



Record number of Thanksgiving travelers in 2014

► **Motorists give thanks for gas that costs 42 cents less per gallon than last year**

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If you're traveling "over the river and through the woods to Grandma's house," you'll be among the 1.5

million Michigan residents who will be taking to the roads this Thanksgiving holiday.

This Michigan travel estimate is nearly 5 percent higher than 2013, and the highest volume for the holiday period since 2007, according to AAA. The Thanksgiving holiday travel period is See **DESTINATIONS** on 9

Summary

► People will be traveling to Thanksgiving destinations in record numbers during this holiday weekend, which extends from Wednesday, Nov. 26 through Sunday, Nov. 30.



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Argentine police link Brighton man to three break-ins

► More than \$10,000 worth of stolen items recovered

By Sharon Stone

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Argentine Township police believe that Robert J. Markus, 33, of Brighton is responsible for three break-ins on Bird Road in Argentine Township. Last Wednesday, one count was dismissed and he pleaded not guilty to one count in Genesee County's 67th District Court. That case was bound over to circuit court.



Robert J. Markus

According to Argentine Township Police Chief Dan Allen, his officers responded to a home in the 14000 block of Bird Road on Nov. 1 after

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Volunteers pack Thanksgiving dinners for 100 area families



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Fenton High School students Jillian Kaye, 18, (top), Alexis Brissette, 16 and Micali Gadola, 18, of the National Honor Society help pack 100 Thanksgiving dinners for local residents in need on Tuesday at the Fenton United Methodist Church. Orders were packed for families of up to seven by numerous community groups, such as members of the Loose Senior Center, for this annual event.

Fenton makes one last medical marijuana moratorium — again

► Council passes two-month extension, could adopt ordinance in February

By Ryan Tackabury

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Fenton — While the nation is making the annual preparations to partake in their annual Thanksgiving traditions, the city of Fenton is partaking in what has become a different sort of tradition — extending the moratorium on medical marijuana.

The moratorium on land uses for

marijuana for medical purposes is in place to allow the city to determine how to proceed with the issue. The last extension, made in September, was one of many made over the past few years, to provide the planning commission time to make a recommendation to the city council on how the city should act upon the issue. That moratorium was set to expire on Dec. 1 — a date City Manager Lynn Markland said he expected the matter to be resolved before.

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“We would like the city council to extend the moratorium to give the council time to study the recommendation by the planning commission.”

Lynn Markland, Fenton city manager

Gas tax hike coming soon?

► Complex increase bill passes Senate — back in House again

By Yvonne Stegall

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The explanation of this much talked about gas tax bill begins with, “It is the intent of this act: To require persons who operate a motor vehicle on the public roads or highways of this state to pay for the privilege of using those roads or highways.”

However, the story of this bill is not over yet. What many people don't understand, according to State Sen. Mike Kowall (R-District

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“Every news channel says the cop ‘shot an unarmed black man.’ Wouldn't it be more accurate to say that the policeman shot a man who was a suspect in a robbery and trying to take his weapon from him? What the hell is the matter with our media?”



“The problem with immigration is the ridiculous law that states that any baby born in America is automatically endowed with citizenship. My grandfather fought and died for it, he didn't just climb over a wall illegally.”



“With all the government waste and thousands of unnecessary employees, they claim they are trying to eliminate Public Notices to ‘save money.’ They are simply trying to hide more of their actions from us. Hypocrites.”



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“Thank you for putting in the number of executive orders by each president in the newspaper. That will finally end the Hot Lines claiming Obama has ‘more than any other president.’ Shut up already.”

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Family 'no phone zone' Thanksgiving Day challenge

► Leave your phone out of the tradition

By Yvonne Stegall

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Thanksgiving is one of those few times a year when family members get together to spend time with one another. It's a time for giving thanks for friends, family, great food and all of the great things we have in life.



Today, though, we are all part of the hustle and bustle of the ever-connected world, which means that cell phones and smartphones often become part of the celebration.

From texting across the room to continual photos flashing for the Instagram turkey update, our phone almost seems like an additional appendage anymore.

Summary

► Leave the cell phones out of Thanksgiving. Instead, be thankful for some peace and quiet with family and friends.

Some families are anti-phone when it comes to family time, and maybe they have the right idea.

Stacy Mielcarek, from Yesterday's Treasures, said that her family always practices a no phone zone when they get together, even if it isn't a holiday. "You don't answer it... it has always been a rule." This allows her family time to actually converse with one another.

If you want to try this out in your family, it isn't too late. We challenge you to go "no phone zone" at your Thanksgiving get together this year. Here are some tips that were shared online by AT&T. Hopefully these will help you have a more peaceful and stress-free Thanksgiving!

See **NO PHONE ZONE** on 7



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Jack R. Winegarden Library page Melissa Brown returns books, magazines and DVDs from the overnight drop box on Tuesday. Brown will be transferred to the Linden library as Fenton's library is closed for up to eight weeks for extensive interior renovations.

Fenton library to be closed until February for renovations

► Busy building sees 10,000 visitors per month

By Tim Jagielo

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Fenton — By February, the Jack R. Winegarden Library will look completely different inside. But patrons be ready — it will be closed for up to eight weeks, starting Monday, Dec. 1.

Today (Wednesday) is the last day

it will be open, as all library branches will be closed the rest of the week for Thanksgiving.

Patrons can visit the Linden Library or any other branches of the Genesee District Library (GDL) system and still deposit returns at the back of the Fenton library. The library is part of the GDL system, like the Linden Library, which all can share media, such as books and DVDs between them.

Employees will be reassigned to other branches of the GDL during renovations. The closure will allow for phase two of the library renovations, which include a modernized interior, furnishings, electrical and plumbing.

Gone will be the brown patchwork carpet held together by duct tape, and the ceiling that literally falls in pieces on employees' heads.

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FROM THE LEFT



Clarence Page

Nationally syndicated
columnist**Jonathan Gruber should rethink his notion of 'stupidity'**

Was Obamacare sold on a pack of lies or just political spin? Questions like that have turned Jonathan Gruber, who helped to create President Barack Obama's health care plan, into a possible threat to its survival.

That's why Obamacare opponents can barely contain the glee beneath their outspoken outrage over the MIT economist's insensitive remarks about voters' intelligence and the Affordable Care Act.

In a year-old video that recently surfaced, for example, Gruber describes Obamacare's legislative history like this.

'This bill was written in a tortured way to make sure (the bipartisan Congressional Budget Office) did not score the mandate as taxes,' he said at an academic conference. 'If CBO scored the mandate as taxes, the bill dies, OK?'

Seriously, Washington seems to have more euphemisms for taxes than most people have for sex. They include 'fees,' 'inflows,' 'balancing,' 'closing loopholes' and 'revenue enhancements.'

Gruber again: 'If you have a law that makes explicit that healthy people pay in and sick people get money, it wouldn't have passed.'

Oh, really? That's how health insurance works. Since when have risk pools been too hard for us dumb yokels to understand?

But the most potentially damaging sound bite emerged back in July 2012. That's when he told another conference that Americans who need tax credits to help them pay for their premiums can receive them only for insurance purchased on 'exchanges established by the state.'

By denying subsidies to those who didn't have exchanges, he said, lawmakers had hoped to coerce states into setting up their own exchanges.

Only 13 states have done so, yet the administration has been awarding tax credits to plans bought on the federal exchange by citizens in the other 37 states anyway.

Now the Supreme Court has agreed to hear a case that claims the administration has been violating its own law. If the plaintiffs win, subsidies could unravel and take Obamacare with it.

