

# Criminal cases will be back in the news in 2016

## ■ Times will continue to report court actions

By Vera Hogan

vhogan@tctimes.com; 810-433-6823

This year has been busy for criminals in, or

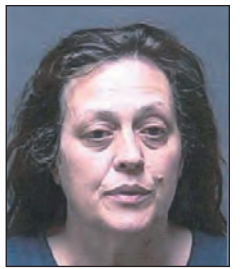
connected to the tri-county area. The Times has been reporting on the following cases and will continue to do so when court actions resume in January 2016:

**Mary Bigford**

The trial for Mary Bigford, 52, the woman accused of shooting her granddaughter's father,

Lawrence Howard, Jr., 39, of Fenton, six times while he sat in his car in Mt. Pleasant on April 18, has been postponed until Jan. 11, 2016. She has been charged with one count of open murder, one count of first-degree murder, one count of carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful

See **CRIMINAL** on 7



Mary Bigford

PAGE 3  
**MIT ASTROPHYSICIST  
WITH LOCAL TIES  
DISCOVERS  
NEW PLANET**

# Midweek Times

\$1.00

VOL. 22 NO. XLVIII

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2015

2012 - 2013 - 2014 **NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR**

## Volunteers needed

### ■ 'Wreaths Across America' honor military dead

By Vera Hogan

vhogan@tctimes.com

Volunteers will be at Great Lakes National Cemetery at 4200 Belford Road in Holly Township on Saturday, Dec. 12, to participate in the annual "Wreaths Across America" (WAA) event.

More volunteers are needed, however, as well as donations. This year so far, the group has about half of the wreaths it needs to cover the 19,000 gravesites at Great Lakes.

WAA is a national non-profit organization founded in 2007 to continue and  
See **VOLUNTEERS** on 5

“Just the idea of placing the wreath on a soldier's grave kicks in and ambushes you with emotion.”

Cherie Smith

Fenton City Councilwoman and wreath volunteer

## Dickens Festival drawing large crowds



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

The first Saturday of Dickens Festival brought venders and visitors to Battle Alley in downtown Holly. Festival staples like shopping, caroling, a sledding hill, performances of "A Christmas Carol," and Santa Claus kept the foot traffic up during the mild, fall-like weather. The popular festival is back for three weekends, each with its own theme. This past week's theme was "Home for the Holidays." This weekend is "Decked out for Dickens" and the final weekend is "God Bless us, Everyone." See story on page 6.

## Why residents can't recycle Styrofoam, plastic bags and more

### ■ Residents adjusting to the big blue bins

By Hannah Ball

hball@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792

**Fenton Twp.** — The word at the Board of Trustees meeting on Monday was residents are starting to like their new blue trash and recycling bins.

See **RECYCLE** on 12



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

## Holly family stars on 'House Hunters'

### ■ Popular HGTV show airs 'Lots of Land or On the Water in Holly, Michigan'

By Sally Rummel

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

Realtor Ann Hernandez-Gabler of Legacy Realty in Fenton got a phone call early this fall that any Realtor would dream of — from a casting director at HGTV's popular hit show "House Hunters."

See **'HOUSE HUNTERS'** on 8

TEXT  
YOUR  
HOT LINE  
810-771-TEXT



“The abortion clinic murderer should be incarcerated for life. But the hypocrisy of the situation is astonishing. Why are the lives of the three who died more important than the lives of the over one million babies aborted in 2014? Would someone care to answer this for me?”



“Thank you Vera Hogan, for your article about cell phone use. I would like to add the people who wait at a full-service counter, like the deli or meat department, but continue to talk on the phone.”



COMMENT  
OF THE WEEK

“Our family is so excited for Fenton's Jinglefest and Linden's Holiday Happening this weekend. We always have out-of-town guests go with us. It's such a great family event.”



# Fenton Culver's top five in nationwide competition

■ Finalist will be chosen by Culver's at Phoenix event; local employees invited

By Hannah Ball

hball@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792

**Fenton** — Of its 558 stores, the Fenton Culver's is one of five finalists in a nationwide Culver's Crew Contest. The restaurant celebrated on Tuesday with a visit from Craig Culver, founder and Phil Keiser, CEO and president of the chain.

