Open or Closed?

Many national retailers will ‘take the day off’ on Thanksgiving

By Sally Rummel
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Many retailers are beginning to realize that turkey and shopping just don’t mix.

There’s a welcome trend this year for re-claiming Thanksgiving as a family holiday, with some retailers choosing to close their doors for pure business reasons as well as charitable ones.

Some have found that Black Friday sales are slower when they’ve been open on Thanksgiving Day, so it’s more of a shift in sales instead of an increase. There’s also the issue of staffing and employee morale, as well as a backlash from customers who want Thanksgiving to remain a family holiday.

Outdoor outfitter REI took it one step further by closing their doors on Black Friday, in addition to Thanksgiving Day. See CLOSED on 4B

Sorry WE'RE CLOSED ON THANKSGIVING

A trend toward keeping Thanksgiving a holiday has led some retailers to close their doors on Thanksgiving 2015. For a list of businesses closed, see page 4B.

From Black Thursday to Cyber Monday...

Thanksgiving weekend is big kick-off for holiday shoppers

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Lisa Helcher, 36, works early in the morning in Fenton on Black Friday, so she’s happy to spend her Thanksgiving evening shopping, scoring some of her best deals for family Christmas gifts.

“I usually go to Walmart and Toys R Us,” said this busy wife and mother of two. “Mike (my husband) can watch the kids while I go out.”

Black Thursday

Thanksgiving Day shopping, also known as “Black Thursday,” has been a recent consumer trend in the last few years. While some national retailers are bucking this trend (see story at left), most shoppers will find many of their favorite chain stores open.

National chains with locations in Fenton like Target, Walmart, Kmart, Bath & Body Works and Sears Hometown Store will be open on Thanksgiving Day, while Home Depot, Pier 1 and Dollar Tree will be closed.

Sears Hometown Store in Fenton will be open on Thanksgiving Day from 6 to 11 p.m. “We’ll be busy for the first three hours, then it will be quiet,” said owner Jeff Stone, who will be working these holiday hours with family members and two employees. They’ll celebrate Thanksgiving as a family with dinner out, before heading off to work.

Most local independent stores, with the exception of grocery stores and many restaurants, will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. In fact, one Fenton retailer, Sawyer Jewelers, will actually close early at 5 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, and will open at 9 a.m. on Black Friday with in-store specials on everything in the store.

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“I wouldn’t fly overseas regardless of current events. My son is adopted from Korea and if he wanted to go to Korea, I would go with him.”
Ralph Collins, Argentine Township

“No. Simply because it’s too just scary right now with everything that’s going on in France.”
Randi Rester Fenton Township

“I wouldn’t fly overseas given current events. Seems like too big of a risk right now to get on an airplane.”
Christopher Conley Fenton

“Yeah, why not? Not that it’s not a risk, but it’s always a risk. I really want to go to Europe, but maybe not right now.”
Brittany Jeffs Fenton Township

“We’re planning on flying overseas in July. So, yes.”
Wade Dana Fenton

strong sales day for them as shoppers look for more unique gifts.
Two local retailers that will be getting a lot of attention will be Red Fox Outfitters in downtown Fenton, planning to open for their first day of business on Black Friday at 10 a.m.
“This will be a little more of a ‘soft’
opening,” said co-owner Jesse Anderson, along with Nick Brown. “Most of our schedule, but
we may not have everything in yet for spring paddle sports.”

As busy as he is in getting the new store ready to open, Anderson said he still plans to celebrate Thanksgiving with his family. “We’ll have tons to do to open. We’ll make it more holiday-ready the weekend after Thanksgiving weekend,” he said.

Down the street at Red Fox Footwear, Black Friday will be a day of clearances sales on some of the store’s most popular brands, including Sperry, Timberland, Naot, to name a few. “Some of our best deals will be over there,” said Anderson.

Red Fox Footwear will continue to operate, move as a family shoe store, under the management of Kyle Smith. They’ll also sell the popular Red Wings brand as well as Brooks and New Balance leather walkers, as part of their comfort shoe lines.

