# Traveling this holiday season?

New worldwide travel alert requires extra vigilance and early check-in by travelers

#### **By Sally Rummel**

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 Three area couples were considering a trip to Paris on Thursday, Nov. 12 then the Paris terrorist attacks happened on Friday, Nov. 13, killing 129 people.

According to John Schmitt of Superior Travel, two of the couples decided to change their plans and travel domestically instead. The other couple hasn't made any travel plans, as of yet.

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### **Dickens Festival** continues to grow

Downtown Holly tree-lighting ceremony to be held on Friday

#### **By Vera Hogan**

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Charles Dickens' timeless holiday classic, "A Christmas Carol," is all about second chances. And a second chance is what the annual Holly Dickens Festival received, thanks to the hard work and dedication of the many volunteers, who want to see it continue to thrive and grow.

According to George Kullis, festival director, this year's celebration is in its 42nd year and represents the second in a five-year plan to save the festival.

Kullis has been involved with the festival for four years. When he moved to Holly, he went to a Dickens Festival meeting where volunteers were being sought. A couple of years later, Kullis said he found himself on the Holly See DICKENS on 9



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Volunteer Quinn Hulbert grabs a laundry basket filled with 25 pounds of groceries and a Thanksgiving dinner for a family. The annual Thanksgiving Giveaway held at The Freedom Center in Fenton Monday night provides a Thanksgiving meal for 100 families in need, and also a pizza dinner before they take their groceries home. See story on page 8.

### Linden attempts to meet school budget with fewer students

Includes controversial gradelevel centers and full-day Young Fives program

#### **By Hannah Ball**

hball@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 Linden — The Linden Board of Education is exploring options for a cost containment plan due to the projected future loss of 253 students, which is a loss of \$1.82 million, over the next three years.

Board President Scott Maker explained that the current graduating class has 220-230 students, and the graduating classes in 2016 and 2017 will see a decrease of approximately 60 students each.

When the current sophomores graduate in 2018, the school will lose approximately 130 more students.

Linden schools receive \$7,200 per student. The elementary classes currently See **BUDGET** on 13

**Looking at this** option, you present the most transitions. the most difficult thing for children at a young age. 77

Central Elementary kindergarten teacher, Linden parent

#### **C** The only reason Donald Trump is even in the presidential race is because the liberal mainstream media wants him there. The candidate they fear is Marco Rubio, a young, intelligent and vote-attracting candidate. Trump is a fool whose money, despite the old saying, was not parted from him.

### **Injured woman** seeks safety inside Fenton gas station

Fenton police arrest cousins suspected of assaulting woman

#### **By Sharon Stone**

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A 41-year-old Flint man and his 30-yearold female cousin from Wisconsin are lodged in the Genesee County Jail awaiting arraignment on assault charges involving a 25-yearold Flint woman.

Fenton police arrested the cousins in the early morning hours of Saturday, Nov. 21.

Lt. Jason Slater said police responded to a gas station in the 1400 block of North LeRoy See INJURED on 10



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### **Old grave found** in new dog park

Officials attempting to identify A.B. Smith

#### **By Hannah Ball**

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Fenton Twp. — While clearing bushes and trees in the wetlands of the new Fenton Township park on Thompson Road just east of Wiggins Road, officials uncovered a large block of concrete marking a possible grave site. Barbed wire wraps around the block with an inscription on the top, reading, See GRAVE on 14





a turkey on Thanksgiving with my family. This is made possible by the peace and stability that our beautiful country has enjoyed

for so long. It is a blessing to call America home. Happy Thanksgiving to all my fellow citizens."



**Lions fans should** know that they are 35-38-2 over the lifetime of the Thanksgiving game. They won their last two

games, but lost nine in a row prior to that, including a heartbreaking OT loss to Houston in 2012. Surprisingly, every single Lions Thanksgiving game has been at home. Go Lions."

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days, it is just

another reason

to shop locally,

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### Most wonderful 'of the year' people named

Holly's award winners to be introduced at treelighting ceremony

#### By Vera Hogan

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The Holly Area Chamber of Commerce has announced the recipients of its "... of the year" awards. The following deserving individuals, business and organization will be introduced at this year's tree-lighting ceremony, located in downtown Holly on Friday, Nov. 28, after the lighted parade.

#### FAMILY OF THE YEAR

This year's Family of the Year award goes to Sam and Tena Alvarado. Ac-

cording to Holly Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Andrea Silvis, both volunteer much of their time in the schools and community.

"Tena has served on the HAYA (Holly Area Youth Assistance) Board and is a mentor for the HAYA program," said Silvis.

"During the summer Tena is usually found running the popcorn stand at the Holly Car Show or fundraising for the HAYA," Silvis added. "Sam is serving as the post commander at the Holly VFW and is bringing the life back into the VFW.

"Sam is also very committed to helping the area veterans have a voice not only locally but statewide," she added. "He also works with the Michigan Court system as a mentor to those veterans who have gotten in trouble. Sam and Tena are amazing people. This award

SUMMAR

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on Friday, Nov. 28, after the lighted

parade, and at the

chamber's Dec. 4

annual dinner.

is very much well deserved." Tena Alvarado said, "The thing that came to both of our minds when we got the call was that of shock. We looked at each other and asked 'what have we done that was so noteworthy." Then we were just humbled.

"We both belong to organizations we believe in very much," she added. "We work together with other people and get things accomplished. It's all of us working together to achieve the goals for the organizations."

Sam Alvarado added, "I am just involved in veteran type organizations. As the commander of the VFW, it's just a

great job working with all the veterans. We're not an army of one — we work as a team." INDIVIDUAL

#### **OF THE YEAR**

Linda Smith is this year's Individual of the Year award recipient.

"You can find Linda behind the scenes of most activities going on in Holly," said Silvis. "Linda is very active with the Holly Dickens Festival and helps with the Hadley House Museum.

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# **WISH**Wednesday

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## **Over 10 inches** of snow - it's officially winter!

■ First snowfall of the year beats the actual Dec. 21 winter start date

#### **By Vera Hogan**

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vhogan@tctimes.com; 810-433-6823 While the weatherman was predicting 5 to 6 inches of snow for the tri-county reader area Saturday, it turned out to be just a tad higher.

According to the National Weather Service, in a 24-hour period, the Linden area received 10 inches of snow, Fenton got approximately 10.2 inches and Holly received 14 inches of the white stuff. Hartland got hit a little harder with 14 to 16 inches, and Howell received the greatest snow total amounts with 16.8 inches.

Saturday's snowstorm was the largest one the National Weather Service's Detroit/Pontiac office in White Lake has seen since it was built in 1994.

Dan Czarnecki, director of Fenton's Department of Public Works, said six DPW employees worked quickly to clear the streets, from early in the afternoon on Saturday to approximately 6 a.m. Sunday morning.

Czarnecki said the only issues were that the snow came so fast it picked up on

the still warm asphalt streets, causing them to become slippery. "Once the snowfall finally tapered off, the crew was able to get ahead of it and get things cleaned up," he said.

The DPW crew did a fine job getting the city cleaned up, he added. "The guys all try their best to take care of the public and they do a great job with snowplowing.

"The first snowfall of the season is always tricky as we get the trucks out



Fenton DPW director

for the first time something is bound to break," Czarnecki said. "We also have a couple new guys this winter and they quickly picked up on what needs to be done. They had good training." Czarnecki asks that the public be

patient during heavy snow events. "Motorists need to slow down when streets are snow covered and

slippery," he said. "Drivers will still get where they need to go, and by slowing down it will be safer for the motorist and the rest of the public.

"It's hard to get going on the slippery roads, and even harder to stop," he added. "Motorists need to keep that in mind before they pull out in front of another vehicle, especially a plow truck."

Czarnecki also asks that people give the plow trucks plenty of room. "Those

big trucks are not easy to maneuver and the visibility out of them is limited," he said. "The pickup plows also can be hard to see out of. Plus the plow drivers are watching where they are going, watching where the snow is being pushed, and are also watching out for the public. The more space motorists can give those drivers would be helpful and very appreciated."

Lastly, Czarnecki asks that people not shovel or plow their driveway snow into the street.

"That can be dangerous, especially if it freezes in place," he said. "It is also against state law to place snow into the street, and that also includes pushing it across the street.

"Plow drivers understand the frustration of property owners when they have to shovel the ends of their driveways after the plow truck goes by," Czarnecki added. "The plow drivers have their own driveways to shovel when they get home from work. Shovel and pile the snow along the sides of the driveway."

