ever before. It's not just your imagination. Airlines seats have gotten smaller in economy class, where most people fly, according to statistics in SeatGuru.com. Seat pitch — the distance in inches from a given point on one seat to the same point on the seat in the next row — is only 30 inches, when in years past, 31 or 32 inches were the absolute minimum. Spirit Airlines offers pitch of just 28 inches on some aircraft, though those seats don't recline.

Seat width has also gotten smaller, at the same time human hip sizes are bigger than ever. The worst seats today measure either 17 or 17.2 inches, when 19 inches was as tight as it got through the 1990s. In comparison, premium class seating at the front of the cabin on major airlines measures 21 inches.

So what is an airline passenger to do? Here are some suggestions when looking for additional legroom:

- "Extra leg room" seats may be available on some carriers and the extra fee will be less than paying business or first class.
- Check out premium economy options.
- Confirm your seat assignment as soon as possible.
- Seats in door rows, emergency exit rows and bulkhead rows offer additional legroom, though there may be an extra charge.

- On widebody aircraft, select an "inside aisle" seat, since middle seats in the middle section often are assigned last.
- On airlines with open seating policies, paying extra to board early may be worth the extra money.

## 10 MOST ANNOYING BEHAVIORS ON AIRPLANES

- **Traveling while sick.** If you must, do your best to quarantine yourself and sleep, so you're not infecting your nearby passengers.
- **'Boozing' on planes** — the major cause of most air rage incidents.
- **Workaholic habits, like** cell phone usage until the last possible second, spreading papers out, etc.
- **Jumping up as** soon as airplane stops and grabbing heavy luggage down from overhead bin, with no place to put it but the back of a person's seat.
- **Asking favors, such** as switching seats, asking to put things under your seat, in your overhead bin, etc.
- **Traveling with pets**, letting a cat or dog crawl across passengers in flight, or for the lack of care given to pets by some bag handlers.
- **Poor timing, i.e.,** people who get up when flight attendants are carting food in the aisles or get their magazine out of the overhead bin just when you're falling asleep.
- **Seat etiquette, from** seatback and tray tables to shared armrests in between seats.
- **Chattiness, as in** 3½-hour "non-stop" talk.
- **Carry-on baggage** offenses, from too many bags to oversized bags, hogging overhead bins, refusing to use overhead bins, etc.

Source: independenttraveler.com

## 'Dickens' to feature beer tent, Detroit Institute of Arts

►Nation's longest Dickens Festival begins with lighted parade on Nov. 28

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**Holly** — Villagers have another two reasons to get excited for the Holly Dickens Festival beginning on Nov. 28 and spanning three weekends.

Now in its 41st year, the Holly Dickens Festival is officially the longest running Dickens-themed event in the United States. Set in historic downtown Holly, the annual festival spans three weekends between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) has become a sponsor for the first and third weekend of the festival. The DIA will provide a mobile classroom trailer unit called DIA Away. The DIA reports that the mobile is meant to provide a hands-on learning experience to discover how artists imagine new worlds and combine everyday objects in unexpected ways. It features digital and graphical reproductions of five DIA works and interactive tools.

For adults, the Blackthorne Pub will host a beer tent for the first time in the

festival's history.

"We've had a great response from the community for beer tents before," said pub manager Erica Kelly. Kelly wants to provide the festival with a place where people can be warm and enjoy a beer. The beer tent will feature two to four taps every day and traditional German wine served warm. The tent will also have non-alcoholic beverages like hot chocolate.

The Dickens Festival will kick off with a Lighted Parade at 7 p.m. on Nov. 28. The parade will be followed immediately with the arrival of Santa Claus in historic downtown Holly for the traditional Tree Lighting Ceremony.

## Holly Dickens Festival

### NOVEMBER

Saturday, Nov. 29 from 1- 8 p.m.  
Sunday, Nov. 30 from 1 - 5 p.m.

### DECEMBER

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Sunday, Dec. 7 from 1 - 5 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 13 from 1 - 8 p.m.  
Sunday, Dec. 14 from 1 - 5 p.m.

Follow the Holly Dickens Festival on Facebook

## ANIMAL CONTROL

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In case you missed previous reports on what has been going on at GCAC, volunteers and visitors have pointed out dirty conditions, poorly treated animals and lax employees.

One volunteer, who asked to remain anonymous, said that conditions have not changed, including dirty cages and locked wards where animals are being ignored. Like most of the people hoping for reform at GCAC, he said that the only way to change it is to get proper management in place.

In their plea to vote 'No' on the millage, voters were informed that GCAC has a budget of about \$1.3 million. This new additional millage, per the wording on the proposal, is for 0.20 mil (20 cents on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of seven years from Jan. 1, 2014 to Dec. 31, 2020. It has an estimated revenue of \$1,705,467 in the first year.

It isn't money they are lacking, but the management, according to the volunteer. That issue could be solved with the new seats being filled in the county Board of Commissioners office. Mark Young and Bryant Noland both won seats in their areas, and added to three

other GCAC reform advocates on the Board, many of whom are convinced a change will happen in 2015.