Gruber's own research undermines his reliability as a witness against the program he helped to create. The only one left looking stupid is him.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH this picture? An illegal couple from Mexico or Central America sneaks across our border and has a baby that immediately becomes a citizen. Now we are inhumane and cruel because we can't send them back because the baby is a citizen. So we give them all the rights of American citizens that American citizens have fought and died for in this country. Illegal is illegal.

ISN'T IT ENTIRELY possible that Obama is himself an illegal immigrant? I saw his Hawaiian birth certificate from a reputable news source years ago and there were no witness signatures on it.

IS HARRY REID really 93 or 94? I read that he's been in congress for 36 years or something. He must be on the edge of senility by now.

THE TIMES EDITORIAL on the mainstream media was right on the mark. I hope everyone reads it and makes the decision to expose their mind to a host of different media to get differing viewpoints.

IS IT MORE important to talk on your phone when driving down the road than to stop at stop signs?

I GUESS THEY couldn't find a kindergarten photo of the young man who was shot in Missouri.

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of illegal immigrants? I thought it was people like Eli Whitney, Henry Ford and John Deere. Those people that brought us the mechanical devices to get us crops for cheap.

OBAMA HAS 200 more executive orders to place before he beats Ronald Reagan. So, let's calm down and not get too carried away.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Obama.

I HAVEN'T HEARD anyone blame Obama for the gas prices lately. Why does he get the blame when they are high?

IT WOULDN'T HAVE mattered what the verdict in Missouri was. The blacks were going to riot because that's what their so-called leaders like Sharpton and Holder tell them to do.

LADY SHOPPERS, WHEN the cashier finishes checking you out it should not be a complete surprise to you that you need to pay for your order. Please don't wait until then to dig through your purse for your wallet then dig through your wallet for your credit card. Signed, the-person-in-line-behind-you.

YES, DO BE A 'do gooder.' A couple of years ago, someone flashed their lights at us on North Long Lake Road. At first my husband was upset, until we found out why. There was a man in the middle of the road. We were warned.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

FROM THE RIGHT

Cal Thomas

Nationally syndicated
columnist**Unfaithfully executing the law...**

President Obama is soon expected to issue an executive order that would make it possible for some illegal immigrants, many of whom are the parents of children who are American citizens, to live and work in this country without the threat of deportation, in effect granting amnesty to up to five million people.

Beyond concerns over the constitutionality of a president deciding which laws to uphold and which to ignore in violation of his oath to 'faithfully execute' laws passed by Congress, is the effect these unauthorized immigrants will have on what we know as America.

The debate about immigration is not a new one; it extends to the beginning of the country. In 1801, President Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton exchanged views on the subject. Jefferson argued for massive immigration to further populate the young nation. Hamilton took a different view, proposing that immigrants needed time to be assimilated and sever ties with their native countries and previous interests.

Hamilton continued: 'The United States have already felt the evils of incorporating a large number of foreigners into their national mass; by promoting in different classes different predilections in favor of particular foreign nations, and antipathies against others, it has served very much to divide the community.'

Isn't that what is taking place in our time — the pitting of races, classes, gender and income groups against each other? The conservative U.S. Chamber of Commerce wants more cheap labor; the left wants more Democratic voters. Who is putting the country ahead of self-interest?

I asked constitutional attorney John Whitehead to comment on President Obama's anticipated executive order. He writes: 'Executive orders essentially make the president a law unto himself, much like monarchs of old. The fault lies with a weak Congress and an acquiescing judiciary. (Executive orders) are abhorrent to constitutional government and will lead to tyranny.'

The one promise President Obama is keeping is to 'fundamentally (transform) the United States of America.' Amnesty will transform it in ways Hamilton foresaw as weakening the nation both he and Jefferson loved and for which they and the other Founders sacrificed so much.

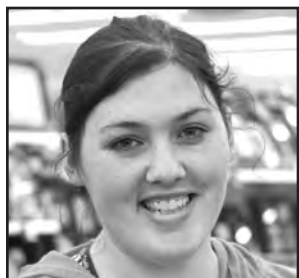
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What was your most memorable Thanksgiving?**streettalk**

"I've been having Thanksgiving with my grandmother since I was 6, so I would say any with her is memorable."

— Margaret Knowlton, Howell



"I can only say they all are because I have 28 grandkids and I am thankful to God for that."

— Susan Johnson
Fenton



"The year the turkey didn't cook. We had all the sides for the turkey but not the turkey."

— Danette Byers
Owosso



"Every year is memorable for having my whole family with me."

— Shana Schaeffer
Linden



"When my family was all together, that was the most memorable Thanksgiving."

— Steve Smith
Flushing



"At our farm we would always have stray people with no families. We'd sometimes have 20 guests for Thanksgiving."

— Conrad Davis, Fenton

Tempers flare again at Holly Township meeting

►Dispute over Smiths' Shiawassee River property continues

By Christopher Jones

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Holly Twp. — Timm Smith's conflicts with the township government regarding his property along the Shiawassee River were not on the board's agenda Wednesday, Nov. 19. However, that stopped neither him nor Oakland County Commissioner Bob Hoffman from again voicing their complaints with the township board about the conflicts with the township.

Smith claims that the board intends to steal what remains of his 10-acre property on the Shiawassee River. Smith believes that this is so the township can make a river park.

Chief among the complaints of Smith

and Hoffman is that Holly Township has previously attempted to have the Smiths' electricity shut down. Smith and Hoffman said the attempts were an act of harassment.

Smith's wife Maria accused the Holly Township board of trying to crush her family. "This will not fly," she said to board members.

Hoffman and Smith were allowed just the allotted four-minutes to voice their complaints during public comment time, as the dispute over the land was not part of the meeting's agenda.

Board members denied the allegations of Smith and Hoffman. Since the topic was not on the agenda, board members did not comment further on the matter. Hoffman said the township board lacked transparency.

"Open and honest government is a total stranger to the Holly Township Board," said Hoffman.

Summary

►Timm Smith and Oakland County Commissioner Bob Hoffman continued their protest of the township's behavior regarding the Smiths' property on the Shiawassee River.

Police&Fire report

ARGENTINE RECOGNIZED FOR DECREASED CRIME RATE

Argentine Township was selected as No. 1 out of 25 of the most improved cities in Michigan, according to Safe Choice Security, a marketing company. According to Safe Choice Security, Argentine Township was not only their top choice, it was already one of the safest cities in the state. The company noted that the police department utilizes its Facebook page and social media for community outreach and education. Safe Choice Security reported that the township's crime rate of 16.78 percent in 2007 decreased to 4.67 percent in 2012, a 72.2 percent decrease. This data was based on 2007-2012 FBI Crime Reporting Statistics.

Calendar of events

Black Sheep Weavers Fiber Guild's 32nd annual Holiday Sale. The Holiday Sale will run from **3 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 5 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6.** Admission is free. A wide selection of products made from natural fibers will be available. The sale will take place at the Hartland Insurance Agency, 2532 Old U.S. 23, in Hartland. For more information, go to www.blacksheepweavers.com, or call Linda, (248) 202-0178.

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GAS TAX

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15), is that there are two bills being bounced back and forth on this very same subject.

"We've been working on this thing now for two years." The House and the Senate have two different versions of the bill, and according to Kowall's description, "We vote 'no' on theirs and they vote 'no' on ours." He is hoping this yo-yo game will take the bills to a conference committee, where an agreement can be worked out.

One of the bills, which recently passed through the Michigan Senate replaces current per-gallon fuel taxes with a plan that is based on the wholesale cost of gasoline. Looking at one description of this plan, it would seem that this would lower what we citizens pay to gas up our vehicles.