Czarnecki recommends that people See WINTER on 8 TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Holly Elementary first- and third-graders repeatedly scramble up the play equipment to slide down it during the first snowy recess on Monday. School staff was busy helping students get boots and snow pants so they could enjoy recess.







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#### **Response to refugees**

We live in a great country; most of the time we can be proud to be Americans. However, nobody is perfect. No nation is perfect. There are also times we can be ashamed to be Americans. And this is one of them.

In the wake of the horrific terrorist attacks in Paris on Nov. 13, we should all be ashamed of the ugly rhetoric we've heard, mainly from Republican politicians and conservative talk-show hosts, about Syrian refugees.

We're not talking political outliers, either. House Speaker Paul Ryan, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and several Republican senators have demanded at least a pause, if not an outright ban, on accepting refugees from Syria in the United States.

Common sense tells you that if ISIS were really planning an attack in the United States, they wouldn't wait two years for some woman or child to make it through the vetting process. They'd recruit an American citizen or somebody who already has a U.S. passport.

What a contrast between America's knee-jerk rejection of refugees and the response of French President Francois Hollande. Even after terrorists struck in the heart of Paris, he announced that France would still live up to its promise of welcoming 30,000 refugees from Syria. In light of his generosity, and that of many European nations, the real question about President Obama's goal of 10,000 refugees is not: Why so many? But: Why so few?

There's one other disturbing aspect to all the Republican rhetoric about refugees: If only they cared as much about American victims of gun violence as they pretend to care about victims of terrorism. Why is it that the very same politicians who demand tougher background checks for Syrian refugees also oppose any background check for somebody buying a gun? And how can they call for such a strong response to ISIS after 129 people are killed in Paris, yet do nothing about 87 people who die of gun violence in the United States every day?

Yes, the victims of terrorism in a Paris concert hall demand attention. But so do the victims of gun violence on the streets of America.

#### Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

#### THANK YOU, HOLLY VFW Post 5587 for putting the Purple Heart monument in town honoring those who were wounded in America's wars. HOW MANY

**BANKRUPTCIES** does a president get? If Trump gets in, we are going to need a few.

Just look at his past. ENJOYED THE ARTICLE on Bill Gallagher as we bought

a picture from him in 1977.

TYRONE TOWNSHIP FIBER optics, millions of dollars? This will be a bond that residents will end up paying for, like the sewer bond. It costs millions to install, which AT&T has in the ground white poles with orange caps. now -

TO ALL THE tailgaters and bullies on the road; when someone in front of you has a blinker on, chances are they have to slow down to make their turn. It would help if you did the same. I'm tired of being run off White Lake Road trying to turn into my subdivision. Remember, if you hit me, it's your fault.

DID YOU EVER think that accepting refugees from Syria into the United States with minimal security checks is exactly what ISIS wants? How many prominent Democrats have asked to have them relocate to their neighborhood, their homes?

I WOULD TAKE a guess that 70 percent of our House and Congress are attorneys. That's the problem. 

I WAS READING the article about why France was targeted. Bottom line is if you're going to live in my house, you're

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going to live by my rules. What's so hard to understand about that? READERS, PLEASE BE aware of any life insurance you or your loved ones have. Know what your money is buying. We just discovered a policy taken out in 1963. Premiums paid in almost \$17,000, Benefit received — \$3,850. Big rip off.

**FOREASMUCH AS IT** is the indispensable duty of all men to adore the superintending Providence of Almighty God; to acknowledge with gratitude their obligation to Him for benefits received...' — National Thanksgiving Proclamation Nov., 1777.

### GENESEE COUNTY ROAD

Commission, what are you thinking putting salt down on a foot of snow on the back roads? Are you kidding me? These roads are a mess. Either plow or leave them alone

IWAS GLAD to see several members of the Fenton Planning Commission questioning the design of the proposed building for the Caroline/Adelaide property. We just need to ensure the building fits with the history that surrounds it like all the other wonderful improvements that have been done in Fenton in recent years.

TO THE FAMILY we sat with at Sagano, you are amazing people. The fact that you picked up our bill to say 'thank you' for my service is above and beyond. Also, a plus when you found out it was our anniversary dinner. My wife and I cannot thank you enough for doing that. You definitely made our night.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times





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#### **Terrorists as tourists?**

President Obama has put a new twist on the Islamic invasion now taking place across Europe and the United States. Speaking to reporters last week the president compared Syrian refugees to 'tourists,' saying they are no bigger a threat than people who come to sightsee and visit attractions.

Seriously?

Rhetoric is a powerful weapon to rally citizens to stand against enemies, whether foreign or domestic. In this war, the people are out in front of the president.

According to the latest NBC News/ Survey Monkey online poll, '56 percent of Americans disapprove of allowing more migrants fleeing violence in Syria and other nations into the country, while 41 percent approve and the issue divides sharply across party lines. But overwhelmingly, Americans say the U.S. and its allies are losing the war against ISIS.'

Virtually every retired military officer I've seen on the networks and quoted in newspapers says only a ground force, not bombing alone, can root out and destroy ISIS' base camp inside Syria. The administration is right that the U.S. cannot do this alone, or even mainly, but neither can European nations. American expertise and leadership are essential. It is the lack of leadership by this president that is encouraging the terrorists.

From NATO's website is the principle that should be guiding President Obama: 'The principle of collective defense is at the very heart of NATO's founding treaty. It remains a unique and enduring principle that binds its members together, committing them to protect each other and setting a spirit of solidarity within the Alliance.<sup>3</sup>

Freedom is not a given If it were, more people would be free. Our way of life must constantly be defended.

If congressional Democrats refuse to join Republicans in stronger measures to vet the background of Syrian 'refugees,' and if some of them turn out to be terrorists, or are recruited and radicalized in mosques after getting here,

they will pay for it dearly at the polls. President Obama promised to 'fundamentally transform' America. I'm wondering if those who voted for him believed that this is what he meant.

### Have you ever shopped on Thanksgiving Day?



"Just for groceries. I think I've come to VG's for last minute groceries for dinner."





"No, we haven't. We normally buy all of our supplies and I'm not someone who likes to prepare ahead of time. I like to cook everything in the morning."

— Katia Aho, Holly



"We try not to. It's Thanksgiving. We don't want to."

– Daniel Aho

Holly



"No. Just because I'm not a big shopper. I try to stay away from shopping. Nothing would be worse than shopping on Thanksgiving."





"I'm picking up something on Thanksgiving Day, but I already have it ordered. It'll be \$49.95 for turkey, casserole, green beans, potatoes. It'd better be good.' - Nettie DeBusk, Tyrone Township

### **DEQ** approves 90-day extension

Underground tank in downtown Linden center of gasoline leak

#### **By Hannah Ball**

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The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has approved a 90-day extension to the Beacon and Bridge gas station for its final report on an underground gasoline leak detected last November in downtown Linden.

Marjorie Frisch, environmental quality analysts for the DEQ, said the owners of the gas station, QuickSav Food Stores LTD of Flushing, requested a 180-day extension but were

approved for a 90day extension.

"They plan to conduct additional investigative activities to further define the extent of contamination," she said.

The underground gasoline leak was detected last Novem-

ber when the owner of Bridge Street Exchange, Kevin Begola, reported smelling gas in his store. The men's shop is approximately200 feet from the gas station.

The Michigan DEQ found the leak started from a leaking underground storage tank at Beacon and Bridge, located at 110 East Broad St.

The final report was due Nov. 14, but due to investigators not developing a full delineation of the leak, Beacon and Bridge was granted an extension.

Clifford Knaggs of Knaggs, Harter, Brake & Schneider, PC in Lansing, attorney for Beacon and Bridge gas station, told the Linden City Council at the Oct. 26 meeting that there was not enough evidence to prove the leak came from the gas station, the Times previously reported.

"We currently don't have any evidence that there has been a release from the underground storage system at the sight," he said.

In mid-October, the DEQ conducted geophysical ground-penetrating radar (GPR) with monitoring wells to search for buried metallic anomalies, like underground storage tanks.

"However, the GPR was not effective at some locations because of reinforced

> concrete or rebar in concrete. The geophysical results will be included in the Linden Multi-Site Contamination report conducted by ECT (Environmental Consulting and Technology), Inc," Frisch said. The DEQ drilled borings during the

first week of November to continue its investigation and to develop a full delineation of the leak to confirm the source. "Beacon and Bridge plans to con-

duct additional investigations," Frisch said. Beacon and Bridge is required to complete the Final Assessment Report including the supporting documentation, determine extent of contamination, and mitigate the risks to impacted area.