Roberta Angelo, with G.R.A.C.E., said, "I think the new commissioners will be enough." She said that she hopes the new board, once they take their seats in January, will be able to work out a plan and get the ball rolling to a better GCAC.

Angelo's biggest hope is that this new Board will make good decisions for GCAC and hire the right people to run it.

Tony Brown, county commissioner for the local sixth district said the true resolution would be for the county to privatize the operation. He did not want the millage placed on the ballot and voted to not place the proposal on the Nov. 4 ballot.

"The issue isn't going away merely by throwing money at it," said Brown.

When asked if any groups have expressed interest in taking over GCAC, Brown said some have come forward. "However, the county board voted to not put it out for bid," he said. Brown, along with Jamie Curtis and Omar Sims voted in favor of putting the privatization proposal out to bid. The motion failed with a 4-4 vote, with one commissioner absent.

**“The true resolution is for the county to privatize the operation.”**

**Tony Brown**  
District 6 Commissioner

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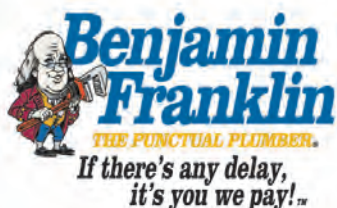
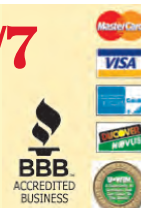
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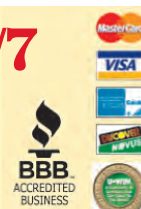
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# Local hunter's garage a trove of hunting tales, family, life

► Dinosaur bones, family history, caribou and more

By Tim Jagielo

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**Fenton** — On Thursday, John Toth of Fenton finished packing up to go hunting. He left early Friday, to make the seven-hour drive to the UP, with no exact plans of when he'd return.

He'll join a group of hunters from Flushing who own a camp, as remote as can be in Michigan, where he'll encounter few other hunters — or deer. He may bring a six-, or eight-point buck home, (he's only taking about 15 bullets with him) but if he doesn't, that's fine too.

"I love it. I love to get out in the woods, at peace with nature," he said. "There's nothing better than a big owl to swoop down at you when it's almost dusk, or a big woodpecker come through and be right next to you — something you wouldn't even see living in the city." Woodpeckers in the UP are more like the size of a crow.

He's expecting temperatures in the 20s to a high of 30 degrees. "They just got pounded with right around 18 inches of snow," he said of the area he'll be hunting. He'll venture out, 20 minutes before daylight, and leave the woods just after dusk.

He expects to come back with a few stories, maybe an artifact to adorn the walls of his garage. It would join the 1,000 or so items big and small, carefully bolted to the drywall. His garage isn't decorated like a restaurant franchise — everything is a personal item.

"I could tell you a story about every single piece in here," he said. The garage is strikingly decorated (it was the reason for the photo to begin with) and he could probably spend a lot of time sharing the stories of his past and beyond.

Toth's collection is anchored by the hunting artifacts. Some are very large, like the head of a 1,200-pound moose, with a 59-inch spread of antlers. And also the very small metal slingshot mounted to the perpendicular wall.

He called the slingshot his "first fire-arm," and a few feet away, the bag of hard lead pellets that remained after that first hunt in 1969, when his love of hunting began. His first small game licenses are also nearby, along with the pelts of the animals he harvested. These few random items tell a story of a 12-year-old's first hunt, and its success.

One particular moose rack has his father's bowling ball resting on one of the antlers. His father passed away in 2012. While he has bowling balls he could display, using his dad's means more.

This is the theme of the displays — his father, who was also his best friend. His



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John Toth's collection is related to hunting, the outdoors and family history. He mostly displays his father's items because they mean more — like the 900-pound moose his father hunted, behind him.

most treasured pieces are family photos, like when his dad, Johnny Toth was inducted into the Michigan Country Music Hall of Fame, or the yellowing newspaper clipping of him and his son fishing near Grand Rapids.

Like he said, the items all have stories attached, like the 3 HP outboard boat motor he used as a kid to fish on Silver Lake, which was lost for six years, and returned right before his father's death in 2012.

The oldest item is a petrified jawbone, from what he said is a dinosaur, and the oddest, structural branches from a saguaro (cactus) from Arizona.

The cactus branch was taken from a desert mountain behind their home. It was significant, because at 27, his son severely broke his leg, and ascending the mountain with his parents, was a goal he set to be able to walk again.

His son swam, went to physical therapy, and together, parents and son climbed the mountain, and the branches are an important memory, which hangs in his garage. "Those are very precious to me," he said.



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## You might want to start hoarding chocolate

► Ebola closes borders in West Africa, causing limited supply and higher prices

By Sally Rummel

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You might want to start hoarding your kids' Halloween treats, especially if you're a fan of Snickers, Nestle Crunch or M&Ms.

The price of chocolate has hit a three-year high, due to fear of the Ebola epidemic in West Africa and political/economic issues across the globe.