The aroma of burgers, fries and anticipation were in the air as about 20 Culver's employees, all in blue smocks and the signature Culver's baseball hat, waited to cheer for Culver and Keiser when they walked into the restaurant.

Culver and Keiser entered to loud applause and after shaking everyone's hand, congratulated the employees on making their's one of the top five Culver's restaurants in the nation.

Culver said the award has nothing to do with money or sales. "It's on hospitality, skills, how the restaurant looks. It's really



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | HANNAH BALL

Approximately 20 employees at the Fenton Culver's wait for Craig Culver, founder, and Phil Keiser, CEO and president, of the chain to enter the restaurant on Tuesday.

more about the people. What kind of team we have. When you enter the restaurant, are you being greeted?"

He said they are also judged on operations and speed of service, but it's more about the crew. "It's really about the heart,

the feel when you walk into a restaurant," he said.

For this competition, a team of people at Culver Franchising System, Inc. nominated the restaurants, and then went

**See CULVER'S on 7**

## News briefs

### Teen's Livingston County case set aside

Ryan Stevens, 18, of Linden has had a hearing in Livingston County juvenile court postponed last week. A "show cause" hearing for Stevens had been scheduled in front of Judge David Reader, but was set aside pending the results of an exam ordered by Genesee County. Stevens, who was on probation in Livingston County following a guilty plea last year to fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct for having sex with a girl under the age of 16, is charged in Genesee County with conspiracy to commit attempted first-degree premeditated murder and false report or threat of terrorism. Stevens is charged along with two 15-year-olds for an alleged plot to carry out a shooting at Linden schools at the end of October. A Genesee County judge ordered Stevens and one of his co-defendants to undergo a competency and criminal responsibility exam, which the Livingston County hearing is now awaiting the results of before being rescheduled. Stevens remains lodged in the Genesee County Jail, while the two 15-year-olds are held in the Genesee Valley Regional Detention Center, due to their ages. The psychological exams may be completed by the next meeting date on Jan. 6, 2016.

### New minimum wage kicks in for Michigan employees

Beginning Tuesday, Dec. 1, Michigan workers will see an increase in the minimum wage rate from \$8.15 to \$8.50. This new change to state law marks the second of a gradual 25-percent increase of the minimum wage resulting in \$9.25 per hour by 2018. New online resources are available at [www.michigan.gov/wagehour](http://www.michigan.gov/wagehour) to help workers and employers understand the facts as the new rate takes effect. On May 27, 2014, the Workforce Opportunity Wage Act, Public Act 138 of 2014 (Act 138) took immediate effect, replacing the Michigan Minimum Wage and Overtime Act (Act 154). Act 138 applies to employers in Michigan that have two or more employees age 16 and older. The current minimum wage is \$8.15.

#### The rate increases as follows:

- Jan. 1, 2016 - \$8.50
- Jan. 1, 2017 - \$8.90
- Jan. 1, 2018 - \$9.25

#### Youth training wage

Act 138 allows an employer to pay a newly hired employee age 16 to 19 a rate of \$4.25 per hour for the first 90 days of employment.

#### 85-percent minimum wage

Act 138 allows an employer in Michigan to pay 85 percent of the minimum wage to employees aged 16 and 17; however, note that the current Federal Minimum Wage rate is \$7.25 per hour. Employers that are covered by both State and Federal Minimum Wage law should pay the higher applicable rate.

**Hartland**  
INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.  
Hartland • Highland • Hamburg • Flushing

**THE PROMISE IN EVERY GLASS...**

You place a special character into your wine to deliver the promise of a unique experience, starting with the finest ingredients and ending with the perfect glass of wine they can't find anywhere else.

At Auto-Owners, we understand the importance of delivering on a promise. We have designed a special coverage package to help ensure you can continue to do what you do best – create the finest quality wines. Contact one of these fine independent agencies representing Auto-Owners today:

**Hartland Insurance Agency**  
2532 Old US 23 • P.O. Box 129 • Hartland • 810-632-5161  
[www.hartlandinsurance.com](http://www.hartlandinsurance.com)

**Auto-Owners**  
INSURANCE

LIFE • HOME • CAR • BUSINESS





Zachory Berta-Thompson and his wife, Jessie.