The DEQ requested a status update by Dec. 14.

### Check out these Thanksgiving leftover recipes

Most of the ingredients can come from other leftovers or things already in your cabinets or freezer

#### By Vera Hogan

vhogan@tctimes.com; 810-433-6823 There are at least a dozen ways to "recycle" your Thanksgiving turkey and leftovers. These are from a collection of recipes gathered from various sources

#### **Thanksgiving night** turkey sandwich

over the years. Enjoy.

This is actually almost better than the Thanksgiving meal enjoyed earlier in the day — and it's very simple. You will need two slices of very soft white bread and a jar of the best mayo you can buy. Liberally spread mayo on two slices of the white bread. Layer turkey slices (both white and dark meat are good) onto one of the slices. Salt the turkey, cover with other bread slice and voila, it's done. Of course, some people like to add some of the leftover dressing (stuffing) to the sandwich. You could also add a slice tomato and some lettuce to jazz it up a little. But plain old turkey, mayo and salt on white bread is a household favorite.

#### Tetrazzini

Here is an easy and creamy turkey and pasta casserole. You will need 8 ounces of uncooked spaghetti, broken in half; 2 tablespoons vegetable oil; 1/2 cup chopped

medium onion; 18 ounces of cream of mushroom soup; <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup of half-and-half; 1/2 teaspoon salt; 1/4 teaspoon pepper; and 2 cups cut-up leftover turkey.

For the topping, you will need 1/3 cup shredded Parmesan cheese and 1/3 cup Italian-style panko crispy bread crumbs.

Heat your oven to 350 degrees F. and spray an 11- by 11-inch (2 quart) glass baking dish with cooking spray. Cook and drain spaghetti as directed on packet; set aside. In 12-inch skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat until hot. Cook onion in oil 2 to 3 minutes, stirring frequently, until almost tender. Stir in soup, halfand-half, salt and pepper; heat to boiling. Stir in turkey and cooked spaghetti. Pour mixture into baking dish. Cover with foil; bake 20 minutes. In small bowl, mix topping ingredients and sprinkle over pasta mixture. Bake uncovered about 10 minutes longer or until bubbly around edges and center is hot.

#### **Turkey Noodle Soup**

Ins recipe will warm the cockles of your heart on a cold day.

You will need cooking spray, 1 cup sliced carrots, <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup chopped onion; 4 garlic cloves, minced (can reduce to taste); 1 cup sliced celery; 1/4 teaspoon salt; 1/4 teaspoon salt; 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper; 6 cups chicken broth; 2 cups (3 ounces) uncooked egg noodles; 1 tablespoon soy sauce; 1 bay leaf; and 2 cups shredded turkey (about 8 ounces).

### Police&Fire repo

#### **NO PARKING ON LEROY DURING JINGLEFEST PARADE**

Lt. Jason Slater of the Fenton Police Department said that the city will not be allowing any vehicles to be parked on LeRoy Street between Caroline Street and Shiawassee Avenue for the Jinglefest parade. All vehicles must be moved from 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5 until the parade is over.

#### FORMER CELLMATE **STEALS MAN'S CAMARO**

At 2 p.m. on Nov. 18, Fenton police responded to a business parking lot in the 3700 block of Owen Road. Officers met with a 29-year-old Ypsilanti man who said that his red 1986 Chevrolet Camaro had been stolen. The man said his former Washtenaw County Jail cellmate, a 29-year-old Flint man, had been released the previous day. The Ypsilanti man said the other man had asked to be driven to the store on Owen Road so that he could take care of some business. The Ypsilanti man walked into the store and when he returned to his car, it was gone. Police know the identity of the Flint man and are attempting to locate him and the Camaro, which is registered to the Ypsilanti man's girlfriend. The car was entered into Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) and Genesee Auto-theft Investigative Network (GAIN) as stolen.





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Department of Environmental Quality analyst

**Marjorie Frisch** 

**L** They plan to conduct

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Once again, the threat of terror has made travelers feel a little less safe, especially during this busy Thanksgiving week of travel.

With a worldwide travel alert issued Monday by the U.S. State Department, warning Americans about the widespread threats posed by members of the Islamic State or copycat bombers, security is high for all travel, even domestic.

"This situation affects more than

affects more

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to Paris. 77

John Schmitt

Superior Travel

just travel to Paris," said Schmitt. "Security is high everywhere, and that's a good thing. It's up to travelers to do their part."

He advises travelers to be at major airports like Detroit Metro, three hours ahead of flight time, even for domestic flights. "You may find it hard to locate a parking spot,

or face a longer line than you expected at check-in, or someone ahead of you has an issue at security. Any one of these things could cause you a problem."

Schmitt also suggests that you take extra caution when packing your carryon bag, making sure that everything you bring follows the security rules. "Usually it's innocent stuff, but it may cause you a



problem with security."

Huge public events like Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City, which typically attracts three million visitors, will experience heightened security with more police presence and new tactical response officers.

In watching out for security issues to particular travel destinations, Schmitt says, "We follow airlines' recommendations. Tour guides are our 'eyes and ears.' They can divert our people to safer places by changing their travel itinerary."

Even with heightened awareness about global **L**This situation threats of terrorism, Schmitt said that people are going to continue to travel. "Travelers today are more resilient," he said. "Certainly, if there's an event that happened at their actual destination, it would be cause for concern.

But it's a big world, and there are lots of other places to go."

He suggests travelers consider cancellation insurance for their own peace of mind, if they're concerned about future global issues. "Plan ahead how you want to plan, then consider buying insurance that will cost from 2 to 10 percent of the cost of your trip, but will allow you to change your plans up to the day before departure."





### **Orchestras to perform December concert**

Community and high school to present wellknown classical, jazz and Christmas pieces

The Fenton Community Orchestra (FCO) and Fenton High School (FHS) Jazz Orchestra invite you to join them for their December Concert Celebration. The concert will take place at the Fenton High School Ruby Zima Auditorium on Friday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free (donations are appreciated). Fenton High School is located at 3200 West Shiawassee Ave. Fenton.

FCO and FHS Jazz Orchestra will perform a variety of classical, holiday and jazz standards under the baton of Conductor Andrew Perkins. FCO will perform well-known works like Mussorgsky's Night on Bald Mountain, Trans-Siberian Orchestra's Christmas Eve/Sarajevo 12/24, Tchaikovsky's Final Scene from Swan Lake, and two pieces from The Nutcracker. The Fenton Jazz Orchestra will perform Duke Ellington's C-Jam Blues and Sandoval's Mambo Caliente.

"We are receiving phenomenal community support and increasing in number and skill of musicians," said FCO Executive Director Jennifer Fleck. "Last year our stage was filled with more than 70 musicians and the auditorium was standing room only. Our sixth season kicked off this September with an influx of more string players and notice that we received a \$10,000 matching grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts."

Their dress rehearsal on Thursday, Dec. 10 is becoming an event of its

#### LEFTOVERS **Continued from Page 5**

Heat a large saucepan over mediumhigh heat. Coat pan with cooking spray. Add carrot, onion, and garlic; sauté 5 minutes or until onion is lightly browned. Add celery, salt, and 1/4 teaspoon pepper; sauté 3 minutes. Add broth and next three ingredients; bring to a boil. Reduce heat, and simmer 5 minutes. Add shredded turkey; cook 3 minutes. Discard bay leaf.

#### **Turkey Pitas**

You will need 1/4 cup plain yogurt; 1/4 cup chopped peeled cucumber; 1/4 teaspoon lemon-pepper seasoning; 1/4 teaspoon dried oregano; 1/8 teaspoon garlic powder; 1/4 pound cut up leftover turkey; 2 whole pita breads, warmed; 1 small tomato, sliced; 2 slices red onion, halved; 2 pitted Greek olives, sliced; 2 pepperocini, sliced; 1/2 cup shredded lettuce and 2 tablespoons crumbled feta cheese.

In a small bowl, combine the first five ingredients. Stir in the turkey. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Spoon turkey mixture onto each pita; top with tomato, onion, olives, pepperocini, lettuce and feta cheese. Fold in half.

#### **Turkey Pot Pie**

This is an easy recipe requiring only a few ingredients, which include 2 cans



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SUBMITTED PHOTO The Fenton Community Orchestra rehearses for an upcoming concert. The next concert is Friday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in Fenton High School Ruby Zima Auditorium.

own, according to Fleck. From 6 to 6:30 p.m. students from Prelude Strings (a beginning string orchestra in Fenton and Hartland) will perform.