While chocolate lovers think of their treat as a delicious bite, futures watchers around the world view chocolate for what it is — a global agricultural commodity because of its roots in the cocoa bean. Prices have vaulted from a normal trading range of \$2,000 to \$2,700 per ton to as high as \$3,400 in September, according to the Christian Science Monitor.

Seventy percent of the world's cocoa production comes from four West African countries: Ivory Coast, Ghana, Nigeria and Cameroon. Ivory Coast and Ghana are by far the two largest producers, together cultivating more than half of the world's cocoa, according to makechocolatefair.com.

These countries neighbor the West African countries with the worst Ebola outbreaks, closing borders and shutting out many of the migrant workers who are needed to pick the cocoa beans that go into popular chocolate candies. Plus, small cocoa farmers have had to move to avoid exposure, leaving fields of beans unpicked and unready for shipment, according to foodbeast.com. Because supply is limited, prices have been increasing.

Carol Schuler feels the affects of the Ebola crisis and other global political issues right here in Fenton. As owner/chocolatier of Sweet Variations, she's awaiting her next shipment of chocolate that is the basis for dozens of homemade confections, from Tiger Paws to almond bark and more.

She said that much of the price increase is a supply and demand issue because China and Russia are buying more chocolate than ever.

"I'm not sure I really want to know how much it's going to cost," she said. "Our



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West African countries known for their production of cocoa beans have been impacted by the Ebola outbreak. The lower supply is likely to lead to higher prices at stores.

suppliers had a significant price hike last year and it was okay. This year, I just don't know. I guess I'll be surprised."

## What is cocoa?

Cocoa is the essential ingredient for chocolate. It comes from the seeds (cocoa beans) of the cocoa fruits (cocoa pods), which grow on cocoa trees.

The production of cocoa begins in the tropical regions around the equator, where the hot, humid climate is well suited to growing cocoa trees. The cocoa tree flowers, and bears fruit all year round and produces large cocoa pods that need to be cut down with large sticks or machetes.

Each cocoa pod contains about 20-30 seeds sitting in a sweet, white pulp. These are the actual cocoa beans. It takes a whole year's crop from one tree to make just over a pound of cocoa.

After ripe pods are harvested, they need to be cut open with

machetes and the beans are removed. The beans are then fermented, dried, cleaned and packed into cocoa sacks. That's when farmers sell the product to intermediaries, who then export the beans. Beans then need to be processed, by crushing them, removing the shells, roasting, and then grinding them. The result is cocoa liquor, which is used to manufacture chocolate, or is further processed for cocoa butter and cocoa powder.

Source: makechocolatefair.com

**"I'm waiting for my next shipment of chocolate. I'll be surprised by the price then."**

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## TRIVIA COLLEGE FOOTBALL

**Q** When was the last time Michigan State football finished the season No. 1 in the AP poll?

**A** It happened in 1952 when MSU was ranked No. 1 all but one week of the season.

### DAVID'S DABBLINGS

It looks like Michigan State's chances of being in college football's first-ever Division 1A football playoff ended last weekend with the loss to Ohio State.

I was pulling for the Spartans and I thought they had a good chance to win because they were at home, but one thing that amazed me all week was how it seemed so few people were giving Ohio State much chance at all.

That confused me because while the Spartans only had the one loss to Oregon, I think the squad was a little bit over-rated. To me, Michigan State certainly hasn't looked like last year's Spartans at all. MSU's trademark in recent years has been its defense. Simply stated, even before the Ohio State game it was apparent this team wasn't as strong defensively as it was the last two years. It's probably weaker than the Spartans' defenses since this strong run of seasons has begun. I think people have kind of overlooked that point this year, assuming the defense has been the same. Unfortunately for MSU fans, it hasn't been.



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Fenton's Kelsie Fischer sets a ball for teammate Jessica Eastman to attack in the Tigers' 25-20, 25-12, 25-22 loss to second-ranked Novi in the Class A regional semifinals on Tuesday.

## Tigers stumble vs. Novi

► Wildcats end Fenton's tourney run in regional semifinals

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**West Bloomfield** — It was a year of many highs.

A season involving a district championship and 38 victories will have its share of highs.

However, the Fenton varsity volleyball season saw its season end on Tuesday night at the Class A regional semifinals. Despite an outstanding performance by Fenton senior Carly

Granger, the Tigers didn't have enough firepower to hold off the second-ranked Class A team in the state, dropping a 25-20, 25-12, 25-22 verdict to the Wildcats at West Bloomfield High School on Tuesday night.

Despite Tuesday night's loss, the Tigers left the court with their heads held high, capping a pretty strong 38-17-4 season.

"Winning districts was big for us," Granger said. "It was one of our goals, so it was really cool to accomplish that. And also our tournament play — when we were at tournaments,

we placed really well for what we were expected to do going into the season."

"Being a first-year coach, I had a lot to learn. I had to learn about the girls and what they do," Fenton's first-year varsity head coach Jerry Eisinger said. "At first it was tough figuring the lineups. But I think we settled on a pretty decent lineup. We play a lot of tough teams, a lot of top 10 schools and we like that. It's fun to play those teams in tournaments."