# MIT astrophysicist with local ties DISCOVERS NEW PLANET

■ Nephew of Tyrone Township couple stays down-to-Earth while making worldwide astronomy headlines

By Sally Rummel

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

The discovery of a small planet outside our solar system with similarities to Earth hits really close to home to Tyrone Township residents, Ed and Mary Powell.

Their nephew, MIT astronomer Zachory Berta-Thompson, spotted the planet when working with a team of researchers, making news all over the world for what scientists consider an extraordinary discovery.

Known as GJ 1132b, it's the closest rocky exoplanet ever found, slightly larger than Earth and considered "cool" at 500 degrees F. "about as hot as the highest setting on your home oven," said Berta-

Thompson, in a recent TV interview on ABC World News. "But it's cool by rocky exoplanet standards. It could still have an atmosphere." An exoplanet is a planet that orbits a star other than the sun.

Berta-Thompson made the discovery of this planet when measuring the brightness of a nearby small star, which dimmed when the planet passed in front of it. This enabled researchers to estimate the size of the planet, which they found was slightly wider and more massive than Earth.

Berta-Thompson was the original author of the story reported in Nature magazine on Nov. 11, the international weekly journal of science.

What makes this discovery so exciting to the worldwide science community is that GJ 1132b lies only 39 light-years, or 230 trillion miles away from Earth, which

is much closer than other Earth-sized planets.

See **PLANET** on 8

## SUMMARY

■ Zachory Berta-Thompson, an astrophysicist at MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) made the first discovery of a "new" planet outside the solar system. He has many local relatives in the Fenton area.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Zachory Berta-Thompson and his wife, Jessie, are pictured here with his grandmother, Mamie Berta of Fenton, when the couple had their Michigan wedding party on June 29, 2013. "Zach used to come to Fenton in the summer when he was young," said his aunt, Mary Powell. "He spent lots of holidays in Fenton with his grandparents and us."



ABC NEWS AUSTRALIA

Zachory Berta-Thompson describes his discovery to a news broadcaster for a segment on ABC News, Australia.

## Fresh Christmas Trees

PRE-CUT | LIVE | CUT YOUR OWN  
OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

**FREE WAGON RIDES,  
REFRESHMENTS & CAMPFIRE**

**DEC. 5 - 6 | DEC. 12 - 13**

**FREE BOUGHS**

for our customers while supplies last.

**Branching Out**  
Nursery & Landscaping

14445 Eddy Lake Rd.  
**FENTON**

**810.629.2806**

**OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK**  
Open 9am-5pm Monday-Saturday  
Sunday 11am-5pm

TRI-COUNTY TIMES



The Tri-County Times (USPS 018-092) is published weekly (with exceptions) by Rockman Communications, 256 N. Fenway Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Periodical postage paid at Fenton, Michigan 48430-2699 and other post offices. Subscription Rate: 47.00 per year. No non-member subscribers. Postmaster: Send address changes to Tri-County Times, 256 N. Fenway Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430-2699. We reserve the right to accept or refuse any content and/or advertising submissions.

### HOURS:

Mon-Thurs: ..... 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Friday: ..... 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Saturday & Sunday ..... Closed



### CONTACT INFORMATION

|                                   |                              |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| General Office ..... 810-629-8282 | Hot Line ..... 810-629-9221  |
| Advertising ..... 810-629-8281    | Fax ..... 810-629-9227       |
| Classifieds ..... 810-629-8194    | Email ..... news@tctimes.com |
| Circulation ..... 810-433-6797    | Website ..... tctimes.com    |





FROM THE LEFT  
NATIONALLY SYNDICATED

**Bill Press**

### Two debates, two different worlds

Political junkies felt like they were in heaven. This month afforded a rare opportunity to see all 15 viable candidates for president strut their stuff in two encounters: the GOP debate from Milwaukee on Nov. 10; and the Democratic line-up from Des Moines on Nov. 14. They were not only good political theatre, you could not ask for a greater contrast between the two major parties.

Take the minimum wage, for starters. Among Democrats, the big debate was over how high to raise it. But on the other side, Republican candidates opposed raising the minimum wage at all, insisting that any hike in the minimum wage will result in job loss.

On climate change. All three Democrats agreed on the serious threat posed by climate change and the need for government action. But Republican candidates deny there's any such thing as climate change. So why take any action at all?