The FCO concert "run through" will be from 7 to 8 p.m. They are again working with the Fenton High School Chapter of the Key Club to invite and welcome area senior citizen groups. Students from an FHS Foods & Nutrition class will provide refreshments.

"Fenton High School is proud to host the Fenton Community Orchestra," said FHS Principal Mark Suchowski. "The FCO provides our students the opportunity to collaborate in music performances beyond the classroom with members of our local community," he said.

Community support is incredible, according to John Andersen, president of the FCO Board. "That support combined with the grants, have allowed us to not just continue but to increase the events we are able to provide for Fenton. We are working together with many community groups and businesses to bring fantastic orchestral music to our area."

(10<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> ounce each) condensed cream of chicken and mushroom soup;  $1 can (10\frac{1}{2})$ ounce) condensed chicken broth; 4 cups cut-up leftover turkey; 1 bag (12 ounce) frozen mixed vegetables (or use what you may have leftover from Thanksgiving feast); 2 cups Bisquick mix; <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> teaspoon poultry seasoning; and 11/2 cups milk

Heat oven to 375 degrees F. (350 degrees F for glass pan). In 4-quart saucepan, heat soup, broth, turkey and vegetables to boiling, stirring constantly. Boil and stir 1 minute. Spread in ungreased 13- by 9-inch pan. In medium bowl, stir remaining ingredients until blended. Pour evenly over soup mixture (crust will rise during baking). Bake about 30 minutes or until light brown.

#### **Turkey Tacos**

Everyone will enjoy this spicy taco. You will need 1 cup of leftover turkey, diced into cubes; 1 jalapeno, seeded and finely diced; 1/2 cup onion, finely chopped (sliced green onion works, too); 1/4 cup cilantro, finely chopped; 1/2 teaspoon cumin; 1 teaspoon oregano; salt, to taste; 1 tablespoon oil; 8 tortillas; 1/3 cup colby-monterey jack cheese or 1/4 cup mozzarella cheese, shredded

Heat oil in large pan. Add in turkey, jalapeno, onion, cilantro, cumin, oregano, and salt. Stir around until mixture is hot. Fill each tortilla with equal amounts of filling and top with cheese.



#### The meaning of life and a Thanksgiving Day thought

We are quickly heading into the annual holiday season with our Thanksgiving Day being tomorrow.

I won't go into a lengthy summary on the origins of Thanksgiving, but suffice it to say, it traditionally can trace its roots to a 1621 celebration in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Fast forwarding to when the United States became a country and our first President George Washington issuing a proclamation designating Nov. 26, 1789 as our first Thanksgiving Day.

The rest as they say is history, and although over the years Congress has periodically changed the date, Thanksgiving is now always celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November.

In that first proclamation, President Washington declared that Thanksgiving should be a day of prayer and thanks to God for all that had been given to the country.

It is fair to say that this general theme has endured to the present and with subsequent Presidential Proclamations.

At the very least, Thanksgiving is recognized as a day for all, whatever their station in life, to stop and give thanks for what they have.

One of the thoughts that some may also have on Thanksgiving Day is to pause and reflect on life and its meaning.

I believe that this is a good practice be it on a legal holiday or any other day of the year and I also believe that there is no one universally correct answer.

However, over the years, I have found that generally those who do their best to be good to others seemingly are the happiest people.

I don't profess to have the answers to all of this, but I think that one of the ways of finding meaning in life can be summed up in the following adage: 'The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.'

There are many other possibilities here and all us have to come up with our best individual answers.

I am a great fan of the writer O. Henry. I highly recommend reading his short story 'Two Thanksgiving Day Gentleman' as an example of giving to others.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

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## News briefs

Donate by Nov. 30 – items to be mailed to U.S. troops overseas

Dr. Patricia McGarry's dental office in Linden collected 500 pounds of candy for their "Candy Buy Back to Help Our Heroes" after Halloween. Every year, candy collected at her office is packaged and sent overseas to U.S. military. This year, McGarry's office would also like to send over muchneeded personal supplies for our troops. Items needed include socks, deodorant, laundry pods, coffee/hot chocolate, wash rags, jerky, travel pillows and blankets, baby wipes, soap, protein bars, razors, cup noodles — and cards of encouragement. Anyone interested in donating any of these items must do so by Monday, Nov. 30. This deadline will allow packages to arrive in time for the

holidays. McGarry's office is located at 200 Lindenwood Dr., Linden. For more information, the office can be reached at (810) 735-9426.

#### **Holiday Silent Auction**

The Friends of the Holly Township Library is hosting its third annual Holiday Silent Auction at the Holly Library, from now until Dec. 11. The library is located at 1116 North Saginaw St. and the silent auction takes place during library hours: Monday-Thursday, from 9:30-8 p.m., Friday, until 5 p.m. and Saturday, until 3:30 p.m. There are 42 unique baskets and other items up for auction until the library closes on Friday, Dec. 11. Winners will be notified by phone immediately and pick up is by the end of the day on Dec. 14. Items not picked up will go to the next highest bidder. The event benefits the summer reading program. For more information, call (248) 634-1754.

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**THE MAJORITY OF** Syrian refugees are not young males. UN data shows that more than half are women, and 27 percent are under 18 or over 59. That leaves 22 percent males between 18 and 59 (hardly a majority and not all young). Check facts at www.politifact.com. Let's please be a compassionate, courageous nation like France who is welcoming the refugees.

A GUEST ON a TV talk show gave an excellent example of why we should not take in Syrian refugees. He said, 'If you buy 100 grapes and you know that two are poisoned, would you eat them?'

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Tomek-Eastern Elementary student Connor Kendrick, 11, pushes a cart for a family out to their car Monday night at The Freedom Center in Fenton. Connor saw the adults working and decided he wanted to help. Overall, 100 families received the assistance; 23 baskets were delivered before the event Monday.

# Thanksgiving event brings volunteers, those in need, together

More than 100 local families receive baskets from The Freedom Center in Fenton

#### By Sally Rummel

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Looking at your own grocery cart for Thanksgiving dinner, it likely contained a plump turkey, delicious pumpkin pie, all the makings for green bean casserole, stuffing, rolls, and even whipped topping for the pie.

That's exactly what 100 local families will have on their Thanksgiving table this Thursday, thanks to a Thanksgiving Community Event sponsored Monday, Nov. 23 by The Freedom Center in Fenton.

Monday's event included a Thanksgiving basket giveaway to 100 households in the Fenton, Linden and Holly area, as well as delivery of about 20 baskets to people who couldn't pick up their own.

Each overflowing basket was valued at \$65 to \$70, thanks to good deals on products from local grocers. The baskets were packed on Saturday by a full legion of volunteers at the church.

"It's a full basket, enough to make a complete Thanksgiving dinner," said Shawny Neubecker, benevolence coordinator for The Freedom Center. "We are

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who travel a lot stow an emergency kit in their vehicle. "Some warm clothes, a snow shovel, some food, and a blanket are all good things to have for emergencies."

Lt. Jason Slater of the Fenton Police Department said police officers responded to seven snowstorm related traffic crashes from Saturday to Sunday. Four of those crashes took place on city streets and three took place in private business parking lots. There were no injuries.

Slater said, "That was pretty good considering the storm we had."

According to Holly Police Chief Mike Story, there were few problems in the Holly area.

"No accidents happened on public

so blessed to be able to provide for the needs of our community."

Most of the basket recipients are young families and senior citizens, according to Jennifer Strygulec, who heads the Food Pantry ministry at The Freedom Center, with her husband, Bob. "We want people to feel loved and supported, not embarrassed or ashamed," said Strygulec. "All of us have been in a position of need at some time in our lives."

Mancino's of Fenton provided 75 large pizzas at a reduced cost to help feed more than 350 people for a celebratory community dinner at The Freedom Center from basket recipients and their families to the volunteers who made the project possible. "Our community recipients and volunteers are our honored guests," said Neubecker. "Everyone is eating together."

The monetary generosity of local donors for Thanksgiving gave The Freedom Center an opportunity to help other congregations for Thanksgiving, including Riverside Tabernacle in Flint.

"A total of \$250 will also bless The Barn's Thanksgiving event (in Fenton) for those in need," said Neubecker. "We'll be providing hats and gloves, especially for the men attending the dinner, including those from My Brother's Keeper homeless shelter in Flint."

streets," Story said. "There were two private property accidents, one in a trailer park and another in a commercial parking lot, resulting in minimal damage."