The Tigers found themselves  
**See TIGERS on 18A**

## Fenton siezes last chance

► Swimmers qualify for state meet in three more events at meet

**By David Troppens**

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The Fenton varsity girls swim team had a little unfinished business after the Flint Metro League meet was completed at Fenton High School on Nov. 8.

Sure the Tigers dominated the meet, capturing their 11th straight Metro League title by beating second-place Brandon by 161 points.

However, the Tigers wanted more state-qualifying times. Fenton swim coach Brad Jones and his squad got those state cuts on Tuesday at the last chance meet held at Ann Arbor Skyline, earning three more state cuts for Friday's D2 state swim meet to be held at the Holland Aquatic Center. The Tigers got the 200 medley relay team and the 400 freestyle relay squad to qualify. Brianna Costigan also qualified

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Fenton's Grace Siefker looks up at her time during the Metro League meet. She is one of the Tigers' state qualifiers for the 400 freestyle relay.



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Fenton divers Zoe Weinberg (left) and Taylor Shegos show off their medals at the Metro League meet. The pair qualified for the state meet by placing well at diving regionals on Thursday.

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for state in a fourth event, earning a spot in the 100 freestyle.

"We are very pleased," Fenton varsity swim coach Brad Jones said. "We missed the third (relay) by .4 seconds. It is very exciting to be taking a group of all underclassmen to the state meet. ... I'm very proud of them."

The 200 medley relay team of Elise Cassidy, Lauren Gruber, McKenzie Mead and Costigan won the event at the Metro League, but their time of 1:58.60 was just .01 second off qualifying for state. Once given a second chance, the squad cut close to a second off of their time, qualifying for the state event with a time of 1:57.86.

The 400 freestyle relay team qualified in much more convincing fashion. Costigan, Cameron Mathews, Grace Siefker and Cassidy qualified by posting a time of 3:49.12, dropping just over five seconds off of Fenton's Metro League time of 3:54.19. The Tigers needed to post a time of 3:53.69 to qualify for the state meet.

Finally, Costigan also earned herself another individual spot in Holland. She posted a time of 54.86 seconds in the 100 freestyle, earning her a time drop of one second from her Metro League meet mark. She already was qualified for the state meet in the 50 freestyle, while Cassidy was qualified in the 100 backstroke.

The Tigers also received good news at the diving regionals held Thursday at Fenton High School, qualifying two divers to the state meet.

Freshman Taylor Shegos placed second at the event, while Zoe Weinberg placed fourth. Both comfortably qualified with their placings.

The Tigers have made it a tradition to have a nice group of swimmers and divers make it to the state meet. The last-chance meet gave the Tigers' young squad a chance to keep that tradition alive.

"The last chance meet is usually just those swimmers who narrowly missed a state cut and want another shot at it," Jones said. "So it is made up of only fast swimmers, giving you a much better chance to race."

In Fenton's case, it worked perfect.

# Eagles cap perfect Metro season

► JV squad ends year with strong 28-8-9 record

By David Troppens

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At the varsity level, Linden volleyball has never won a Metro League championship.

But it looks like those fortunes could be changing sometime soon. The Linden JV volleyball squad proved this season that the future of the varsity program is in good hands.

The Linden JV team finished the Metro season with a perfect 7-0 mark. Included in that list of victories, of course, is a win against the Fenton Tigers. Linden defeated Fenton by a 25-21, 29-27, 21-25 margin in the last match of the season, capping the undefeated Metro season. Fenton is on the other side of the spectrum when it comes to Metro League championships, winning six straight before finishing runner-up this season. Before this year, no one is sure how long it has been since the Eagles defeated the Tigers' JV program. Everyone knows when the last time was now.

"When we played Fenton and beat Fenton we were so proud of them because it's something they've never done before," Linden JV coach Lisa Howell said.

In that match, the Eagles used a balanced attack to capture the victory. Emma Kenny and Allie Conly had seven kills each, while Kim Freitas has six kills. Cayla Turner had 14 assists, while Christina Clemons had 10 assists. Defensively, Emily Pearce provided 25 digs, while Clemons had 12 digs.



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Linden's JV volleyball team finished the Metro League season with a perfect 7-0 record and with two tournament championships.

The Eagles weren't only good during the Metro season, however. Linden had a strong season overall, finishing with a 28-8-9 record overall, earning tournament championships at the Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard Invitational and at the Bendle Invitational.

Howell wasn't shocked by the team's talent. She's coached many of the players in the past during the AAU season.

"I've known a lot of the kids so I knew these girls were talented. Being able to coach them was a highlight for me," Howell said. "With their work ethic, I knew start to finish it would be a team that would continually improve throughout the season. I knew they would have opportunities to win tourna-

ments and they did."

It was a young JV squad, with five freshmen and seven sophomores.

"It's a very fun group of kids," Howell said.

Height wasn't a team strength, but Howell said the team played taller than they physically were. Conly was an all-around strong player and usually led the offense with kills. Another strong attacker was Kenny.