On Obamacare. To varying degrees, Democratic candidates all consider the Affordable Care Act a major step forward. Republican candidates, meanwhile, still pretend they're going to repeal Obamacare altogether.

On immigration reform. Democrats are united in supporting comprehensive immigration reform, including a path to citizenship for 11 million people who are here illegally. None of the Republican candidates have endorsed the bipartisan Senate legislation on immigration reform.

Perhaps the starkest difference between the two parties was over income inequality. In addition to raising the minimum wage, Democrats would raise taxes on the wealthiest of Americans and Republicans would cut taxes on wealthy Americans and corporations and wait for all that new-found wealth to 'trickle down.'

All three Democrats support Planned Parenthood, abortion rights and same-sex marriage. All remaining 14 Republican candidates (Bobby Jindal dropped out) do not.

No matter who the eventual nominees are, voters will have a clear choice: between one party committed to helping the middle-class — and the other, pampering the 1-percent; between one party reaching out to women, minorities, younger and LGBT Americans. Let the games begin.

### SOME QUESTION BEN

Carson's foreign policy experience. Under the guidance of foreign policy experts, nearly 300,000 Americans have been killed or wounded in wars since WWII. Are we any safer today? A calm thinker like Carson may keep us safer than a trigger-happy policy expert.

### THE ONLY POSSIBLE

way to know that two grapes out of 100 contained poison would be to have all the grapes vetted (tested) first. The same would have to be done for all Syrian refugees, have a heart. 'Tis the season.

**THIS IS FOR** the person complaining about Consumers Energy keeping roughly a dollar from my utility bill. I have no problem with that as long as it goes to a person deserving. I've been in that position. I'm on a fixed income right now and if they want to take a dollar out of my bill and give it to someone who may not eat this winter, I don't have a problem with it.

**IT IS ILLEGAL** to read your Bible and drive your car. No one will kick down your door, but I assure you the arresting officer will not go lightly when you are pulled over for not paying attention to the road.

**THANKS TO THE** North Road School third- and first-graders Monday for their gift of coffee at Tim Horton's. Your smiles made our day, too. And thanks to their mother for teaching them to share. It made our day.

**LINDEN SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATION** — are you kidding? Cow-towing to whining parents and crying kids by being

**Hot lines**

Submit at: tctimes.com,  
call 810-629-9221 or  
text to 810-771-8398

All submissions, if approved for publication, must be 50 words or less and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Tri-County Times. We reserve the right to edit for clarity, length and liability.

fiscally irresponsible will not best serve the district — kids, parents, teachers or anyone — in the long run. Man up and make the necessary changes now.

**I ALMOST COULDN'T** believe what I was reading. A teacher is basing crucial decisions on her crying children? My kids will be crying, too, when the district is bankrupt because teachers and the board refuse to do the right thing. Stop wasting our money and make the necessary adjustments.

**LIKE HILLARY? NO.** What did she do with all her so-called experience? Absolutely nothing. What she did do was make a mess of everything she was involved in. The list of pros and cons would overwhelmingly fall on the side of cons. She is a very untrustworthy person as well as politician.

**AM I TO** understand, per your logic, that because the settlers came over, fought the Indians and some were killed it is OK to allow un-vetted terrorists into the country to kill us? Really?

**THERE IS AN** outcry when the Muslim fundamentalists commit atrocities, where as when the Christian evangelicals use their own form of terrorism, by attacking medical facilities it seems to not be recognized for what it is.

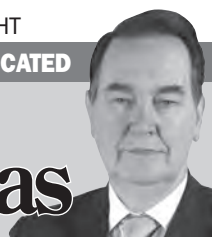
**TO ALL THOSE** people who absolutely love Obamacare, do you know who is paying the health insurance costs of those previous 12,000,000 folks who didn't have health care? We are. That's why your health insurance costs have risen.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

FROM THE RIGHT

NATIONALLY SYNDICATED

**Cal Thomas**



### John Kasich's bad idea

Conservatives are supposed to be against big government and opposed to the left's belief that problems can be solved by Washington. Which is why Republican presidential candidate John Kasich's proposal to create a new government agency to promote 'Judeo-Christian values' is a really bad idea.

In a speech at the National Press Club in Washington last week, Kasich, who grew up Catholic and remains a man of Christian faith, said he thinks the U.S. needs such an agency to help the country be 'more forceful in the battle of ideas.'