Jessica Skop, owner of Serendipity Wellness Spa in Linden, already has a waiting list for Black Friday specials her spa and boutique are offering.

“We set up an extra station strictly for gift card sales,” said Skop, who is offering $180 in discounts and a donation for a $100 gift card purchase. “We’ve also got 30 percent off all boutique sales. Our service side will be busy, too, for shoppers who come back from Black Friday in need of a little pampering, plus mother-daughter manic and pedis.”

This shopping day was created in 2010 by American Express to support small independent retailers. While Small Business Saturday may sound like a contradiction in terms coming from a huge corporation, it has had a positive effect on local retailers.

“Small Business Saturday has always offered a ton of support for us,” said Nicole McCurdy of Eccletons in Fenton. “It’s a strong day. We always offer something special and this year we’ll have a free gift for customers.”

At Bridge Street Exchange in Linden, owner Kevin Begola says that Small Business Saturday has been good for business. “That whole weekend is a kick-off for holiday shopping. We’re going to expand with Sunday hours starting Nov. 22, from 12 to 4.”

Shopping online, especially using smartphones, has become a national trend. Some local retailers say it doesn’t really affect their business, while others tie into the promotion.

“This will be our first Cyber Monday,” said McCurdy of Eccletons. “We’ll continue with some of our specials on that day.”

She has been encouraged to hear that 92 percent of shoppers do some “window shopping” online, then come into a store to “touch and feel the item,” and get personal attention. “I’ll be working seven days a week from open to close,” she said. “We do whatever we can to stay competitive.”
A KERNEL FOR YOUR THOUGHTS?

By Hannah Ball
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A good batch of popcorn should only have about 2 percent of “old maids,” or unpopped kernels. If a kernel doesn’t pop, it’s considered an “old maid” or “spinster.” Some unpopped kernels don’t contain enough moisture. Others have a damaged exterior so the steam releases gradually, instead of building up to an explosion.

Kernels pop with heat because they each contain moisture. With heat, the moisture turns to steam and since a kernel shell isn’t water-permeable, the pressure makes it pop.

Popcorn should contain around 13.5 percent moisture.

A few Native American tribes believed a spirit lived inside each kernel. The spirits were said to be harmless to humans, unless the heat and the kernels would become angry and pop.

Popcorn History

People discovered popped kernels in a cave in New Mexico in 1958. The kernels were believed to be 5,000 years old.

Charles Cretors created the first commercial popcorn machine in Chicago in 1893. That business still manufactures popcorn machines and other equipment.

The Wampanoag Native American Tribe is believed to have brought popcorn to the Pilgrims at the first Thanksgiving in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

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Popcorn Facts

Popcorn is the official snack of Illinois. The state has celebrated a Popcorn Day since 1968.

Popcorn pops into one of two different shapes: snowflake and mushroom. Theaters prefer snowflake because it’s bigger, but companies that make caramel corn use mushroom because it won’t crumble.

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Respect-acle

Eagle Scout project provides proper way to dispose of old U.S. flags

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Christopher Harper, 14, is a Life Scout with Boy Scout Troop 212 in Fenton. Earlier this year he began an Eagle Scout project to properly dispose of U.S. flags.

Two boxes, built in 310 hours with the help of 20 scouts, 14 adult leaders and five other adult volunteers, are now located at the Fenton Police Department and Fenton Fire Department.

People may drop off their worn flags and the scouts will dispose of them properly. According to Chris, it’s about respect, care, and thanks for the country and for those who fought and continue to fight for us.

Without the support and help of friends, family, and helpers, Chris said the project would not have been possible.

Literacy program means millions of books for kids

The UPS Store in Fenton to launch social media campaign to promote the power of reading

In an effort to help deliver the gift of reading to less fortunate children in the United States, The UPS Store has launched its annual holiday donation drive for the Toys for Tots Literacy Program.

The UPS Store, at 17195 Silver Parkway, will sell donation cards to benefit Toys for Tots Literacy Program, a year-round initiative of the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. One hundred percent of each dollar donated helps purchase books for children who need it most in the Fenton and surrounding Communities.