The Eagles ran a 6-2, offense, meaning it took two setters to make the offense go. Those regular setters were Turner and Clemons. Pearce was a strong defensive specialist and typically was the team's libero. Meanwhile, Emily

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## AGS hoops team is perfect again

► Girls eighth-grade squad finishes MS career 24-0

By David Troppens

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Experiencing one perfect season in a lifetime can be downright memorable.

The members of Fenton's eighth-grade girls basketball team just doubled those memories this fall.

For the second season in a row, the squad finished a perfect season. As seventh-graders last year, the team went 12-0. The Tigers repeated that performance this season going 12-0 once again.

"This group of girls are athletes," Fenton eighth-grade coach Denise Bakker said. "They work very well together. They love to play and it shows. They worked hard every day they walked into the gym."

The squad had 16 players on the roster. Every player who was available for a given game played. That was no problem for Bakker because she said each player participated in each victory.

"Every kid played in every game and every kid did something good every time she stepped on the court," Bakker said. "I'd sub in five different girls and wouldn't lose anything. It was a lot of fun to coach this group of kids."

"Every kid scored this season. Every kid rebounded and every girl played good defense. If someone didn't score at all, she had seven or eight assists."

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Fenton's eighth-grade AGS girls basketball team recently celebrated the completion of a 12-0 regular season. As seventh-graders the squad also went a perfect 12-0, giving the girls a combined 24-0 record for their two seasons at AGS.

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They all took turns scoring. There was always someone there to step up and score."

There were some close games this season. The closest matches during the season were played against Clio and Brandon. The team concluded this year's season with a road victory against Grand Blanc West on Oct. 20. Bakker said if a game was close, the squad usually took control in the fourth quarter to earn the victory.

"There were a couple of girls on the

team who would refuse to lose, and if the score was close they would take over and win. That's the only way I can describe it," Bakker said. "I'm excited to watch this group when they get higher (play at the high school level)."

Bakker said the team tried to keep from talking about the undefeated record.

"They didn't talk about it much," Bakker said.

"They mentioned it once in a while, but once they did someone would say 'shhh' and 'knock on wood.'... That says a lot about their maturity as eighth graders."



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Fenton's Carly Granger (left) attempts a kill against Novi in the Tigers' Class A regional semifinal loss to the second-ranked Wildcats on Tuesday.

## TIGERS

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playing one of the top-ranked teams in a tournament once again on Tuesday, and in two of the sets were competitive with the Wildcats. However, when playing one of the best teams in the state, keeping mistakes to a minimum is critical, and in each set there were moments when the Tigers struggled. In the opening set, it was at the beginning where the Tigers had issues. Novi took an early 6-0 lead with the help of two service reception errors, an ace and an overpass that resulted in a Novi kill.

The Tigers were fought back. Fenton tied the set at 20-all on a Novi hitting error, but the Tigers followed it with a service error and never scored again. Novi's Jennifer Smith responded with a kill, followed by a Victoria Iacobelli block kill. Fenton had a free ball fall on their side of the court for the 24th point and followed it with a hitting error, earning Novi the first-set win.

The Tigers struggled throughout the entire second game. Fenton was tied at 2-all after a Granger kill, but Novi's Paulina Iacobelli responded with a kill, and it was followed by three service points by Iacobelli as well. Fenton trailed 6-2. The Tigers struggled in that second set, getting only five kills while recording four hitting errors. Fenton's final kill of the set came at 15-7 by Granger. Conversely, Novi had 15 in the set, earning the dominating 25-12 victory.

The Tigers' best performance came in the third set. Capped by a Granger kill, Fenton led 6-1 early. However, from that point on, the Wildcats spent the set whittling down that lead. The last time the lead was as many as five came at 20-15 after a Granger kill. However, when Granger was forced to the back row at

21-18, the Tigers lost their only consistent attacking option, resulting in Novi taking control. There were several long volleys, but Novi won all of them, taking their first lead of the set at 22-21 on an Ally Cummings kill. Fenton tied it at 22-all on a Novi passing error, but the Tigers ended the night with a hitting error, a service reception miscue and a hitting error on Novi's final three points on the match.

"It stings because it is a tournament, so if you lose you are done," Granger said. "You have to bring it every game and, obviously, we didn't do that. It hurts because it's not like we get a second chance at it."

"I think it was the energy. During our last couple of games we were all there and we were all in the game. This one it was like we are going to show up for a few points and the next few points we are not going to show up. It was one of those games I guess."

The Tigers also played without one of their strong middle hitters Jessica Warford. Warford suffered an injury late during the regular season.

"The biggest difference is it really hurt not to have Jess Warford," Eisinger said. "Not that Jillian (Kaye) didn't play well because she did, but Jess is a four to five kill a game person. When you lose that it makes a big difference."

Granger capped her Fenton prep career with a match-high 18 kills, while also adding a team-best 12 digs. Jessi Eastman followed with five kills and two blocks, while Kaye had four kills. Setter Kelsie Fischer capped her varsity career with 27 assists and three kills. Novi's offense had more options. Victoria Iacobelli provided 15 kills and her sister Paulina had 12. Cummings chipped in seven.