Here is a short list of the many problems with such a proposal.

Problem No. 1: Who would represent the 'Judeos' and the 'Christians'? There are numerous Christian denominations and sects, so how would Kasich select one as representative of Christianity?

Problem No. 2: What 'values' would be promoted? Certainly not cultural values, as displayed in many Hollywood films and on television.

Problem No. 3: Do we really want to turn over what ought to be the responsibility and privilege of individual religious believers to the federal government, which can't even save dollars taken from taxpayers, much less the souls of individual citizens

Problem No. 4: How do you promote American 'values' to secular and Islamic societies, which mostly do not share them? Who has the credibility to speak for and represent such values, even if they could be agreed upon?

A better idea would be to allow school choice so that poor children especially can be liberated from failing public schools and given a chance for a better life. A good education is a value that can be enhanced by the federal government getting out of the way and busting the last major monopoly in the country: public education.

Kasich rightly laments the loss of some core values most Americans once embraced. It wasn't the federal government that got rid of most of them. Rather, it is we the people who have chosen to live by different values to our detriment and shame. If they are to return, it will take the work of those 'Judeo-Christians' and not the dysfunctional federal government.

**ACCEPTING  
NEW  
PATIENTS!**

ON-SITE LABORATORY

**PEDIATRIC  
SERVICES**

Prenatal Consultations  
Newborn Care  
Well Child Care  
School & Sports Physicals  
Immunizations  
Hearing & Vision Screening  
Adolescent Counseling  
ADHD Evaluations  
Nutrition & Weight Assessments  
Behavior Consultations



**Bhavna Vaniawala, M.D.**  
Board Certified, Pediatrics

**PRIMARY CARE MEDICINE**

**810-714-5100**

14272 N. Fenton Rd., Fenton  
Monday - Friday 9 am - 5 pm

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

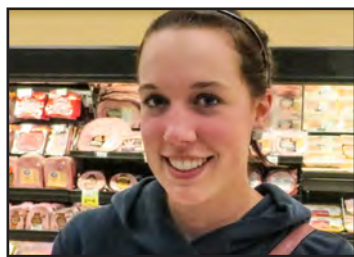
## What's your least or most favorite part of Christmastime?

**streettalk**



"My favorite part is celebrating at my church, The Rock Church. I love the true meaning of Christ being born. I don't get as wrapped up in the presents as most people."

— Alex Veatch  
Fenton



"My least favorite is how stressed out people get about buying presents and they focus on that and not the real meaning of Christmas."

— Elizabeth Clementz  
Holly



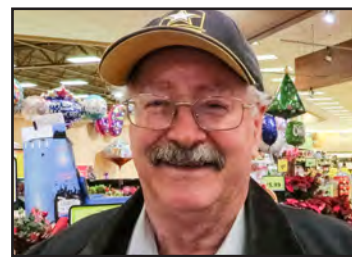
"Tobogganing with the family on a wooden toboggan with a red pad. We'd fit five people. The person on the back would fall off."

— Leanna Robinson  
Holly



"My favorite thing about the holiday is my children coming home. I have two daughters in San Francisco and I have a son in Virginia. It's always nice to see them."

— Robert Sochor  
Linden



"My 'likes' are family, church and the festivities. The 'least' is commercialism because a lot of people lose sight of what Christmas is about. Be appreciative of the family you have."

— Jay Taylor, Fenton



# Honoring loved ones at Oakwood Cemetery

■Public welcome to place ornaments on 'Memory Tree'

By Vera Hogan

vhogan@tctimes.com; 810-433-6823

The "Memory Tree" at Oakwood Cemetery in Fenton is up and ready for more decorations this holiday season.

## SUMMARY

■The "Memory Tree" at Oakwood Cemetery is in place and ready for people to decorate with ornaments and other items to honor loved ones whether they are buried at Oakwood or not. The main gate of the cemetery will be open for 24 hours through the holidays.

The decorating of the Memory Tree is in its seventh year. People are invited to hang an ornament or other decoration in honor of their loved ones who have gone before them.

"The person doesn't even have to be buried at Oakwood," said Doug Tebo, chairman of the Oakwood Cemetery Board. "It could be anyone they would like to honor, such as a member of the military who died in the line of duty."