According to Michigan Votes, an organization which tracks votes, a bill was passed 23 to 14 in the Senate on Nov. 13, to replace the current 19-cent per gallon gas tax and 15-cent diesel tax with a 9.5 percent wholesale fuel tax, gradually increasing to 15.5 percent in 2018. When fully phased-in this would represent a tax hike of around \$1 billion at current wholesale fuel prices, or around

10 cents per gallon. When in place, the tax could only rise or fall by 5 percent per year even if wholesale prices rose or fell faster.

Right now, the most recent visitation of this bill, passed by the Senate, is waiting for another viewing by the House. Kowall is sure it will be voted down again, now that it has been edited to their liking. He compared the problem to the definition of insanity, doing the same thing repeatedly and expecting a different result. He said, "We can't stand by and do nothing."

According to Kowall, the real hope, at least in the Senate, is to get a rewrite of Public Act 51, which is the original road-funding plan from 1951.

If it's still confusing to you what is going on with this bill, you are not alone. Right now, it's safe to say we don't have to worry about the increased taxes yet. If there is an increase it won't happen until sometime next year.

To clarify any of this information, or to find out how our local state representatives voted, you can contact them. They are happy to answer any questions citizens have.

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“We’ve been working on this thing now for two years.”

State Sen. Mike Kowall
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Convicted felon from Linden a suspect in Fenton break-ins

►Quick thinking store clerk leads police to man after he makes suspicious comments

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A 30-year-old Linden man was expected to be arraigned today, Wednesday, on two counts of breaking and entering.

Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said at 1:56 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 25, officers responded to a gas station at North LeRoy Street and South Long Lake Road to investigate a call made by the store clerk.

Aro said the clerk told officers that a white male had walked into the store and had made suspicious comments about breaking into some area businesses. The clerk said the unknown man said he felt bad about breaking into them.

The clerk immediately called police and officers located the suspect, who was

still in the area. Officers checked area businesses for any signs of a break-in and observed forced entry into Village Vacuum Sales & Service, as well as Transformation Time Fitness, two businesses just north of the gas station.

Officers also observed vacant businesses in the Galleria plaza that had been entered and items inside had been disturbed. A white four-door Saturn, parked nearby, had also been broken into and the steering column was broken.

Police arrested the Linden man and he provided statements after being transported to the police station. Police recovered suspected stolen items that were in his possession. Police learned that the man had served time in prison for auto theft, home invasion and credit card theft in Oakland County.

Police will release the man's identity once he is arraigned in district court.

News briefs

Fenton Kiwanis Christmas food baskets

For a moment, the Fenton Kiwanis asks community members to remember the less fortunate in our community. For the families that the Kiwanis assist, a basket of food will make a tremendous difference in their celebration of the holiday. On Friday, Dec. 5, the Fenton Kiwanis will put on their Santa suits to collect money for their annual Christmas basket program. Last year, they distributed food baskets to more than 100 Fenton families and they expect to deliver at least as many again this year. With the help of Fenton High School and Lake Fenton High School Key Clubs, the Fenton Kiwanis also collects non-perishable food items. Send monetary donations to Kiwanis Club of Fenton, P.O. Box 794, Fenton, MI 48430. If you know of anyone who needs a Christmas food basket, contact Fenton High School Principal Mark Suchowski at (810) 750-6954 or at (810) 591-2601.

Linden deputy clerk resigns

At Monday night's Linden City Council meeting, the resignation of Martha Donnelly, deputy clerk, was accepted. She was the city clerk for 22 years and partially retired in September 2012. She became part-time and deputy clerk at that time. She has worked for the city of Linden for 24 years. Mayor David Lossing, along with the rest of the City Council said, "She was very dedicated to the city of Linden and always so supportive and helpful with anything that was needed. She will be greatly missed."



Mark McCabe

67th District Court

Ask the

judge

The history of Thanksgiving Day and some recent retail trends

I have found a wonderful history of how we came to celebrate Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. National Archives. The following is a brief synopsis.

In 1789, President George Washington issued a proclamation declaring that Thursday, Nov. 26, 1789 was to be our country's first Thanksgiving Day.

Subsequent presidents issued various Thanksgiving proclamations but the dates and even the months varied. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation that Thanksgiving was to be regularly celebrated each year on the last Thursday of November.

In 1939, the last Thursday of November fell on the last day of the month. Because the country was in the midst of an economic recovery, there was concern that a shortened Christmas shopping season might have an adverse impact. To remedy this, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued a proclamation that declared Thanksgiving would be on the second to the last Thursday of November. Thereafter, 32 states issued similar proclamations but 16 states refused to go along. As a result, there were two Thanksgiving Days in the United States. This changed when President Roosevelt signed a resolution on Dec. 26, 1941 establishing Thanksgiving Day nationally on the fourth Thursday of November.

Thanksgiving has long been associated not only with giving thanks for what we have, but retail commerce as well. Traditionally stores have been closed on Thanksgiving and the day after Thanksgiving is called 'Black Friday' when shoppers begin seeking holiday bargains.

This has now changed and there is a growing trend for stores to be open not only early on Black Friday, but on Thanksgiving Day as well. There has been much discussion as to the pros and cons of all this with the arguments ranging from this is what consumers want to is this really necessary, and what of the employees who work at the open stores?

Massachusetts, Maine and Rhode Island have laws that ban most retailers from opening on Thanksgiving and Christmas and some Ohio legislators have recently proposed legislation allowing employees to refuse to work on Thanksgiving Day.

Who's right or wrong is a matter of opinion but hopefully no matter what side one takes the original reason for Thanksgiving will never be forgotten.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

LET'S SEE, RECORD company profits, record stock market, record energy production, lower unemployment, no major wars started, 15 million more with health insurance, 2 million illegal immigrants deported, very low inflation, gas prices dropping ... it is easy to see why Obama's policies have hurt the country, not!

■■■■
A QUESTION FOR older folks with deep roots here in Fenton. Genesee County history describes a Native American burial ground on the northwest side of Mud Lake (now Pone-mah). Anyone remember a grandparent speaking of this? Thanks.

THIS WEEK'S INSERTS

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MICHIGAN VOTES

RECENTLY PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate.

While the legislature is in a two-week recess with no voting, this Roll Call Report examines recent constitutional amendment proposals of interest. Note: There will be no Roll Call Report during Thanksgiving week. The Report will return on Dec. 5.

House Joint Resolution KK: Replace House and Senate with unicameral legislature

Introduced by Rep. Martin Howrylak (R), to place before voters in the next general election a Constitutional amendment to establish a nonpartisan unicameral legislature (instead of a separate House and Senate) with 110 districts apportioned on the basis of formulas specified in the resolution. Legislators would have four-year terms and term limits would be repealed. **Referred to committee, no further action at this time.**

HJR's B and MM, SJR Z: Repeal constitutional prohibition on graduated state income tax

Introduced by Rep. Jeff Irwin (D), Rep. Jim Townsend (D) and Sen. Rebekah Warren (D), respectively, to place before voters in the next general election a constitutional amendment to repeal an existing prohibition on a graduated income tax (as opposed to Michigan's current flat tax). The measures do not specify a rate structure, which would be left to future legislatures. **Referred to committee, no further action at this time.**

House Joint Resolution BB: Call for restrictions on corporation and non-profit political spending

Introduced by Rep. Jeff Irwin (D), to submit an application to Congress calling for a "convention to propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution," limited to proposing an amendment to "address concerns such as those raised by the decision of the United States Supreme Court in Citizens United v Federal Election Commission," which affirmed that unions and "corporations" (including non-profit groups motivated by ideological or political concerns) possess the same right already recognized for individuals to spend however much they want on independent political expenditures. **Referred to committee, no further action at this time.**

House Joint Resolution NN: Call for congressional term limits convention

Introduced by Rep. Tom McMillin (R), to submit an application to Congress calling for a "convention to propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution," limited to proposing an amendment that prohibits members of congress from being in office for more than 12 years (combined House and Senate terms). **Referred to committee, no further action at this time.**

Don't let holiday reunions turn into trouble

► Designated driver plans should be made in advance for biggest bar night of year

By Sharon Stone

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As families make their way home to celebrate Thanksgiving on Thursday, many opt to go out for dinner and drinks Wednesday night to get a jump on their reunions and to not mess up the next day's dinner preparations.