This holiday season, The UPS Store is launching a social media campaign to encourage people to help spread the word about the power of reading. In December, The UPS Store will make a $1 donation on behalf of anyone who shares their favorite children’s book on social media using #ReadItForward, up to $50,000.

Since partnering with Toys for Tots to launch the Literacy Program in 2008, UPS and The UPS Store network have raised more than $3 million to purchase books for underprivileged children nationwide. Through the partnership, The UPS Store has distributed more than 30 million books to children during the holiday season.

“Reading is a critical skill that helps children succeed in school and beyond,” said The UPS Store franchise owner Les Beare. “And the community’s participation in the Toys for Tots Literacy Program is a key component to the success of this promotion.”

Every donation to the Toys for Tots Literacy Program benefits local children in need of the libraries, schools, and existing programs that serve them. To report a local organization that can use books contact The UPS Store at (810) 750-2920 and ask for Les.

CLOSING SALES

This list of retailers may continue to grow as Thanksgiving gets closer, but does reflect a return of some a return of some

Fenton on Black Friday

• Pier 1 Imports (opens 8 a.m. in Flint Township)
• Sam’s Club
• Barnes & Noble
• Nordstrom
• IKEA
• DSW
• Staples
• T.J. Maxx
• Home Goods
• Marshall’s
• GameStop (opens 5 a.m. in Flint Township)
• Costco
• The UPS Store in Fenton on Black Friday)
• Lowe’s
• Home Depot (opens 6 a.m. in Fenton on Black Friday)
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NEW PROGRAMS

TENTH ANNUAL TRANSFIGURATION LUTHERAN CHURCH COOKIE WALK

Transfiguration Lutheran Church at 14176 Fenton Rd. in Fenton Township will host its 10th annual Cookie Walk on Saturday, Dec. 5, as part of Fenton’s Jinglefest activities. Doors open at 9 a.m. and sales continue until the cookies are gone. There are more than 50 varieties to choose from, which you select yourself, including sugar-free and gluten-free. Cookies are sold for $4.25 per dozen or three dozen for $12. Pre-orders will be taken up to Nov. 28 for people unable to attend. For more information, visit www.fentonltc.org.

News briefs

'TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Torrey Hill Play Production presents ‘Twas the Night Before Christmas, a fun musical play presented by children for children — and their parents, too.

‘Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring not even a mouse... Everyone knows this Christmas holiday classic, but did you know the mouse’s name was Izzy, and that she was shut out of her snug home on Christmas Eve? Don’t miss this story of Izzy’s great adventure to the North Pole where she meets Santa’s elves, Rosie the reindeer, and comes face to face with the Abominable Snowman. Izzy and Rosie save the day, helping Santa and his reindeer deliver the goodies just in time for Christmas morning. This production is performed by more than 65 students from Torrey Hill Intermediate School. Performances will be held at the Lake Fenton High School auditorium on Friday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. and a matinee on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 3 p.m. Tickets are $5 each for general seating and may be purchased at the door. For additional information, email lhtheatre@yahoo.com.

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ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

November 11, 2015

Supervisor Gambka called the Regular Meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:41 p.m. at the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Board Members Present: Miller, Kemp, Scheib-Snider, Gambka

Approved: Agenda as submitted.

Approved: Consent Agenda minus HAYA report.

Approved: Rose Township Resolution Confirming the Assessment Roll and Creating the Big Trail Road Maintenance District No. 011.

Approved: Rose Township Resolution Confirming the Assessment Roll and Creating the Fish Lake Weed Control District No. 005.

Approved: Schedule Special Meeting for presentation from Oakland County to discuss 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in week of November 16, 2015.

Adjourned: By motion at 9:05 p.m.