Even if someone doesn't have an ornament to hang, they can still visit. "People can come in and look around at the lights,"

said Tebo.

The 11-foot-high tree, donated by Branching Out Nursery and Landscaping (formerly Had-don Nursery) is very wide, said Tebo, so there is plenty of room to hang more ornaments and decorations.

"The tree has been up since the day before the big snowstorm (Nov. 21)," said Tebo. "That took out a lot of the lights but we put more lights on it. Some of the strands are still out but the tree is still there and the thought is still there."

Once the holidays are over, Tebo said he saves all of the items placed on the tree from previous years. "I hang them back up on the new tree toward the top, so there is plenty more room at the bottom for more decorations," he said.

The main cemetery entrance is on Davis Street, off Shiawassee Avenue, between Franklin and West streets. The tree is located behind the statue. The main gate will be open for 24 hours through the holidays.

**“The person doesn’t even have to be buried at Oakwood.”**

**Doug Tebo**  
Oakwood Cemetery Board chairman

## VOLUNTEERS

Continued from Front Page

expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman, Morrill Worcester, in 1992.

In 2007, Wreaths Across America was formed as a nonprofit organization, which has since expanded to include more than 1,000 local fundraising groups in all 50 states representing more than 900 cemeteries, military memorials and other locations.

In 2008, Congress issued a proclamation officially recognizing national "Wreaths Across America Day" each December.

This year, it will be held on Saturday, Dec. 12.

Fenton City Councilwoman Cherie Smith is among the many volunteers who will be helping.

"This will be my third year," she said. Smith and her late husband, Ben Smith, started out with five friends. "It's grown into a big posse," she said. "We get there early, will tailgate until the trucks arrive. We lay wreaths, take pictures and my group always says, 'Thank you for your service' as we place each wreath."

"My friends from childhood, Fenton friends, Holly pals, and civic friends gather to do this to honor those who served," Smith added.

"It's really odd how emotion takes you by surprise while doing this," she said. "The first wreath, though you're talking and laughing with friends, stops you in your tracks and brings tears to your eyes. Just the idea of placing the wreath on a

soldier's grave kicks in and ambushes you with emotion.

"Whether it's a stranger's grave or a loved one's, you get a lump in your throat and a tear running down your cheek," Smith added. "I wouldn't miss this event for anything in the world."

Smith said she does this each year because her husband's father was in the army and his uncle a marine in WW II. "I had a career marine cousin who served for three Vietnam tours. And, my dad was in the USO during WW II," she said. "None are buried at Great Lakes National Cemetery, but it's a way to honor and show our appreciation for those who served and protected us."

The day's events begin at 10 a.m. at Great Lakes National Cemetery. See below for a schedule of the day's events, and who to contact for more information on volunteering and how to donate.

## Wreaths Across America schedule

The following is the schedule of events for Saturday, Dec. 12 at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Bedford Road in Holly Township.

- **10 a.m.** Guests begin arriving. (Carpooling is encouraged as parking is limited.)
- **10:45 a.m.** Trucks arrive via cavalcade for unloading.
- **11 a.m.** Begin laying wreaths
- **12 p.m.** National Wreaths Across America Ceremony honoring all branches of service

All events will conclude around 1 p.m. for the day. Participants are reminded to dress for the weather.

The volunteer location coordinators are Dave and Christina Watts, and Chris Reyttag. They may be reached by calling (810) 797-2091, or via email at greatlakeswreaths@gmail.com.

2ND ANNUAL

# Christmas Round Up

NOV. 9TH - DEC. 12TH

Help local families in need this Christmas & have a chance to win some awesome prizes!

Each donation earns an entry!!

*Donate*  
your change from  
a purchase

Enter for a chance to win  
any item on the  
"Round Up" sheet

### Prizes Include :

- Family movie night
- Gift Certificate to the Barn
- "Winter Blues" Basket
- Village Gift Certificate & much more!

*Donate*  
\$100

Enter for a chance to win  
any item on the  
"Holiday Cheer" sheet

### Prizes Include :

- "Coffee Lovers Survival Kit"
- The Laundry Gift Certificate
- Serendipity Services
- Lovegroves Fudge Basket & much more!