## EAGLES

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Feetham also provided strong defense.

Howell is excited about the girls' future.

"I think so (they have a good future)," Howell said. "I think the foundation of

the program is getting stronger with the things (Linden varsity volleyball coach) Cori (Mason) has in place."

Others on the team included Ashley Kritzman, Kimberly Freitas, Miranda Henrich, Alexis Harden, Patricia Rac-knor and Sterling DeGayner.

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The Fenton Community Orchestra, comprised of musicians ranging in age from 11 to 70, and the Fenton High School Jazz Ensemble are preparing for their Dec. 12 concert.

## Local orchestra celebrates five seasons

### ► Concert scheduled for Dec. 12 at FHS

The Fenton Community Orchestra (FCO) invites the community to celebrate its fifth season with a concert at the Fenton High School Ruby Zima Auditorium on Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free but donations are greatly appreciated. Fenton High School is located at 3200 West Shiawassee Ave. in Fenton.

The Fenton High School Jazz Ensemble, under the baton of Director Andrew Perkins, will join the FCO in concert. The FCO will perform a variety of holiday pops, jazz, and classical works including Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro," Leroy Anderson's "A Christmas Festival" and Trans Siberian Orchestra's "Wizards in Winter."

"Our Community Orchestra turned 5 years old and we began our fifth season with a solid foundation," said Jennifer Fleck, co-founder and president of the

Board. "We are over 60 musicians strong this season. By developing partnerships with the schools and area businesses, we are positioning ourselves for further growth."

Fleck recently received The State Bank's "Community Contribution to Education Award" from the Fenton Education Foundation for her work with the FCO and Fenton High School band program.

"It's wonderful to live in a community that values the efforts of those involved in the arts. We offer so much more than just great music."

The Fenton Community Orchestra is a multi-generational orchestra

(ages 11 to 70) that provides a place for musicians of all ages to connect through music by offering an educational and entertaining music program for its members and audiences.

The FCO is 501c3 non-profit organization. To make a donation and learn more visit [www.fentoncommunityorchestra.org](http://www.fentoncommunityorchestra.org).

**“We offer so much more than just great music.”**

**Jennifer Fleck**  
Fenton Community Orchestra  
co-founder/board president

### HOT LINE CONTINUED

■ ■ ■  
**NOW OBAMA IS** going to ram through everything he has wanted before January. He wants to make all the illegals legal.

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**I WANT TO** thank the construction man in the flat bed truck who bought my sandwich at Linden Subway on Veterans Day. Thank you very much.

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**WHAT DO JACKSON** and Sharpton do when they aren't running around the country trying to organize all the misfits to march, strike and riot? Are they really ministers at all, or did they buy their certificates online?

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**THE ROSETTA MISSION** can travel 4 billion miles to deliver to a comet, but I can't get my package delivered on time.

■ ■ ■  
**I JUST WANT** everybody to know what a wonderful Veterans Day it was. I went to VG's to order a cake for Thanksgiving and a lady ahead of us turned around and paid for our groceries. We told her God bless you and thank you. We will pay it forward.

■ ■ ■  
**I AGREE WITH** the person who says the insurance execs are getting rich off our health care system. But at \$95 a shot for a three-minute interview with the doctor — maybe they need to cut back on their costs and have fewer people in the office. I'm sick, not brain dead.

**A BIG THANK** you to the boys in Scout Troop 111 in Linden for their honoring of Veterans at their last meeting.

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**PLANNING A TRIP** up to the North Pole to see Santa, anybody want to go?

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**TO THE NOV. 12** contributor, please be more specific. What school? What flags?

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**THERE WERE SOME** comments about Michigan retirees getting taxed. What did the Unions do for you when you retired? Absolutely nothing! I am a government retiree and I get a COLA. Why didn't your union give it to you?

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**LET'S TALK GOVERNMENT.** Now that we got rid of the Democrats, maybe we can get something done. Also, American citizens should stand up to the President and demand that all illegal (undocumented) aliens be removed from American soil. Allow them to come in to this country legally.

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**EVERY AMERICAN SHOULD** contact their Representatives and Senate and ask that they develop and pass tougher laws against school bullying.

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**CAN'T BELIEVE THERE** are so many 'little boys and girls' who want to waste their day by riding ORVs in a former gravel pit. There has to be something more productive to do with their time that wouldn't pollute the environment just for their pleasure.

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## GENERATOR

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Generators aren't cheap, and even the portable ones with the wattage you'd need to run just a few items in your home start around \$800. A good standby generator is going to run almost \$3,000 and up.

Cost of the generator itself isn't the only thing to keep in mind when it comes to power outage preparation. There is much work that goes into properly installing and running a generator.

First of all, Wait said, "Generators must be run outside, not in the garage or even up against the outside of the garage. It is a fire and safety hazard to have it in the house or garage.