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11. Submission on end  
14. 80th floor  
17. Good luck, briefly  
20. Mount, as a jewel  
23. Full of a certain grain  
26. The "sum" of Deseret  
29. Total change  
32. Reddie part 4  
35. Do I need to draw you ...?  
38. Future man  
41. Garnished  
43. Mystery, in a puzzle  
45. Ship overseas again  
48. One of the first to die  
51. Aircraft engine  
54. Do I need to draw you ...?  
57. Natural gas  
60. Collar's end  
63. Post 5  
66. Does AM radio  
69. Short numbers  
72. Award  
75. Tunnel effect  
78. Is a paratrooper  
81. Country ball  
84. Cane  
87. Key with two sharp notes  
90. Key with two sharp notes  
93. Why has the moon turned red?  
96. Takes hold  
99. 850 number  
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108. The key to the door  
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**DOWN**

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6. Highway  
11. It's your love  
16. My mountain  
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**LOOKING BACK IN HISTORY**

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**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

I AGREE with the Hot line regarding being able to park in front of the store you’re frequenting. The large cloister sidewalks, with minimal parallel parking on the street, are an incredibly poor design.

IN THESE TRYING times, I would just like to reiterate what former Vice President Hubert Humphrey stated, “Compassion is not weakness and concern for the unfortunate is not socialism.” Have a blessed holiday season.

WE SHOULD BE very thankful for two men who aren’t politicians for telling the truth, Carson and Trump. What does it take for this nation to get rid of an inadequate president.

A BIG thank you to whoever paid for our lunches on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at the Villagers Restaurant in Holly. I had met with two friends who came up from Missouri on Tuesday. They were pleasantly surprised. Thank you very much.

I DON’T KNOW who ever won. We already said we don’t like Proposal 1, but they just turned around and did it anyways.

**LOOKING BACK IN HISTORY**

**5 YEARS**

Sunday, Nov. 28, 2010

Former village president makes push for cityhood. Former Holly Village President Pete Clemens is trying to get the coals heated for a discussion on cityhood for Holly village. The last campaign toward cityhood ended at the polls in 2002.

**10 YEARS**

Sunday, Nov. 27, 2005

Fenton Township to televise meetings. Residents will soon be able to watch a taped recording of public meetings from the comfort of their own homes. Treasurer Patrick Carmody announced that the meeting may begin being televised in as little as two to three months on public access Channel 19.

**15 YEARS**

Sunday, Nov. 26, 2000

Offer made on superintendent job. The Fenton Board of Education has offered a contract to Patrick O’Donnell to serve as the district’s new superintendent. O’Donnell currently works as the deputy superintendent in the PlymouthCanton Community School District.

**20 YEARS**

Sunday, Nov. 25, 1995

Linden school officials want more state aid. District still at the bottom of state aid.

**25 YEARS**

Wednesday, Nov. 28, 1990

Argentine Township may go to court over garbage. Argentine Township officials agreed to take an ongoing garbage dispute to court. Township Attorney Llyndon Lattie told the Board of Trustees he plans to ask a Genesee County Circuit Court Judge to order G&G Disposal to honor its contract. The company has refused to provide service to Selma Drive island residents because they consider the bridge unsafe.

**30 YEARS**

Wednesday, Nov. 28, 1985

City bids for post office site. The Fenton City Council approved a bid of $85,000 for the former post office building. Mayor Carl Hammond said the city needs the building for either a museum or library.

**100 YEARS**

Sunday, Nov. 26, 1916

A hijacker calling himself D.B. Cooper parachuted from a Northwest Orient Airlines 727 into a raging thunderstorm over Washington State. He had $200,000 in ransom money in his possession. Cooper commandeered the aircraft shortly after takeoff, showing a flight attendant something that looked like a bomb and informing the crew that he wanted $200,000, four parachutes, and “no funny stuff.”

**125 YEARS**

1891: The infamous Western outlaw known as “Billy the Kid” is born in a poor Irish neighborhood on New York City’s East Side. Before he was shot dead at age 21, Billy reputedly killed 27 people in the American West.

**200 YEARS**

2006: In Empire’s Valley of the Kings, British archaeologists Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon became the first souls to enter King Tutankhamen’s tomb in more than 3,000 years. Tutankhamen’s sealed burial chambers were opened intact, and inside was a collection of several thousand priceless objects, including a gold coffin containing the mummy of the teenage king.