With so many people celebrating the traditional holiday at places other than home, they will eventually have to make their way back home for the night. For those who know they will enjoy a few

cocktails or beer while out, they are urged to have a plan in place ahead of time to get home safely.

Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said his officers will be conducting routine patrols throughout the city and as always will be on the lookout for possible drunk drivers.

Aro said people would be wise to choose a designated driver before they go out, or know a trusted person that can be called if needed. He said his department did not make any drunk driving arrests last year on the Wednesday night before Thanksgiving, but that is not to say there weren't some drunk drivers.

To report a possible drunk driver, motorists or their passengers can call 911.

NO PHONE ZONE

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Silence is golden — All cell phones should be on silent or vibrate mode on Thanksgiving Day.

Create a cell-phone free zone — Family can text, talk, surf online, and check Facebook as much as they want during the football game and kitchen prep, but not at the Thanksgiving table.

No paparazzi — Take photos of family before or after the meal, but don't whip out your camera phone during dinner.

Take personal conversations outside (or in a different room) — If you must take or make a call on Thanksgiving Day, step outside or into another room, so that others aren't forced to overhear your call.

Take a break between courses — if people need to check their phones, build in breaks between the meal and dessert when everyone is stretching their legs anyway.

Enjoy your family this Thanksgiving, and consider putting your phone away. You can get back on it after you're stuffed with turkey and can't move anymore!

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BREAK-INS

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learning that someone had broken into a barn. Several items were reported stolen. Later that same evening, another call came in reporting a suspicious vehicle with no lights on that had just pulled up to a home in the 16000 block of Bird Road.

Responding officers arrived and spotted the suspicious vehicle, which was unoccupied. The officers observed that the garage had been broken into and items that appeared to have been stolen had been dropped on the ground. Allen believes the officers interrupted the suspect's plans.

The officers heard the suspect running

through the wooded area near the home, however, they were unable to locate the individual.

The suspect's vehicle was impounded and a trace of a cell phone, which was left in the vehicle, led officers the following day to the Pine Ridge Trailer Park. The suspect, identified as Markus, was staying with friends and was taken into custody.

While being questioned, Markus confessed to the Bird Road break-ins. He has also been linked to another break-in on Silver Lake Road and one in Pinckney. More than \$10,000 worth of stolen items have been recovered and returned to the rightful owners.

MARIJUANA

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That however, did not happen.

Progress is being made though, however slowly. "The planning commission has made a recommendation to the city council and we would like the city council to extend the moratorium to give the council time to study the recommendation by the planning commission," Markland said.

The new moratorium is set to expire Feb. 1, 2015, or until an ordinance is enacted. City attorney Steve Schultz spoke in favor of the recommendation, and for taking some extra time. "With the holidays coming up you might want

to take this to a work session so you have time to look at it and then go ahead and put it on the agenda for adoption," Schultz said.

Since the law allowing for use of medical marijuana was enacted in 2008, municipalities have struggled to understand the reach and scope of control they have over land use for medical marijuana. Many have chosen to enact moratoriums to avoid legislating on the issue until the framework of dealing with them becomes clearer.

The village of Holly is one of the few local municipalities that has enacted an ordinance regulating medical marijuana dispensaries.

'Change for Kids' helps local students

►The State Bank's program provides more than \$17,000 in financial assistance

The State Bank recently awarded six area school districts with more than \$17,700 to assist in the needs of low to moderate income students in the district.

"Change for Kids" is a program that The State Bank developed four years ago to help students in the Fenton, Lake Fenton, Holly, Linden, Grand Blanc and Brighton school districts. These funds are used at the discretion of appointed staff at the schools to assist with the basic needs of students. This may include clothing, eyeglasses, food, or even school supplies.

Funds are collected through a variety of fundraising events organized by bank staff. In 2014, these events included a number of internal fundraisers, bake sales

and raffles. Customers of the organization were also very generous and supportive of this local cause. The State Bank also makes a large donation to this program.

Wayne Wright, the superintendent of Lake Fenton Community Schools, shared his thoughts on the impact of the program for their district. Wright said, "The district is very appreciative of the Change for Kids donation from The State Bank.

"The money is used to assist families who are in desperate need of help. We use the money to assist families in need of food, clothes, shoes and personal care items. Last year, we also used money from this program to assist a family who had lost everything in a fire. Thanks again for helping the district care for families who have desperate needs."

More information about The State Bank is available at www.thestatebank.com.

LIBRARY

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The building is the site of the former post office, which the city bought and re-purposed in 1987. Since then, the library has never really been renovated, save for some partitions being moved, according to Fenton City Library Board President Bobbie Sweetman.

The GDL reports that Fenton's library sees between 10,000, and 15,000 customers per month, or approximately 300 per day.

Both phases of the project will cost \$310,000 total, and is being financed by the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). Sweetman said the DDA, city administration, and city council have all been very supportive of the project. "We're just delighted that we have this renovation coming to take place, it's going to be so nice for all the patrons there."

The terrazzo tile at the entrance will be restored and new carpet, plaster, furniture and upgraded bathrooms will be finished. Two new study rooms will be added, and the children's library area will be modernized.

The first phase included needed roof repairs and exterior painting, which are already completed.

Any public project of this kind comes

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Bobbie Sweetman

President, Fenton City Library Board

after possibly years of planning and preparation. The library project has been in the hopper for the last few years according to DDA Executive Director Mike Burns. "The goal is to make the building a little more modern and a little more functional," he said.

In the meantime...

You can visit other Genesee District Library branches. Note that all GDL branches are closed the rest of this week for Thanksgiving.

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Friday and Sunday: closed
After-hours drop box: Yes
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Fax: (810) 735-9163
Address: 201 North Main Street, Linden

Grand Blanc McFarlen Library:

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Wednesday and Thursday: noon to 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday: 1 to 5 p.m. (closed Memorial Day through Labor Day)
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Saturday Morning:

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- Music on Leroy St provided by Bob Steel
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- Live Nativity and children's games at FUMC
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HOLLY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOVEMBER 19, 2014 REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Supervisor Smith, Clerk Winchester, Treasurer Freeman, Trustee Cornwell and Trustee Ruth.

Public Hearing: 2015 Community Development Block Grant Application.

No Action: ET Rover Gas Pipeline.

Postponed: Hazardous Waste Disposal.

Approved: Holly Heritage Farmstead Use and Fee Schedule.

Approved: 2015 CDBG Application and Subrecipient Agreement – Proposed Resolution 2014-25.

Approved: 2014-2015 Holly Area Youth Assistance Contract.

Approved: Attorney Services

Approved: Engineer Services.

Approved: Holly Township Polling Location Change – Proposed Resolution 2014-26.

Approved: Policies and Procedures: Facilities Use – Proposed Resolution 2014-27.

Approved: Farmstead Use Fee Schedule – Proposed Resolution 2014-28.

No Action: Town Hall Meetings.

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Holly Township Clerk

Dale M. Smith
Holly Township Supervisor



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

Holly Dickens Festival is here

► Longest running Dickens festival has many attractions

By Christopher Jones

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Holly—The Dickens Festival will start this Friday, Nov. 28 and residents have many reasons to get excited for this first weekend entitled "Great Expectations."