Story said the village of Holly was aptly serviced by its Department of Public Works.

"I attribute their activity, the presence of officers and the public's advance warning, awareness of a larger snow event as the reason Holly was free of roadway accidents," Story said.

Now that winter weather has officially arrived, Story advises motorists to clear their windows completely, allow extra travel time, wear seatbelts, and use their brakes wisely as stopping distances are increased.

"Be mindful of weather reports so you are prepared," he added.

#### DICKENS

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Village Council. An emergency council meeting was called to determine whether the Dickens Festival could be held without the availability of someone to play the part of Ebenezer Scrooge, Kullis said.

One thing led to another and Kullis ended up with the part, likely because of his ability to deliver a Scrooge line in an authentic sounding theatrical accent. "That's how I got involved," Kullis said.

Despite the failing economy, the Dickens Festival held on, but was very weak, with little enthusiasm and participation.

Efforts to keep the festival going were unsuccessful. "It just tanked in 2013, after 40 years it was decided it was done," Kullis said.

Kullis said that's when social media took over. "People were saying we can't let it die, we already lost the Carry Nation festival," Kullis said. "One of the women on a social network said 'let's meet.' Twenty people showed up. I came in 10 minutes late and sat in the back. They voted on it and it was unanimous, that group wanted the festival to continue."

When the need for a director was discussed, Cathy Jo Bateman (owner of My Suite Holly) suggested Kullis be appointed to take the job.

Kullis talked about what it takes to be the director and run the festival. He outlined the need for cochairmans and subcommittees. "And you don't start in August or September, you start now, right after festival ends," Kullis told the group. "That's what it takes. If you can make a commitment to these committees, six of them with cochairs, then we stand a chance of being successful."

Kullis said when the dust settled, nine

#### New this year

Something new at the Holly Dickens Festival this year will be a prototype booth, said Director George Kullis. Previous potential vendors have declined because the entire festival takes place outside, in the cold. The prototype booth is aimed at showcasing to vendors what they can get next year, a place to get out of the cold and block the wind. They can have a little space heater as well. It also will be shown on the festival's website.

"We hope to have to build six of them for next year," said Kullis.

Something else new this year is the Detroit Institute of Arts will be at the festival with their mobile unit on the third weekend.

This year, the Santa Claus display will be new, and there will be a 100foot snow hill on Martha Street at the same place at the same time. Local churches will have nativity scenes available.

The festival committee is always looking for volunteers. "If I could get four guys to put in the stage Saturday morning and take it apart Sunday night, that would be one huge thing off our plate."

This year, the Holly High School football team will be helping with crowd control at the lighted parade. Last year, Police Chief Mike Story said it was the largest amount of people he's seen in Holly.

of the 12 positions were filled. "I felt that was enough to carry us through," he said. "The committees had enthusiasm like no other volunteer group. People want to join things that are fun, not arduous."

The committee has grown to a volunteer group of 40 people. Not all members are involved at the same level. Some can only be there once in a while and some are there every day, Kullis said.

Kullis said the committee met with Holly Area Schools, specifically Superintendent Dave Nuss and Holly High School Principal Pete LoFiego.

Holly Dickens Festival director "We set up a program to bring kids into the festival,"

he said. "Not just for manual labor, but to give these kids a chance to learn how to put together a festival using the skills they have and are learning in school, such as finance. In their senior year, we will put them on a committee as a cochair. It will

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**George Kullis** 

Last year all the entertainers, with the exception of Kullis, were kids from Holly Area Schools. There is no paid entertainment.

"The kids work very hard, from elementary, to middle to high school," Kullis said. "They used to pay for the actors and choirs, but that money is

not around. Right now, it is about the spirit of the **L**The day you season and people giving

> of themselves." Kullis said the goal is to have the Dickens Festival

> represented in the Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade. "I took committee mem-

bers to meet with the parade people," he said. "They got to sit and ask questions. They learned about sponsorships and that Ford Motor Company has a \$300,000 contract to sponsor the parade for three years. That's \$100,000 they are paying a year to sponsor that parade."

It costs close to \$35,000 to put on the Dickens Festival, according to Kullis. They rely on donations from businesses to finance the expenses.

"We just got Genesys hospitals to be our first corporate sponsor," Kullis said. "This will be our gateway to getting other sponsors in the area."

Sponsorships can be had for anywhere from \$50 to \$50,000, he added.

Last year, which represented the first year of the festival's recovery, the committee had to beg for vendors, Kullis said. "This year we have over 10."

Kullis said they will continue to hang onto the third weekend tradition, called "God bless us everyone." He said, "Someone asked if we would be smart to leave 'God' out for fear of offending anyone."

Kullis responded to that by saying, "The day you drop that is the day I'm done. It's about the Christmas season and it's about sharing our community with the rest."



The Barn in Fenton has a dual personality: it's a sports bar for serious sports fans with a fun menu of homemade favorite foods inspired by owner Jason Warda's great-grandmother.

"With 24 big screen TVs and a bar staff of certified mixologists, we're your destination for the 'big game,'" said Warda. "Music lovers will also enjoy acoustic bands on occasional weekends."

Bar patrons will also enjoy the food, including homemade buns for The Barn's gourmet hamburgers made from

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Popular menu items include The Barn Dip a cold specialty cheese dip with fresh dill and green onions. As well as The Barn Burger, 1/2 a pound of Peidmont Beef infused with Green Onions, Fresh Dill and Jalepenos. Appetizers, flatbread pizzas, soups and salads, sandwiches and a burrito bar round out the menu. Enjoy The Barn Brunch served on weekends, including Bottomless Bloody Mary's and Mimosas Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. - Noon.

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### I've had enough of cell phone rudeness

#### **By Vera Hogan**

vhogan@tctimes.com; 810-433-6823 Cell phones are a wonderful thing. It

allows us to be in touch with family and friends whenever we want, wherever we are and as often as we need

to, with just a push of a few buttons.

Yes, I said buttons. My husband and I still use "dumb phones" and will continue to do so as long as our carrier has them available, which I'm guessing won't be long. Nevertheless, we are happy with the phones we have that allow us to

make calls, text each other, take pictures, check the calendar and set an alarm. That is all we need.

We have not yet embraced the idea of placing a finger on the screen and wing-



Vera Hogan

ing it around to find whatever it is we're looking for — which is nothing to be honest — because we have dumb phones. When someone says 'there's an app for that,' our eyes glaze over with disinterest.

However, that's not what I'm writing about. Regardless of what type of phone you choose to carry, there is no reason to be rude — even accidentally.

Occasionally, I like to pick up a quick lunch at a fast food restaurant. Every time, and I mean every single time I get into the drive-up line, I place my order and then have to wait.

I'm waiting because the driver in front of me, after placing his or her order, drove just far enough ahead to get out of my way and then stopped — stopped to dink around on their cell phone. The cars in

front of that person are well ahead in the line, but the one in front of me doesn't move until I lay on the horn and yell, 'Come on, let's go!'

It's lunchtime, have a little courtesy toward the people behind you in line, who want to pick up their lunch and get back to work on time without having to wait until you're through texting or talking to whomever.

When I do my grocery shopping, I usually have a list. I usually go to VG's because I know where everything is located. Nearly every time I go, there is someone standing in front of a product I want, either talking on the phone with someone about the choices in that aisle, texting about it, or taking a picture to show the person on the other end. 'Should I get this, or this,' they ask. In the

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Street to investigate a suspicious situation at 5 a.m. An injured woman had entered the store, claiming that people were trying to kill her.

The victim told the clerk that the man and woman inside the car may have weapons. The clerk saw a Buick Lucerne with two occupants parked just outside the store door. While the clerk and victim waited for police, the clerk locked the door to the store.

As police officers were en route, they learned that the car had left the gas station and was traveling southbound on North LeRoy. Officers conducted a felony, with weapons drawn, traffic stop on the car and made contact with the two occupants.

When police arrived at the gas station store, they observed bite marks and lacerations, possibly made from a box cutter on the Flint woman. Some of the victim's hair had also been pulled out. She was transported to an area hospital with multiple injuries.

From their investigation, police learned that the victim and the two people in the car had been at a bar in Flint Township earlier that night. The Flint man and the Flint woman, who had been boyfriend/girlfriend, had gotten into an argument. The man's cousin from Wisconsin was in town visiting family and was with the couple that night.