The point where the professionals come in, like Waite, is when you learn that you can't just turn off your main breaker and plug in the generator. Incoming power to the house needs to be turned off at the same time you turn on the generator, which requires special wiring.

Just purchasing a generator for your home isn't going to give you the back-up protection you need. Talk to the business you purchase it from, prior to purchase, about what your needs are, what you plan to run with it and get some tips from them. Also, contact an electrician when it's time to install and be ready for that unexpected blackout.

### Generator safety tips

- **Never use wet** hands to operate the generator.
- **Never let water** come in contact with the generator.
- **Never run your** generator in a garage because the carbon monoxide exhaust is toxic.
- **Always turn the** engine off before refueling and let the generator cool.
- **Do not spill** fuel. It can ignite.
- **Store fuel and** generator in a ventilated area and away from natural gas water heaters.
- **Never feed power** from a portable generator into a wall outlet.
- **Do not use power** cords that are frayed.

Source: abcactionnews.com

## Addiction to technology may cause a disconnect to nature

► Nature deficit disorder affects everyone, including kids

By Yvonne Stegall

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Too much screen time and too little time in the outdoors makes Jack a dull boy, and it can have a negative effect on children. It is believed that a lack of regular time spent in nature can cause poor academic and developmental growth.

This side effect of limited time in nature is called Nature Deficit Disorder (NDD), a term coined by author Richard Louv in his book "Last Child in the Woods." He used it to explain how our societal disconnect with nature is affecting today's children.

In an email from Louv, he said, "I always make clear that it's not a medical diagnosis, but a useful term to describe the human costs of alienation from nature, as suggested by recent research." Some of the costs he pointed out include diminished use of the senses, attention difficulties, higher rates of physical and emotional illnesses, a rising rate of myopia, child and adult obesity, and other maladies.

He has addressed how our lives, no matter our age, might be enhanced if our society embraced nature with as much enthusiasm as it has embraced technology.

According to Louv, we have entered a new era of suburban sprawl that restricts outdoor play, which in conjunction with a plugged-in culture keeps children inside. Our busy adult lives, constantly connected to everything through our tablets and smartphones, has caused a disconnect for many age ranges.

Because our nature-oriented existence is hard-wired into our brains and not quite ready for the over stimulating environment we've carved out for ourselves, Louv said there remains a struggle. Some children, and adults, adapt. Those who don't adapt develop

the symptoms of NDD, which include attention problems, obesity, anxiety, and depression, according to Louv.

One answer to the issue of NDD is environmental education, according to education.com. "Environmental education increases public awareness and knowledge about environmental issues

or problems. In doing so, it provides the public with the necessary skills to make informed decisions and take responsible action." Environmental education not only increases attention span, but it also creates more creativity and imagination. As well, it teaches children about the Earth and nature.

Limit your child's screen time and make sure they spend some time outside every day. While there are no specific amounts of time for a cure, any time spent in nature can help fight the effects of NDD.



### Local ways to experience nature, for children and adults

- **Seven Lakes State Park** in Holly offers hiking trails and lots of nature for families to enjoy.
- **Southern Lakes Parks** and Recreation offers many different outdoor events, especially during the spring and summer.
- **Genesee County Parks** offers a great nature preserve in Burton, For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum, with natural wonders of the woods and the animals that live within.
- **Spend time fishing** or hunting with children.
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## Meet Daniel Boehler

- German exchange student
- Senior at Lake Fenton High School
- Soccer player

By Sally Rummel

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*Daniel Boehler, 16, has been in the U.S. for eight weeks through American Field Service. Although he is a senior at Lake Fenton High School, back home in Munich, Germany, he will have two more years of high school before graduation. His host parents are Ken and Barbara Johnson of Fenton Township. His German family includes parents Stefan and Michaela, sister Leni, 7, and brother Dominik, 13.*

**What did you expect the U.S. to be like, and how is it different from your expectations?** This is my first time overseas, and I tried not to have too many expectations — I wanted it all to be a surprise. I don't like stereotypes. I prefer to take things as I find them.

**What has been your biggest surprise so far?** How big everything is! You can fit seven Germanys inside the U.S., so I knew the U.S. was big, but everything is big, from malls to streets, drinks and food. I love U.S. malls; clothes are so much cheaper here than in Germany.

**You speak excellent English. Has learning the language been difficult?** In Germany, we've got many attachments to the U.S.; there are lots of military bases there. I've been learning English since third grade. When I first got here, it was so tiring to have a conversation in English because I had to translate what someone was saying in my head, then think of an answer, then translate that back. I was exhausted when I got home from school! My goal is to be so comfortable with the language that I can dream in English, maybe by Christmas?

**Have you made many friends so far in the U.S.?** Americans are much more friendly and open-minded. Here, you can know someone for two weeks and become good friends. It helped that I joined the soccer team; it's easy to connect with people through sports. In Germany, people are cold and distant in the beginning, and then you're friends for life.