The festival will officially kick off at 7 p.m. with a Lighted Parade, that starts at Allstate insurance parking lot. The parade will be followed by a tree lighting ceremony featuring the arrival of Santa Claus in a horse-drawn carriage at 7:30 p.m.

The Detroit Institute of Arts is providing its mobile classroom unit, DIA Away, at Crapo Park from 3 to 9 p.m. on Friday. On Saturday and Sunday, the class unit will be open from 1 to 6 p.m. DIA Away has many interactive features and focuses on providing a rich art learning experience through the use of digital and

Summary

► The Holly Dickens Festival will run Nov. 28, 29, 30 and Dec. 6, 7, 13 and 14 from 1 to 8 p.m. on Saturdays and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays. New attractions include a pub tent and the DIA Away Mobile Classroom.

host "A Christmas Carol Abridged" at their theatre stage starting at 4.

The community can also look forward to horse-drawn carriage rides from 1 to 8 p.m. on Saturday and 1 to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

For the kids, entertainment throughout the weekend will include sledding games, activities at the Tiny Tim Children's Tent,

hands-on interactive tools.

Also at Crapo Park, the Blackthorn Pub will host a pub tent Friday from 5 to 8 p.m., Saturday from noon to 11 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.

The Red Devil restaurant will

and a Meet the Puppets show featuring Marley and Scrooge. Queen Victoria will lead a Children's Parade twice on Saturday and Sunday.

The center of the festival will be Battle Alley in the middle of Holly's historic district. It will stretch north to the modern shopping district, south to the Hadley House museum, west throughout Civic Drive and east to Crapo Park.

For more information on the Holly Dickens Festival, now in its 41st year, go to www.hollydickensfestival.org and the festival's page on Facebook.

'Citizen Cavalry' rallies for term limits

► Grassroots group drawing attention to 1992 law

Last Wednesday, the "Citizen Cavalry" arrived at the Linden County Park in Fenton Township with its 10-foot-tall, carved wooden horse to rally against any attempt by state legislators to alter the term limits that voters enacted in 1992.

"It takes a big horse to scare away lame ducks," said Scott Tillman, state coordinator for "Don't Touch Term Limits!"

Tillman said via email, "We've formed citizen cavalry to remind politicians like Reps. Klint Kesto, Mike McCready and Joe Graves that they answer to the people on term limits, not the other way around. Term limits were introduced by citizens, not politicians."

"Don't Touch Term Limits!" is a grassroots, non-partisan, non-profit organization formed to defend the 1992 vote of the people of Michigan for term limits. For more information, call Scott Tillman at (231) 282-1167.



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Scott Tillman of Waterford takes this 10-foot-tall wooden horse around southeast Michigan. "It gets attention, when the legislators are doing something they're not supposed to," he said.

DESTINATIONS

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defined as Wednesday, Nov. 26 through Sunday, Nov. 30.

An improving economy, more disposable income and low gas prices are combining to create this big Thanksgiving travel rush, according to AAA. Gas prices are expected to be \$2.87 per gallon, on the average, according to gasbuddy.com, which surveyed 2,800 gas stations last Sunday. This is about 42 cents less than it was one year ago.

AAA says that nearly 90 percent of Michigan travelers will travel by personal vehicle, another two percent by air. A total of 3.55 million people are expected to fly to their destinations, up 3 percent from 2014 and the highest level since 2007. Air travelers will find fares up 1 percent since a year ago, according to AAA.

With the good news about heightened optimism and more travel this Thanksgiving weekend comes the bad news of an increased safety risk. The National Safety Council estimates 418 people will lose their life during the holiday and another 44,700 will be injured seriously enough to require medical attention.

Last year, there were 12 traffic-related fatalities during the Thanksgiving holiday, a 30 percent increase from nine fatalities in 2012. The Michigan State Police will be conducting their largest ever traffic safety program this weekend, Combined Accident Reduction Effort (C.A.R.E.). Thanksgiving is the second largest holiday for fatal accidents, according to MSP.

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TRIVIA PREP BASKETBALL

Q What was the lowest scoring boys varsity Metro League basketball game of all time?

A Fenton defeated Linden 26-25 on Dec. 19, 1985. Amazingly it was a double-overtime contest.

Area gymnasts have a prep home

►Co-op team begins first season with weekend meet

By David Troppens

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Nancy Holden has been waiting about 15 years for one moment.

That moment came on Saturday.

The tri-county area finally has a varsity gymnastics team, and the squad had its first meet on Saturday. The Linden/Lake Fenton/Fenton co-op gym-

nastics team opened its season against Milford/Lakeland dropping a narrow 129.4-127.6 verdict in the Huron Valley Invitational.

"We are pretty excited," Holden said. "This is our first year and the girls have been working hard for this. It's nice to finally have a high school team in our community. It gives the gymnasts in the area a chance to continue in sports at the high school level. This has been a long-time goal."

The girls were excited to be a part of the first-ever varsity match in the three schools' histories.

"I'm excited because we get to start the path for everybody," freshman Jessica Richert said. "I was nervous because I didn't know what the scoring would be like but it was a good start because it was not too tough and not too easy."

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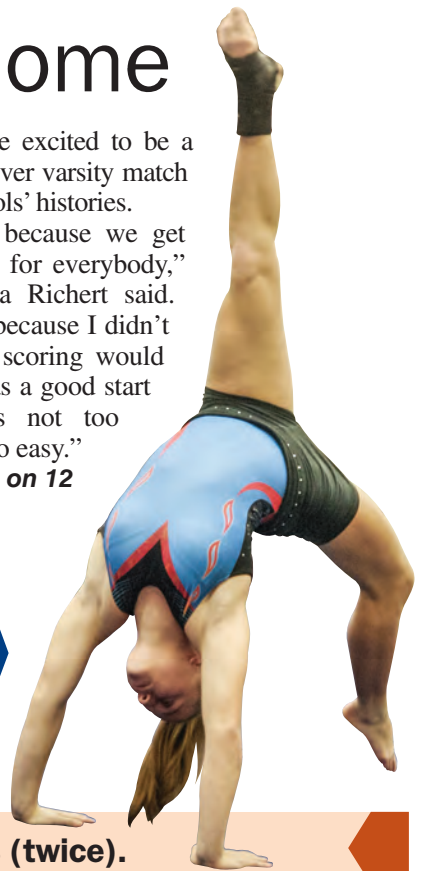
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Miranda Stevens

Member of the Linden/
Fenton/Lake Fenton
co-op gymnastics team
photo by David Troppens



Did you know?

► The longest boys varsity basketball game in Metro history was four OTs (twice).

METRO LEAGUE MEDIA DAY

The Flint Metro League held its first-ever basketball media day at Fenton High School on Monday. Here is how the preseason basketball coaches polls looked when revealed at the meeting. The sports staff will detail the area teams in future editions.

Flint Metro League Girls Poll

Team	Pts
1. Flushing	56
2. Holly	44
3. Fenton	43
4. Swartz Creek	32
5. Ortonville-Brandon	27
6. Linden	23
7. Clio	18
8. Flint Kearsley	9

Flint Metro League Boys Poll

Team	Pts
1. Holly	64
2. Flushing	54
3. Fenton	41
4. Swartz Creek	39
5. Ortonville-Brandon	29
6. Flint Kearsley	27
7. Clio	23
8. Linden	11

Swimmers do well at state

►Future looks bright for young girls Fenton squad

By David Troppens

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This was going to be the Fenton varsity girls swim team's developmental season, rebuilding year, whatever you want to call it.

Apparently, rebuilding seasons can be pretty good too.