**250 YEARS**

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6. Requested the Planning Commission to prepare a list of necessary steps to rezone properties to conform to the current master plan.
7. Authorized the transfer of funds to the sewer, tech, and road funds as proposed, and may be reviewed at the Tyrone Township Clerk’s office.
8. The minutes of all regular and special Tyrone Township Board Meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Tyrone Township Clerk’s office, 10406 Center Road.
9. No motion was made to allocate money to conduct a broadband survey; the township is awaiting another quote.
10. Adopted a policy to dispose of surplus personal property.
11. The next regular meeting of the Tyrone Township Board will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.
**Obituaries**

- **Richard Miller**

- **Ronald Muchler**

- **Lydia Dryden**

- **William Jackson**

- **Richard Holzwarth**

- **Rosaria Schaff**

- **John Simor**

- **Christine Wight**

- **Yves Bothorel**

- **Clarice Sedlarik**

- **Robert Maclaren**

- **Christine Wight**

- **Joyce Elnor Bryson**
  Joyce Elnor Bryson - age 87, of Fenton, died Monday, November 16, 2015. No service will be held. Visitation was held from 3-8 PM Thursday, November 19, 2015 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Entombment will take place at the Mausoleum at Tyrone Memory Gardens. Joyce was born January 21, 1928 in Saskatchewan, Canada, the daughter of Kirk and Ella (Grant) Donaldson. She married Kenneth J. Bryson November 1, 1944 and he preceded her in death August 15, 2007. Surviving are her sons, Kenneth (Wayne) and wife Doreen Bryson and Bryan Bryson, 6 grandchildren, and 15 great grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her parents and sister, Dorothy Murray. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

- **Addilene Haskins**

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**HOUSE PLAN OF THE WEEK**

Heartshaven PLAN 10-525

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Heartshaven

**PLAN 10-525**

- **Living Area:** 2130 sq.ft.
- **Garage:** 940 sq.ft.
- **Dimensions:** 74’8” x 66’

**THREE LEVELS**

- **First Level:**
  - **Great Room:** 15’ x 16’4”
  - **Study:** 12’8” x 10’4”
  - **Vaulted Great Room:** 12’8” x 10’4”
  - **Vaulted Entry:** 24’ x 10’
  - **Kitchen:** 11’6” x 12’
  - **Bedroom:** 12’8” x 10’4”
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  - **Utility:** 24’ x 10’

- **Second Level:**
  - ** Owners’ Suite:** 15’ x 16’4”
  - **Garage:** 37’2” x 15’4”
  - **Alternate Basement Stairs**

- **Third Level:**
  - **Vaulted Entry:** 37’2” x 15’4”
  - **Living Area:** 2130 sq.ft.
  - **Garage:** 940 sq.ft.

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Garbage can cause bad blood between neighbors

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11118 Ridge View Trail
Contemporary 4 Bed, 4 Bath Home W/Main Floor Master, Finished Walkout Basement And In-Ground Pool. Backs Up To Protected Wetlands.

**Fenton • $329,900**
3185 Apple Wood
Wonderful Ranch On A Private 1 Acre Parcel In Beautiful Hills Of Tyrone. This Lovely Family Home Offers 3+ Bedrooms, 3.5 Baths And Finished Daylight Basement.

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Sunday, 1-3 pm.

**New Price**

**Swartz Creek • $209,900**
Wyndemere Commons Townhouse. Exceptional Location. Open Design W/Vaulted Great Rm., Gas Fire-place, Finished LL W/Privacy Fence Between Units, Extra Storage Sheds. Walking Distance To Downtown Swartz Creek And Easy Access To Expressway.

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**New on Market**

**Fenton • $239,000**
2359 W Shiawassee Ave., Fenton
Spacious Well Maintained Contemporary 3 Bedroom Home W/Crooked Lake Access. Fire-lit Great Rm., Finished LL, 4-Seasons Rm., 2-Teired Deck W/Hot Tub, 3-Car Garage. Lake Fenton Schools!

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Lovely 4 Bedroom Home Nestled In A Park Like Setting! Lg. Eat-In Kitchen, Fire-lit Great Rm, Finished LL Walkout. 1 Acre Lot W/Gorgeous Landscaping And Stocked Aerated Pond For Fishing.

**New on Market**

**Kearsley Schools • $89,900**
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