The victim told police that her boyfriend had become upset and assaulted her at the bar. The three of them then got into the car. During their drive, the man and woman reportedly assaulted the Flint woman. The car struck a curb and caused a flat tire.

In an attempt to fix the flat tire, the man pulled into the gas station in Fenton. This is when the victim was able to unlock and open a back door to flee.

The cousins were turned over to Flint Township police since the alleged assault started in that jurisdiction. Identities of the suspects will be released when they are arraigned. Charges against the man include assault with a dangerous weapon and aggravated assault. Charges against his cousin include aggravated assault.

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#### **By Sally Rummel**

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event for spring or summer 2016, according to owner Sherry Wohlford. With holiday parties already booked for 2015, most party planners are looking ahead to the next season for special occasions coming in the New Year.

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"Linda has been known to show up to KRCC (Karl Richter Community Center) at 6 a.m. to weed the flower beds in the summertime just so she can get it done and no one knows it is her doing it. She just does it because it needs done. You never have to ask her twice for help she usually has it done before you can even ask."

Smith said she enjoys volunteering to improve her community adding, "I am very honored to receive this award."

#### ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR

The Holly Organization of the Year is the Holly Moose Lodge #1168.

"The group has around 500 members who selflessly give back to the community and families who live in Holly," said Silvis. "In just the past year, the Moose has paid for the flowers to decorate the Historic Downtown, donated to Holly's fireworks display, and donated to the DDA. (Downtown Development Authority), to name just a few.

"The Moose is always willing to help the businesses and families of our great community," said Silvis.

Gary Murphy, governor for the Moose Lodge, said "Everybody works hard, we love the community and are happy to do it."

#### **BUSINESS OF THE YEAR**

This year's Business of the Year award goes to Zanie Janie's Simply Coffee at the corner of Saginaw Street and Battle Alley.

"Zanie Janie's, owned by Janie



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** I COURTESY PHOTO Zanie Janie has been awarded the "Business of the Year" distinction. Known to open her doors for all, she has been in business for six years at the corner of Saginaw Street and Battle Alley in downtown Holly.

Slagell, was selected because of her willingness to always open her doors to everyone, always making you feel at home," said Silvis. "And because she has the most amazing coffee."

"To God be the glory great things he has done," Slagell said. "I feel very privileged to be a part of downtown Holly for the past six years and so very blessed by the cool people who visit my shop. I look forward to many more years serving our community."

Award recipients will receive plaques for their contributions at the Holly Area Chamber of Commerce's Annual Dinner on Dec. 4, at The Holly Hotel.



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Linden Elementary students sit on and stand around the school's new Buddy Bench, meant to help children find friends to play with on the playground.

## Will you be my buddy?

New Buddy Bench at Linden Elementary is helping kids make friends

#### By Hannah Ball

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Asking other children to play on the playground can be scary for some children, but one bench at Linden Elementary is helping to rememdy that.

This Buddy Bench sits on the playground and if kids don't have anyone to play with, they simply sit on the bench and wait for someone to ask them to play.

"It's for anyone who's feeling alone and wants somebody to play with," said Jennifer Ross, 31, of Linden. She's involved with PALS (Parents Actively Involved in Linden Schools), the organization that came up with the idea.

It took her husband,

CJ, who's a carpenter, approximately five days to build the bench and her about three or four days to paint it. Ross chose red, white and black colors to represent Linden's colors.

She also painted quotes like "smile" and "be a friend" on the bench. Ross said it can intimidating for little children to ask a group of children if they can play and the Buddy Bench fixes that. "If a child sees another child sitting on the buddy bench, he goes and sits with them so no one will be alone," she said. "It's easier for a child to just sit."

She said the bench was supposed to be done in October because it's bullying awareness month, but it debuted on the playground last week.

Teachers and students have given her positive responses.

Ross saw a few kids walk up to the kids sitting on the bench to ask them to play. "I got a few letters from the students thanking me for it," she said.

She and her husband have three sons: Ryker, 2, Connor, 7, and Gage, 5.

When she picks up Connor and Gage from Linden Elementary, parents tell her the bench is nice and they appreciate it.

**ne.77** "I would like to thank Linden Elementary for the idea and letting me and my husband put it together and give it to the kids," she said.

Principal Robert Pouch said kids are very excited about the bench.

"It has already created a culture of enthusiasm to ensure all children are involved in recess activities," Pouch said. "We foster a family environment at Linden El and this is one more initiative to help assist with random acts of kindnesses around the campus."



#### **44** If a child sees another child sitting on the buddy bench, he goes and sits with them so no one will be alone. **77** Jennifer Ross

Linden parent, Parents Actively

Involved in Linden Schools member

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have between 150-180 students, so this decrease in students and revenue will continue.

This decrease in enrollment is mostly due to the declining birth rate, Maker said, and the board is exploring options to compensate for this loss in revenue.

The first option is changing the elementary schools into grade-level centers instead of having every grade level in every school.

Maker said that since elementary school students are placed in their schools based on where they live, class sizes could vary across the district for the same grade.

"(Grade-level centers) will help equalization. As enrollment moves, we move our staffing as well, which in turn

affects our overall district costs," Interim Superintendent Russ Ciesielski explained in a July 2015 Times article.

At the Oct. 21 meeting, Treasurer Michael Murphy said grade-level centers are the "fairest" option, according to board meeting minutes.

He supported the plan of having K-1 at Central Elementary, 2-3 at Linden Elementary, and 4-5 at Hyatt Elementary.

Many teachers do not support this plan.

Heather Josephson, Central Elementary kindergarten teacher and parent at Linden Community Schools, said one problem is the board does not have all the information on the transition.

"How can we proceed in less than two months with a final decision if all you can say is 'I don't know'?" she said. "Looking at this option, you present the most transitions, the most difficult thing for children at a young age. I still have kids who cry every single day. Now you're going to ask them to learn a new building, a new principal, a new staff every single year."

Maker said he was glad to get feedback from teachers because they offer a completely different perspective.

With the grade-level centers, the district would see eight staff reductions by the 2018-2019 school year, according to the Oct. 13 minutes of a special board meeting.

A few other concerns with grade-level centers are parent pick-up times and after-

#### school programs.

Maker, Secretary Steven Losey, and trustees Peter Ponzetti, Jason Rowden, and Michelle Shayna spoke in favor of gradelevel centers at the Oct. 21 meeting.

The second option, switching back to semesters from trimesters, would save money in the long-run but not immediately, Maker explained.

A few teachers spoke against this option because going back to semesters would reduce

the amount of classes and options available to high school students. All board members spoke in

favor of reverting to semesters at the Oct. 21 meeting.

The third option, making the Young Fives Program a full-day program instead of a half-day program, would give the school the full-day revenue instead of only the half-day

Losey, Michael Murphy and Rowden did not support this plan, according to the Oct. 21 meeting minutes. The other board members wanted more community input.

The board has met with the staff at each elementary school to discuss these options, and is planning a public forum for sometime in December.

The board aims to make a decision by January.

#### PAST REJECTED PROPOSAL

The student projection for the 2018-2019 year could see a decrease ranging from 12 to 29 percent, according to the 2013-2014 numbers.

One option explored earlier this year was to move 31 students from Linden Elementary to Hyatt or Central Elementary, which would have solved unequal class sizes. However, since the idea was opposed by parents, the school board decided to come up with other plans.

Because the plan did not go through, Board President Scott Maker said they had to hire two additional staff members, something the district cannot keep doing.

#### HOLLY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOVEMBER 18, 2015 REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

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Roll Call: Supervisor Smith, Clerk Winchester, Treasurer Freeman, Trustee Cornwell and Trustee Ruth. Public Hearing: 2016 Community Development Block Grant Application. Approved: Township Properties. Proposed Amendments Garage Sale Ordinance - Chapter 32 Approved: Zoning, Article IV Supplementary Regulations, Section 32-142 Garage Sales, Rummage Sales and Similar Activities. Postponed: Proposed Amendments to the Outdoor Gatherings Ordinance. 2016 CDBG Application - Proposed Resolution 2015-30. Postponed: Approved: Defined Contribution Plan – Proposed Resolution 2015-31. Planning Commission Appointments – Tony Engelberg. Approved: No Action: Prosper Magazine.

Karin S. Winchester Holly Township Clerk

Gravel Program.

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meantime, I'm standing there tapping my foot and clearing my throat hoping they will turn around and see that they're holding up the show.

How did people do their grocery shopping before cell phones?