The Tigers capped their swim season by taking nine swimmers to the Holland Aquatics Center at the Division 2 state meet on Friday. None of the swimmers or divers were able to advance to the second day of the meet, but the fact that all of the competitors were underclassmen, that was kind of expected. This year, just getting to the meet was the ultimate goal, and with nine Tigers at the meet, they can say that mission was easily accomplished.

"It was an amazing experience," Fenton sophomore Elise Cassidy said. "There was so much energy and so many fast girls, it really helps you go faster and feel good."

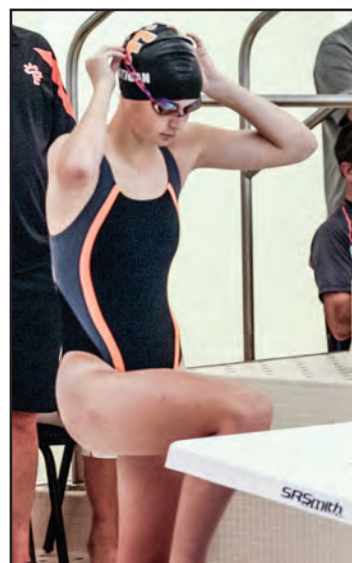
"It was a great experience for



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Cameron Mathews (above) and Bri Costigan (right) were two of Fenton's swimmers at the Division 2 state meet on Friday. Fenton had nine swimmers and divers at the event.

us," Fenton junior Bri Costigan said. "We all continued to bond and grow as teammates. We still have a couple of years left and we got to see some really fast girls at state. We were able to see them compete. It was a great learning experience."

Fenton swim coach Brad
See STATE on 12



Griffins begin season with new mentor

►Start strong in opener, but fall 5-2

By David Troppens

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Will Dawson once played for the Fenton varsity hockey team.

The 2010 graduate experienced the Fenton-Linden rivalry as a player, even if the rivalry included a Linden co-op squad with Lake Fenton.

Now he's added another chapter of his legacy to the two programs.

Dawson is coaching the Fenton-Linden Griffins varsity hockey team this winter. He coached his first varsity game on Saturday, as the Griffins lost a 5-2 verdict against the Mid-Michigan Storm.

Despite the loss, Dawson likes what he has seen out of his squad so far.

"I think we are looking pretty good," Dawson said. "The team is working pretty hard and they have a lot of heart. They showed this

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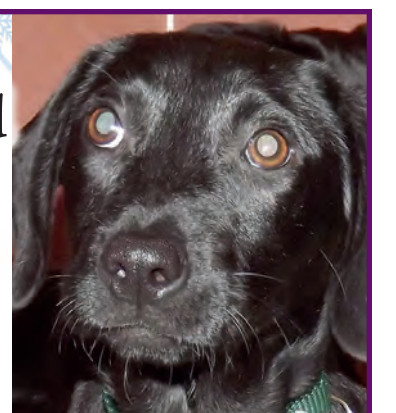
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David's top three games he's attended



1995

Detroit 44,
Minnesota 38



Summary: It remains the only Thanksgiving game I've ever conned more than my brother to attend. And what an offensive contest it was. Lions QB Scott Mitchell threw for 410 yards and four TDs to pace the offense. Three players — Brett Parriman, Johnnie Morton and Herman Moore — each had more than 100 yards receiving.

1997

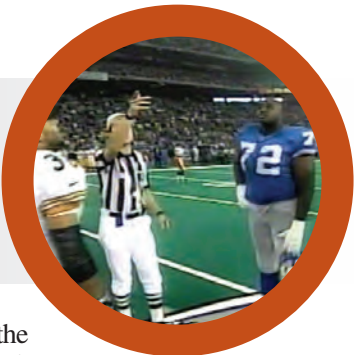
Detroit 55,
Chicago 20



Summary: The Lions trailed 20-17 at the half, but scored 38 unanswered second-half points, improving their record to 7-6 with the squad eventually qualifying for the playoffs. Barry Sanders rushed for 167 yards, allowing him to pass Eric Dickerson into second place on the league's all-time rushing list. He also scored three TDs.

1998

Detroit 19,
Pittsburgh 16 OT



Summary: This was the famous coin-toss game. Pittsburgh's Jerome Bettis apparently called tails with a TV camera catching it, but the official said he called heads. The flip came up tails and the Lions won the toss based on the ref's decision. Detroit's Robert Porcher looked as shocked as anyone by the call. However, the Lions took the opening drive of OT on Jason Hanson's 42-yard field goal. As fans, we had no clue about what happened until we reached our car and turned the radio on.

Detroit Lions Thanksgiving history

By David Troppens

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When it comes to Thanksgiving Day, there are a couple of traditions that have held for as long as families can remember. One is family coming together for a great turkey dinner. And the other is, of course, the nation turning on their television sets to watch the Detroit Lions play during the early afternoon.

The Lions played their first Thanksgiving game during their first season in existence in Detroit — in 1934.



The game pitted the 10-1 Detroit Lions against the 11-0 Chicago Bears. Lions' owner George A. "Dick" Richards hoped the team would draw more than the 12,000 the team had been drawing, and it did. Reports say more than 26,000 jammed the University of Detroit Stadium on Thanksgiving 1934, with thousands being turned away. Universal Service reporter Damon Runyon stated in an article "These two teams meet in Detroit on Thanksgiving Day in what may prove to be the best pro game in history." It was an outstanding game, but the Bears won it 19-16. Regardless the result, a tradition was born. When the Lions face the Chicago Bears for Thanksgiving tomorrow, it will be the 75th game in Detroit. Here is some more history about the game.

Top three foes on Thanksgiving

Team	Games	Record
1. Green Bay Packers	22	13-8-1
2. Chicago Bears	16	7-8-0*
3. Kansas City Chiefs	4	2-2-0

*Doesn't include this season's game.

Note: It makes sense that the Packers and Bears would face the Lions more than any squad on Thanksgiving considering both are in the same division as the Lions. Interestingly, the Lions have played the Minnesota Vikings just three times, going 1-2 against them.

Games at Lions' home venues

Venue	Dates
University of Detroit	1934-1937
Briggs/Tiger Stadium	1938, 1945-1974
Pontiac Silverdome	1975-2001
Ford Field	2002-present

Note: The only venue the Lions had an above .500 record was the Pontiac Silverdome (16-11). They were 2-2 at U of D Stadium and 14-15-2 at Briggs/Tiger Stadium (pictured). The Lions are a paltry 2-10 at Ford Field.



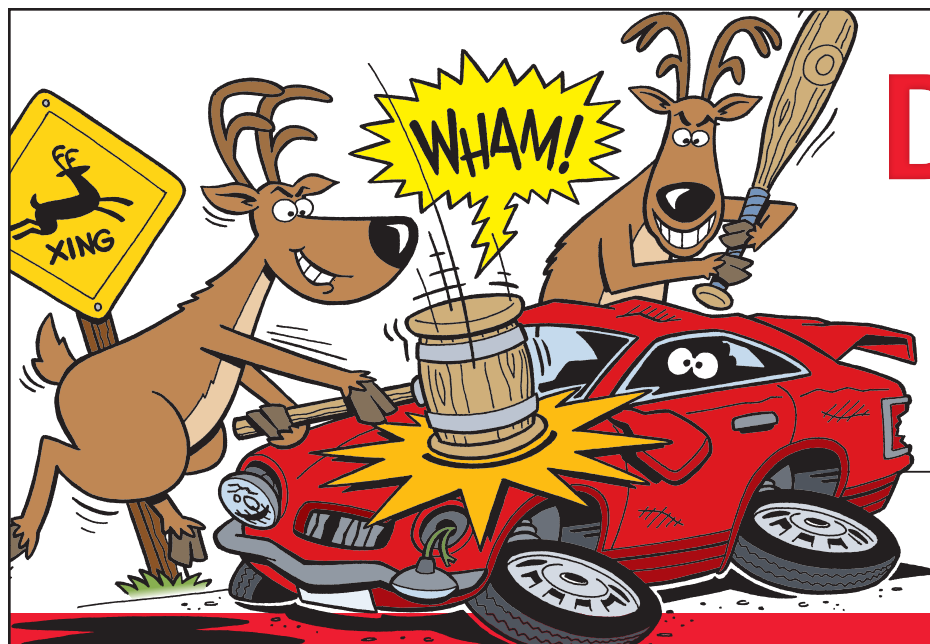
Worst Lions loss on Thanksgiving

Year: 1980

Score: Chicago 23, Detroit 17 OT



Summary: The Bears' Vince Evans tied the game up on the final play of regulation. David Williams then took the opening kickoff 95 yards for a TD, earning the Bears the shortest overtime victory (21 seconds) in NFL history.