**How is school different in the U.S. than in Germany?** We don't have any "fun" classes, like I'm taking here at Lake Fenton, things like body conditioning, meteorology or senior seminar. I chose to come here and take some of these classes and not have this school



**"I was told by my exchange program that Americans are like peaches; soft inside, but if you do something wrong, you can hit the pit. Germans are like coconuts; hard to crack the shell, but what you find inside is good; it just takes longer."**

**Daniel Boehler**  
German exchange student

year "count" back in Germany. I wanted to have a more well-rounded school experience here instead of taking all AP-type classes.

Back home, teachers travel from class to class while students stay in one classroom.

**What do you hope to study in the future?** I'm interested in chemistry, engineering, IT. My favorite subjects in school are chemistry, physics and math. I also took a religion/ethics class back home in Germany and really liked it.

**How do you like American food?** In Germany, we eat a lot of sausage; there are about 500 different types. Beer is like a meal for us; it's part of our culture. I love U.S. foods like Taco Bell, which we don't have in Germany, and pizza. My favorite food is sushi. I do miss the dark bread we have in Germany. I haven't found anything like it here.

**Where do you hope to travel while you're here?** We landed in Chicago when we came to the U.S., but didn't really see anything. I hope to go there and maybe New York City. In Michigan, I've been to Frankenmuth, Michigan Adventures and Lake Michigan. I loved that and can't wait to go up north in the spring. I really want to see Niagara Falls. That's one of the reasons I was so excited to come to Michigan, because it's not far.

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some basics should still be on hand for everyday needs. Ready.gov is the federal government's website for disaster preparedness. It outlines basic items everyone should have in their disaster kit.

**Food**

For starters, there should be one gallon of water, per person, for at least three days, for both drinking and sanitation.

Ready.gov suggests stocking a three-day supply of food in case of an emergency.

Either buy pop-lid aluminum cans, or keep a manual (hand cranked) can opener in your drawer.

If you have an electric stove, you're out of luck for stove-top cooking without power, so consider buying a camp stove — either propane, or butane powered. There are even ones out there that will charge your smartphone.

As always, be careful with smoke, heat, ventilation.

**Lighting, safety**

To stay in touch, consider buying a battery-powered, or hand-cranked radio for weather updates. Flashlights with extra batteries should be on hand, as should lanterns. While power outages don't usually include personal injury, a first-aid kit isn't a bad idea either, nor is a whistle to signal for help.

**Shelter**

Ready.gov also suggests having plastic sheeting and tape, to insulate a shelter if needed, especially if damage to a home occurs.

**Health and sanitation**

Dust masks may be important in some disasters.

Extra garbage bags with ties are important for sanitation, as well as moist towelettes.

**Be ready to shut off utilities**

According to ready.gov, explosions and fires following disasters tend to be from natural gas leaks. Learning how to turn it off can be a matter of safety. Turning off water and electricity until utilities are safely restored can be important for safety also.

**More notes on food:**

- **Store at least** a three-day supply of non-perishable food.
- **Choose foods your** family will eat.
- **Remember any special** dietary needs.
- **Avoid foods** that will make you thirsty.
- **Choose salt-free** crackers, whole grain cereals and canned foods with high liquid content.

**More notes on water:**

- **One gallon** of water per person per day, for drinking and sanitation.
- **Children, nursing** mothers and sick people may need more water.
- **A medical** emergency might require additional water.
- **If you live** in a warm weather climate, more water may be necessary. In very hot temperatures, water needs can double.
- **Keep at least** a three-day supply of water per person.

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### Add:

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½ cup butter  
2 cups sour cream

### Mix together:

4 eggs  
1 cup milk  
salt and pepper to taste  
Add this to potato mixture.  
Place in two 13x9 pans.  
Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

## DISASTERS

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momometer that stays in the turkey while it roasts, with an alarm that goes off when it's ready.

### MISTAKE #7

#### Making lumpy mashed potatoes

Buy a potato ricer to guarantee a silky, lump-free mash. This writer uses a make-ahead mashed potato recipe casserole that frees up this last minute chore (see sidebar for recipe).

### MISTAKE #8

#### Not serving hors d'oeuvres

Your guests will be less ravenous if you put out some light snacks that will put less pressure on you to get the meal on the table.

### MISTAKE #9

#### Dishing out cold gravy

You can keep your gravy at serving temperature indefinitely by keeping it in a pot of barely simmering water that comes halfway up the sides of the gravy boat (if you're using your grandma's china, you might want to switch it to a ceramic bowl). If bland gravy is your problem, keep Kitchen Bouquet on hand and add it to the gravy while stirring.

### MISTAKE #10

#### Setting the table at the last minute

Set the table one day ahead, and you can even use post-its on serving dishes to say what recipe goes with what platter or bowl. Make a note to remember any dishes you have in the refrigerator, so they don't get forgotten in the busyness of the day.



## What to do if your turkey is too dry?

You've stuffed butter under the turkey skin, roasted it slowly and basted often, but still, the white meat is dry. If the turkey is not brined, pour pan juices over the meat, reserving some for gravy. If you brined the bird, drizzle the meat with warmed chicken stock, since the pan juices may be too salty.

Source: Woman's Day



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