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I know I'm fighting a losing battle — zoom into this century, Vera, and get with the program, buy a smartphone, take it everywhere, lose yourself and become oblivious to your surroundings.

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### 'Snuggle Sacks' help the homeless

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**Stacey Daul** 

Linden resident,

with Snuggle

■Local 8-year-old fills bags with essentials for the homeless

#### **By Hannah Ball**

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When a local 8-year-old girl met her grandfather for the first time this past August, she didn't expect him to be homeless. Addisyn Goss, a Linden Elementary student, learned her grandfather

was homeless and he lost a leg.

"I met my grandpa. We went to visit him in Indiana," she said. "He was homeless for 10 years." The family hadn't **Came up** spoken to him in 10 years and learned he was living in a veterans home.

Stacey Daul, her mother, said Addisyn was very affected by the visit. "When we got home from

that it really hit Addisyn," Daul said. The two decided to help the homeless by starting Snuggle Sacks in October. They collect essential items and donations to fill bags that are distributed to the homeless.

"She said everyone deserves love so we came up with Snuggle Sacks," Daul said. "Now our house looks like Costco."

The bags include three snacks. toiletries, hand sanitizer, shampoo, soap, lotion, socks, gloves, change to make phone calls, Chapstick, hand warmers, and occasionally blankets. So far they've made about 75. The

original plan was to hand them out personally, but they decided to pair with Catholic Charities in Flint to organize dispersing the bags. "They know the people who are actually homeless as opposed to people who wouldn't actually need them," Dual said.

People who would like to donate can drop off Snuggle Sacks coordinator items at Legends Bar & Grill in Fenton, Alpine

Marketplace or Coney Cafe in Linden, and they can also arrange a drop-off with Daul over Facebook. Search "Snuggle Sacks-Survival Kits for the Homeless" on the site to get in contact with Daul.

TRI-COUNTY TIMES I HANNAH BALL

Fenton Township Clerk Bob Krug and his grandson check out a grave marker found in the Fenton Township dog park, currently in development. The township is searching for "A. B. Smith," the name carved on top of the concrete block.

#### GRAVE **Continued from Front Page**

"Here Lies A.B. Smith. 1908." The inscription appears to hand-mark.

Fenton Township Clerk Bob Krug, one of the people to uncover it, said, "We thought it was a corner post and then we thought 'well, this is a dumb spot for a corner post."

Krug said they want to identify A.B. Smith, but the township doesn't have any records of the name.

The township checked voter records and a Justice of the Peace log from the 1800s. They even checked with the Genesee County Undersheriff Chris Swanson.

No one knows who A. B. Smith is.

"We don't know if he's a property owner or if he was someone who came through and worked for someone and he died, and they buried him on the farm," Krug said. "I wish I could help him more."

The grave lies only about 20 feet from the end of the new two-acre dog park, which the township aims to complete sometime next summer, and is backed by wetlands. A fence will eventually separate the dog park and the wetlands.

Tom Broecker, Fenton Township operations manager/deputy clerk said, to the best of their knowledge, the land has only been used for farming. The park property, along with a few adjacent properties, was part of a residential development plan several years ago, but it was never started.

The township plans to put a fence around the approximately 5-foot-tall, 2-foot-wide grave marker.

"We want to embrace it. It's got to be something that's very important to someone," Krug said. "I'm hoping somebody might know. We're going to fence (the grave) off, clean it up. Maybe some long lost relative will pick up the name."



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**GRACE SIEFKER** She helped the 400 freestyle relay team place 16th at the state meet.



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#### LEE. LEMOND **COMPETE AT ALL-STAR MEET**

Fenton cross country runner Jacob Lee and Holly harrier Dilon Lemond competed for Team Michigan at the four-team Mid East Cross Country Championships held at Ohio's Indian Rifle Park on Saturday.

Lee placed 27th with a 5K time of 16:37.0, while Lemond placed 36th in 16:43.8.

The event included senior all-star teams from Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Ohio. Indiana won the event, while Michigan placed third. Lee, who capped the regular season by earning All-State honors, was the sixth-fastest runner on Michigan's 10-runner team. Lemond was eighth.

Lee and Lemond qualified for the team a week earlier at a qualifying race.

### Fenton makes a statement at state meet

■ Shegos places fifth at event; Tigers finish tied for 13th overall

Sports

#### **By David Troppens** dtroppens@tctimes.com

Rochester — Times were dropped.

Everybody qualified for the second day of the meet.

The Tigers even scored enough points to tie for 13th. All in all, the Fenton var-

sity girls swimming and diving team's performance at the Division 2 State Swimming and Diving Championships held at Oakland University on Friday and Saturday had to be looked upon as an outstanding success.

The Tigers sent five girls to Friday's preliminary round of the state meet, and had all five qualify for at least one event during Saturday's final day, giving the Tigers reason to feel pretty proud of their state experience. And the best part, four of the five are underclassmen.

"It was a great meet," Fenton sophomore diver Taylor Shegos

said. "I'm happy that all of our hard work paid off and I'm happy we all made it to the finals. It was all fun."

"I was extremely happy and satisfied that we were all able to get (to the second day) individually or in a relay," senior swimmer Brianna Costigan said. "Getting back to the next day was exceptional."

Diver Taylor Shegos led the Tigers' charge. Shegos, who qualified for the state meet by capturing the diving regional title with a school-record score of 392.75, followed up that performance by capturing fifth place at the state meet. She finished with an 11-dive All-State score of 431.75. She qualified for Saturday's final round by posting a score of 286.75 during Thursday's opening rounds. Shegos competed last year, but was sick. She placed 17th, not qualifying her for the final round. During this year's competition Shegos usually bounced around fifth to seventh place, comfortably advancing through each stage.

See FENTON on 16



**TRI-COUNTY** TIMES DAVID TROPPENS (Left) Fenton

diver Taylor Shegos practices a dive while at the Division 2 state swim meet on Friday. Shegos earned All-State honors by taking fifth in diving. (Below) Teammate Elise Cassidy took 16th in the backstroke with a time of 59.36 seconds.



### Area athletes help lead Powers to title game

#### By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 Saturday's Division 4 state semifinal contest between Flint Powers Catholic and Detroit Country Day had a little different feel to it than most games according to Powers quarterback and Fenton resident Noah Sargent.

#### TRI-COUNTY TIMES I MARK BOLEN -

Fenton resident and Powers running back Reese Morgan (middle) runs through the snow in the Chargers' D4 state semifinal victory against Detroit Country Day.

"It reminded me of when I was eight years old in the backyard and playing with friends," Sargent said.

That was understandable considering at least six inches of snow pounded the West Bloomfield High School football field during the semifinal. However, once it was over, the snow couldn't keep the Chargers from earning a spot in the D4 championship game, defeating Country Day 21-14.

Sargent, along with many other players who reside in the tri-county area, helped See ATHLETES on 16

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Fenton resident and Powers guarterback Noah Sargent (front) runs

through the snow in the Chargers' D4 state semifinal 21-14 victory against Detroit Country Day. Powers plays Zeeland West in the D4 state championship game Friday at Ford Field.



### ATHLETES

**Continued from Page 15** make the victory possible. In fact, Sargent may have been the player of the game, throwing one TD pass and running for the gamewinning one-yard run with just 25 seconds left in regulation. But as memorable as the victory was, earning the Chargers (11-2) a spot in Ford Field's D4 championship game on Friday at 7:30 p.m. against undefeated Zeeland West (13-0), the snow made Saturday's contest one to remember.

"There was a lot of snow," Sargent said. "You could see the (outof-bounds) lines but not a whole lot more."

I have never played in a game with that much snow," Fenton resident and starting corner back and running back Reese Morgan said. "It will be a game I will remember forever. We came to play. Country Day never came out for warmups. We were out there still going through our pregame warm-up despite the snow. It was incredible."

"It was an experience I'll never forget," Fenton resident and starting linebacker Spencer Gomez said. "It was like a dream, it was like Lambeau Field. The snow was deep. It had to be four to five inches deep they were shoveling constantly."

Powers' determination also was memorable. The Chargers trailed 14-0 entering halftime. Country Day scored with 1:46 left in the first quarter on a Steve Mann 63yard TD pass completion to Larry Penson. Then, early in the second quarter, Chris Bergin scored on a one-yard run. A two-point conversion pass from Mann to Kolin Demers put Country Day up 14-0 at the half. However, the Chargers were reminded when they trailed by 21 points at the half against Midland Dow earlier in the season. Powers lost the contest, 35-30, but had an opportunity to take the lead during the second half.