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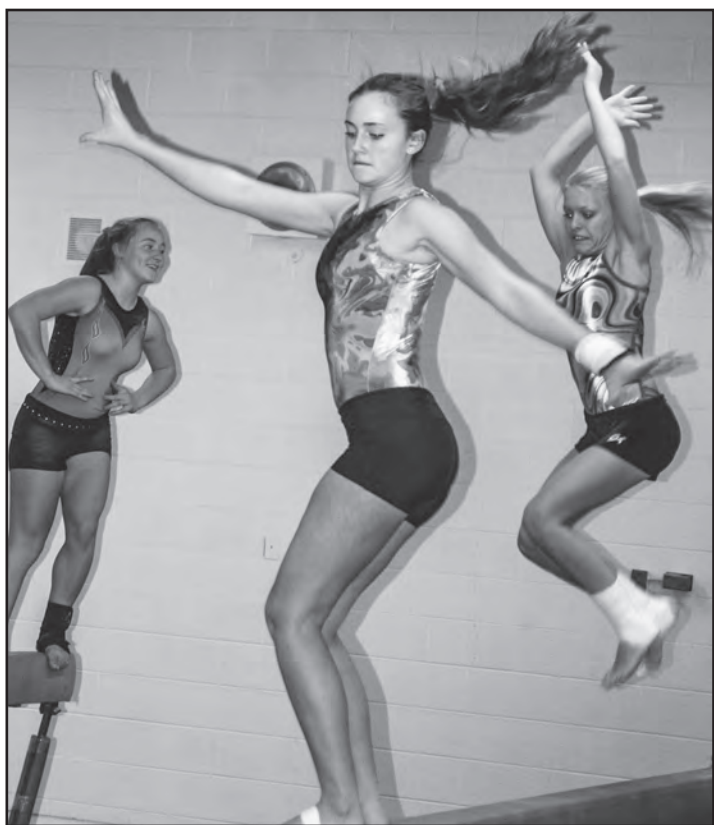
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Three members of the Linden/Lake Fenton/Fenton co-op gymnastics team practices on Monday. They are (from left) Miranda Stevens, Macy Mitchell and Jordan Dawson.

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"I think it's cool to be the first ever to do this," sophomore Jordan Dawson said. "It's starting out slow, but I hope it grows. We've been trying to get it going for awhile, and I'm glad it finally happened. I wish it happened my freshman year, but we're still young so it's still good."

The team is young. The squad has four freshmen (all from Linden), and a sophomore each from Lake Fenton and Fenton. It takes at least four gymnasts to compete as a team at the prep level. The top four point scorers on each apparatus for each team has their score included in the team score. Once all four events are completed (balance beam, uneven bars, vault and floor exercise), the highest total score determines the victor. The squad should get gradually larger next season when there are a couple of other athletes expected to join the team. The squad likes being young.

"We've been together for

a long time," Dawson said. "We've known each other forever. I love them. The fact we've grown up together makes it a lot easier to compete with each other. We are comfortable with each other."

"Most of us have been doing gymnastics since we were little," Richert said. "We've all been together, so hopefully we'll continue (to stay together)."

In the first meet, Richert led all competitors with an all-around score of 34.125. Her top effort came on the beam where she posted a 9.15, the highest score of any competitor. She also had an 8.825 on the bars.

Miranda Stevens was second all-around with a 32.70. The other three who competed were Dawson with a 29.75, Nicole Haberkamp with a 28.65 and Macy Mitchell with a 28.6.

The co-op squad returns to action on Dec. 6 at the Judge's Cup. The first home meet will be Dec. 18. The team trains and compete at Hyatt Elementary School.

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Jones agreed with his two swimmers.

"From an experience standpoint this was a great weekend," Jones said. "When you come down for the first time the girls are in awe of being in that environment. They see the girls going fast and it makes it overwhelming. But now when they come down there in the future they'll be more comfortable. It will be easier to concentrate on yourself and what you have to do. The first time you go it's impossible not to get caught up in it."

The Tigers had three competitors come close to making it to the finals or consolation finals. Two of them were divers Taylor Shegos and Zoe Weinberg. The other was Costigan.

The top 16 divers advanced to Saturday's final round and after the opening round, Weinberg was in 16th with a 159.20 while Shegos was in 20th (150.05). During the second round, Shegos improved to 17th place with a score of 241.10, just 3.05 points out of 16th place. Meanwhile, Weinberg finished in 18th (238.50).

"It was awful timing for both of them. They were both sick all week," Jones said. "Taylor was unable to dive at all this week. They were both walking around with boxes of Kleenex because they were both sick. If they were healthy and able to dive at the level they are capable of, I thought they both had a great chance (to make it to the finals). ... Their careers are certainly not done."

Costigan was the only Fenton competitor to compete in two individual events and in both

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Divers Zoe Weinberg (top) and Taylor Shegos placed in the top 18 at the Division 2 state meet.

relays. She also came the closest swimmer to qualifying for a Saturday swim, taking 18th in the 50 freestyle with a time of 24.98 seconds. She missed qualifying for the consolation finals by .02 seconds. She also competed individually in the 100 freestyle, earning a time of 54.94 seconds.

"After coming so close you start to think about the one part (of the race) where you could've busted it a little harder," Costigan said about her 50 freestyle performance. "But I was fine with it because it was one of my best times."

The only other Fenton swimmer to compete in an individual event was Cassidy. She placed

33rd in the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:02.10. It was the first time Cassidy has ever competed in an individual event at a state meet.

"It was pretty sweet," Cassidy said. "Competing with girls who were about the same time as me helped push me to go faster."

The Tigers had two relays compete at the meet. Costigan and Cassidy competed on both. The pair teamed up with sophomores Cameron Mathews and Grace Siefker to place 28th in the 400 freestyle relay (3:51.54). They also teamed with sophomore Lauren Gruber and junior McKenzie Mead to place 28th in 1:58.46.

The Tigers knew it would be tough to earn second-day swims because they had to taper (or rest) to get the times needed to qualify for the state meet late in the season. That made it near impossible to work out and rest again for the state meet. Resting will usually help swimmers accomplish their best times of the season, giving those who can work out hard and taper for the state meet a big advantage.

"The swims were very good," Jones said. "We knew going in it was going to be a fast meet and it was a good experience for all of the girls. They'll all come back next year so for us moving forward this was a great experience."

"I'll remember this season a great team bonding season," Costigan said. "We had the leadership from our seniors and then our sophomores stepped up and helped us accomplish what we did this year. I think in the future we'll bond even more and become better swimmers and friends."

GRIFFINS

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weekend they don't quit.

"We just have to become a team and get everyone working on the same page. That can be difficult when everyone has been coached by different people on different teams, so right now we are just trying to get everyone together on the same page."