"I think we never gave up," Gomez said. "We were confident even when we were down at halftime. We were down by 21 against Dow and we ended up losing that game during the last second. We had a chance to win that game, so we realized nothing was impossible. We just had to believe."

Sargent played a huge role in the comeback. First, he hit Peyton Beauchamp with a 38-yard TD pass with 6:12 remaining in the third quarter. The extra-point wasn't converted and the Chargers trailed 14-6.

"He was wide open," Sargent said. "(Beauchamp) did most of the work."

Late in the quarter, it was Morgan who provided the game-tying score, scampering 20 yards for the TD. Sargent ran the ball into the end zone for the two-point conversion and a tied game at 14-all with 25 seconds left in the third quarter.

"I got a great block from my line, cut it up the middle and broke away," Morgan said about the

#### score. Our line was doing awesome. ... I have to give the line a lot of credit."

Powers put together the gamewinning drive, beginning on their side of the field. Morgan had a big third-and-long run, using it to convert the first down. Later Sargent hit Nick Thompson for a large gain on another third-andlong play. Eventually, it resulted in Sargent scoring the game-winning TD with 26 seconds left from one yard out.

Sargent capped the contest by breaking up a Country Day Hail Mary. Sargent also had a key interception earlier in the contest.

Sargent (79 yards) and Morgan (77) combined for 156 ground yards. Two other key starting players with tri-county roots in the contest were linebackers Kelson Connors and Connor Stein. Others on the roster include Noah Gilmour, Hunter Kenrick, Nick Locascio and Henry Warner.

Powers will be playing in its first state championship contest since 2011 when the squad won the D5 championship. That team also had a large tri-county influence within its roster.

"We are peaking at the right time," said Sargent, who was Linden's starting quarterback his sophomore season before transferring to Powers. "We had some injuries early on. ... We are getting healthy and peaking at the right time."

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"I was very happy with it," Shegos said. I worked hard for it and it all worked out. I was sixth after the first day of dives and then I moved to fifth on Saturday. It was great. There was a lot different competition there and it made it more challenging."

"I know Taylor would've loved to be higher than fifth, but that makes her All-State and puts her on the wall," Fenton varsity swimming and diving coach Brad Jones said. "She performed in the finals for the first time and I'm really excited about her future. Being a state champion before she graduates is not an unrealistic expectation."

The rest of Fenton's team - Elise Cassidy, Costigan, Cameron Mathews and Grace Siefker — competed in swimming events. All four of them competed in the 400 freestyle relay, creating one of Friday's most dramatic moments. The group came into the event with a seeded time of 3:48.42, but dropped their time almost six seconds to 3:42.50. The reason for the time drop was due to the addition of Costigan, who wasn't part of the team that posted the state qualifying time in the first place. She was out with a serious thumb injury. However, with her included, the time drop occurred and gave Fenton a shot at qualifying for Saturday's second day despite entering the meet as the 24th seed. Fenton had to wait for three other heats before finding out they qualified tied for 13th. Once in the consolation finals, the Tigers finished 16th overall, with a time of 3:42.85.

"It was really nerve wracking waiting," Costigan said. "I was standing on the bench, jumping up and down. Of course you don't want to wish bad thoughts upon anybody, but I was waiting to see the times to see if we can come back.

"We were really happy to make it. Going in we knew we would have a time drop, but we didn't know the cut in time would be that much."

Costigan's performance helped make it possible. After accidently cutting one of her thumbs right before the start of the swim season, it was a mystery if she would be able to swim this season at all. Not close to 100 percent, Costigan started swimming about three weeks prior to the state meet. She also qualified for an individual event, posting a time of 25.14 in the 50 freestyle during Friday's preliminary round.

"I learned things may not always go your way," Costigan said. "I learned even though things may happen different than you expect, things can still turn out really well."

Cassidy, a junior, was the busiest of Fenton's swimmers. She competed in the relay and two individual events, qualifying for the consolation semifinals in one of the individual events as well. Seeded 18th entering the meet, Cassidy posted a 15thplace time of 59.0 in the 100 backstroke. In Saturday's consolation finals, she placed 16th in 59.36. She also competed in the prelims of the 100 freestyle, posting a time of 54.82, .4 seconds faster than her seeded time, but not low enough to make it to Saturday's second day. It was a strong showing for Cassidy.

"Elise was aiming to get back in the backstroke so she accomplished her goal," Jones said. "We knew what it would take to come back and she did it. Her plans are to come back, make the finals and break the school record (in the future)." DEADLINES: SUNDAY PAPER: Display Ads: Wednesday 3 p.m. • Line Ads: Noon Thursday • WEDNESDAY PAPER: Display Ads: Monday 3 p.m. • Line Ads: Noon Tuesday

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Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 East Broad Street, Linden. Rev. Don Neuville officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 9 AM

until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to Linden Presbyterian Church or Michigan Community VNA. Marjory was born April 27, 1925 in Holly, the daughter of Clarence and Elizabeth (Muzzy) Eneix. She was a 1942 graduate of Linden High School. She married Bryce M. Felch on June 14, 1945 and he preceded her in death on September 19, 1987. Marjory was the owner of Felches in Linden and had also been employed in real estate and at General Motors. She was a former member of Spring Meadows Country Club. She was a member of the Linden Presbyterian Church and attended Longboat Island Chapel in Florida.

#### 1925-2015 She loved playing bridge and had belonged to many bridge clubs over the years. Marjory loved



to quilt and had made one for every family member. Marjory is survived by children, Virginia (Charles) Peckham of Linden, Lawrence Felch of Linden, John

Cindi Luke, Ranald (Jessica) Luke, Sarah (Dennis) Brake; greatgrandchildren, Benjamin and Max Luke, Brynn and Caedan Walsh; sister-inlaw, Maryanne Eneix; several nieces and nephews; good friends, Barbara Blackmer, Margie Kimball and Bonnie Hibbs. She was also preceded in death by her parents; sister, Irene Eneix; brothers, Harold and Lee Eneix. The family extends a special thank you to the staff of Courtyard Manor, Caretel Inns of Linden and Michigan Community VNA Hospice. Tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.





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Deadline for submission is 3:00 p.m. Thursday December 10, 2015. Send letter of application and résumé to: Charter Township of Fenton, Attn: Operations Manager, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430-8817.



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## **VD RELEASES**

#### SHAUN THE SHEEP

When Shaun decides to take the day off and have some

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fun, he gets a little more action than he bargained for. A mix up with the Farmer, a caravan, and a very steep hill lead them all to the Big City

and it's up to Shaun and the flock to return everyone safely to the green grass of home. PG, 1 hr. 25 min.



**AMERICAN ULTRA** American Ultra is a fast-paced action

comedy about Mike (Eisenberg), a seemingly hapless and unmotivated stoner whose small-town life with his live-in girlfriend, Phoebe (Stewart), is suddenly turned upside down. Unbeknownst to him. Mike is actually

a highly trained lethal sleeper agent. In the blink of an eye, as his secret past comes back to haunt him. R, 1 hr. 39 min.



# HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might feel that you have all the answers right now. But it might be wise to listen to other ideas before you decide to close the lid on other possibilities.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Bovines give and expect loyalty, so it might not be easy to reconcile with someone you feel let you down. Why not ask a neutral party to set up a clear-the-air meeting?

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Anticipating the holidays with family and friends fuels your must-do Gemini energies. But try to pace yourself so you'll be up for whatever comes along later.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) More background information might come through regarding a decision you expect to make. Be sure to check the source carefully before you move.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) The strong, nurturing nature of the Lion comes through this week as you reach out to family and friends in need of your warm and loving

support. VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) A relationship that has almost totally unraveled could be close to being restored with more effort on your part to be more patient and less judgmental.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Your sense of fair play is strong this week, which can cause a problem with a longtime relationship. But in the end, you'll know what decision to make.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You might not know all the facts

behind an unwelcome development, so keep that Scorpion temper in check and resist lashing out at anyone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

This is a good time to reinforce relationships — family, friends, colleagues — that might have been overlooked in recent years.

#### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Family situations continue to thrive. Business associations also improve. Some holiday plans might have to be shifted a bit. Be flexible.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Avoid any influence of negative energy in this week's aspect by not allowing small problems to grow into large ones. Work them out immediately.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)

A friend might need advice on how to deal with a challenge to his or her moral values. And who better than you to give the honest answer?

### **CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

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