The Griffins opened the game

strong, scoring two of the game's first three goals. Jake Thomas scored unassisted just 43 seconds into the second period. The Storm tied it up 6:34 into the second, but the Griffins answered back with a power play goal by Buck Hudson on an assist by Jonah Laines. However, the 2-1 lead didn't last as the Storm scored four answered goals over the rest of the contest to earn the victory.

Manny Vomvolakis played in net, saving 32 of the 37 shots he faced.

The squad is deeper than in previous years, fielding a squad of 20 players.

"We almost have four lines," Dawson said. "We are one guy away from having four lines."

The Griffins travel to the Hudsonville Tournament on Friday and Saturday.



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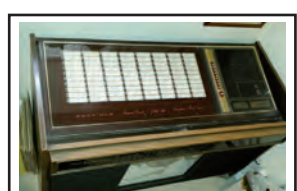


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Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriams

Father Robert McKeon 1925-2014

Father Robert McKeon - age 89, died on Monday, November 24, 2014 at his home in Byron. He was a Roman Catholic Priest in the Lansing, Michigan, Diocese. He was born September 18, 1925 in Rhineland, Wisconsin, the third son of Mark Gregory McKeon and Mary Ellen Hogan McKeon. He attended grade school in Waukesha, Wisconsin and Linden, Michigan. He graduated from the Ladysmith Wisconsin High School in June 1944, and entered the United States Navy the same month. He served as a signalman aboard an LST ship in the Western Pacific until the end of World War II, and was discharged in June 1946. He attended college at the University of Wisconsin in Ladysmith, Wisconsin and the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. He began studies for the priesthood in 1949 and attended seminaries in Grand Rapids and Detroit, Michigan and in Cincinnati, Ohio. Father Bob was ordained at the Lansing Cathedral on June 6, 1959 and celebrated his first Mass at St. John's Parish, Fenton, in the fieldstone church that his grandfather, Frank McKeon, helped build. He served as an assistant pastor at parishes in Jackson, Flint, Lansing and Fenton. He became a pastor at St. Isadore Parish in Laingsburg. He served as pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Flint, at St. Pius Parish in Flint, and at St. Mary's Parish in Mount Morris. He retired in 1997 and moved to his home in Byron. After retiring, he served as sacramental celebrant in St. Joseph's Parish in Gaines until November 2014. In addition to his parish service, Father Bob was Chaplain for the Daughters of Isabella and for the Divorced and Separated Catholics of Flint and in the Michigan Prison system.



Father Bob was preceded in death by his parents and his two brothers, Leo Gregory and Reverend William James, and by his cousin William Donovan Mandeville who was raised in Father Bob's household and with whom Father Bob was as close as a brother. Father Bob is survived by three nephews, seven grand-nieces and nephews, and many cousins. Father Bob traveled much of the world from the Western Pacific to Ireland and Italy. He crisscrossed North America by car. He felt at home anywhere in Wisconsin or Michigan, but his family's farm on the Shiawassee River west of Linden was the place on earth dearest to him. Father Bob loved God. He loved God's Church, despite its flaws. He loved his family and multitude of relatives despite our flaws. He loved his parishioners. And he loved his dogs, all of them, one after another, over 89 years, and regarded them as flawless. Those desiring may make contributions to Children's Tumor Foundation, St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center, North End Soup Kitchen or The Seeing Eye dogs. Father Bob's funeral Mass will be celebrated at 1:30 PM on Saturday, November 29, 2014 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton and he will be buried in the St. John Cemetery with his family. Bishop Earl Boyea celebrant and other priests of the diocese concelebrating. A wake will be held 2-4 and 6-9 PM Friday with a 7 PM Vigil service being followed by a Knights of Columbus memorial Service at the church. Online tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Leonard Charles Wambold 1924-2014

Leonard Charles Wambold - age 89, of Grand Blanc, passed away on November 23, 2014. Leonard was born December 6, 1924 in Flint to Loyd and Cynthia (nee: Hill)



Wambold. He graduated from Flint Northern High School and served in the US Navy in WWII. He retired from Fisher Body in 1976 after 30 years as a tool and die supervisor. He married Barbara Joan Smith on December 4, 1944. Leonard was a great husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He looked forward to taking his family on a 2 week vacation every summer camping up north and a spring vacation to Florida every spring. Many camping trips took place at state parks in the UP. After retiring he and his wife Barbara spent 36 winters in Jensen Beach Florida, making many memories. Leonard is survived by his wife of over 70 years, Barbara Wambold; children, Diane (Dennis) Kingsley, Jane (Mike) Johnson, Jill (Ed) Maxwell and Jim (Mary) Wambold; grandchildren, Sue Kingsley, Mike (Christina) Kingsley, Betsy (fiancée, Dave Worthing) Emerton, Brad (Jen) Emerton, Jake Wambold, Joe (Stephanie) Wambold, and Matt (fiancée, Megan Crowe) Wambold; great-grandchildren, Jacob, Owen, Austin and Calvin. Leonard was preceded in death by his parents, Loyd and Cynthia; siblings, Leslie Wambold and Evelyn Hart. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday, November 26, 2014 at 1 PM at Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main St., Fenton. Pastor Hal Phillips officiating. Friends may visit beginning at 10 AM until the time of service at 1 PM. Interment and Military Honors immediately following at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to South Mundy United Methodist Church. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



How long will those Thanksgiving leftovers last?

►Avoid food poisoning by quickly refrigerating or freezing and reheating properly

By Yvonne Stegall
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Holiday meals often yield leftovers for days to come, but how many days can you safely eat those leftovers?

First, there are rules as to how long foods can sit out (and remember, your home does not come equipped with sneeze guards). According to an article on WebMD, it's as easy as remembering the "2-2-4" formula. This means:

- **2 hours.** Store all leftovers in the refrigerator or freeze no more than two hours after cooking. If food has been out more than two hours, toss it.
- **2 inches.** Use shallow containers, about two inches deep, to store food. This will allow it to cool quickly and evenly, foiling annoying bacteria.
- **4 days.** Eat leftovers within four days. Holiday food kept longer than that should be thrown out. Freeze anything that is not going to be used within four days.

If you refrigerate past the four days the risk of food poisoning is greater. Food poisoning, or food borne illness, is caused by things like bacteria in contaminated food. Because bacteria typically don't change the taste, smell or look of food, you can't tell whether a food is dangerous to eat.

Summary
►Knowing the proper way to store your Thanksgiving leftovers can keep you from becoming sick.

When in doubt, throw it out!

Proper food handling can help prevent food borne illness. This includes quickly refrigerating perishable foods, such as meat, poultry, fish, dairy and eggs. These items shouldn't be left out in room temperature for more than 2 hours or for more than an hour in temperatures 90 degrees F or above.

Hot foods aren't the only ones that risk bacteria growth. Uncooked foods, like cold salads, should also be eaten or refrigerated promptly. There is a "danger zone" when it comes to foods, which is between 40 and 140 degrees F, when bacteria begins to multiply at a faster rate.

On top of all of this, for leftovers that need to be reheated, there are more rules. You will need to reheat them (especially meats) to internal temperature of 165 degrees F. This can be done via the stovetop, in the oven or in the microwave.

Nothing ruins post holiday fun faster than a case of food poisoning, so be safe when eating those leftovers.

Safe storage tips

- Cut up the turkey into small pieces to store in the refrigerator.
- Separate leftover stuffing and store it in a separate container from the turkey.
- Place leftovers into shallow containers, and refrigerate within two hours of cooking.
- Eat or freeze leftover turkey and stuffing within four days.
- Thoroughly reheat leftovers to an internal temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit, until they appear steaming hot.

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