*Donate*  
\$500

Enter for a chance to win  
any item on the  
"Good Tidings" sheet

### Prizes Include :

- 40" Flat screen TV
- Linden Hotel Gift Certificate
- Construction Solutions Gift Certificate
- Holly Lanes Gift Certificate
- LaFontaine Full Detail & much more!

*My Sister & Me*  
Upscale Consignment

1210 N. Leroy • Fenton • 810-730-0865

www.msupscaleconsignment.com

## Tired of Hurting? Sick of Pain?

Aging doesn't have to be painful. We can help you!

- Physical Therapy • Occupational Therapy
- Sports Medicine • Certified Hand Therapy

Our hands-on techniques and exercise programs delivered by highly trained, compassionate therapists will help you get back to an active, pain free lifestyle.

**APTC**

Advanced Physical Therapy Center  
The therapist you choose does make a difference

A doctors prescription may not be needed. Call today to schedule an evaluation and get on the road to recovery.

**Hartland Clinic**  
11182 Highland Rd.  
**810.632.8700**

**Grand Blanc Clinic**  
10809 S. Saginaw St.  
**810.695.8700**

7 LOCATIONS TO SERVE YOU!

Clio, Clarkston, Davison, Goodrich, Flint, Hartland, Grand Blanc

Personalized Care that Doctors Trust | www.AdvancedPhysicalTherapy.com



# My favorite holiday movie classics

By Vera Hogan

vhogan@tctimes.com; 810-433-6823

There are so many wonderful Christmas movies to watch, but there are a few that stand out as my personal favorites, and family's favorites.

The first is the film based on Charles Dickens classic novel, "A Christmas Carol," written by the famed author 172 years ago in 1843.

What could be more uplifting at Christmastime than for a sick child to regain his health, an evil man to change his ways, the hungry to be fed?

When Scrooge awakens after a night's time of visitors, the ghosts of Christmas, past, present and future, he's a changed man. No matter how many times we watch the movie, we can't help but be moved by Scrooge when he says, "I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the past, the present and the future. The spirits of all three shall thrive within me. I will not shut out the lessons that they teach."

There are many remakes of this movie, wherein Scrooge is played by many different actors, but my favorite version of "A Christmas Carol" was the 1938 film, when Scrooge was played by Reginald Owen, and Tiny Tim by Terry Kilburn.

The reason is because I met Mr. Kilburn in 1993, when I was working at Oakland University. From 1970 to

1994, he was the artistic director for Oakland University's Meadow Brook Theatre. Anyway, I bought a brand new copy of "A Christmas Carol" and Kilburn autographed the inside page with a personal message to my sons. It's one of my most prized possessions.

Kilburn, by the way, turned 90 years young on Nov. 25.



Vera Hogan

Another one of my favorite movies at Christmas is "Miracle on 34th Street." In this Christmas classic, an old man by the name of Kris Kringle (Edmund Gwenn) fills in for an intoxicated Santa in Macy's annual Thanksgiving Day parade. Kringle proves to be such a

hit that he is soon appearing regularly at the chain's main store in midtown Manhattan. When Kringle surprises customers and employees alike by claiming that he really is Santa Claus, it leads to a court case to determine his mental health and, more importantly, his authenticity.

Convincing a little girl (Susan Walker, played by Natalie Wood) that he really is Santa Claus is my favorite part of the movie. My mother always told me I looked like Natalie Wood at that age in this movie. It's true, I have a picture to prove it.

"White Christmas" (or "Holiday Inn") with Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye is another holiday favorite. There, the gang runs into Gen. Waverly

See **CLASSICS** on 12



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Santa Claus (Kevin Lambert) of Holly chats with visitors to the Holly Dickens Festival on Saturday. The tent provided an area for visitors to talk to Santa, and for \$5 a letter was sent to the "North Pole."

## First of three weekend events draws over 1,500 to downtown Holly

By Sally Rummel

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

The 42-year Dickens Festival tradition continues to grow "like the dickens" in Holly, with the opening weekend drawing thousands of visitors to this quaint Christmas village.

"Our first weekend went well," said Festival Director George Kullis, who with a team of 40 volunteer committee members is bringing the festival back to life in year two of a five-year plan. "We had probably about 1,500

people per day. Saturday was a lighter crowd because of the big rivalry football games, but we still had a good turnout."

With the theme "Home for the Holidays," festival highlights this past weekend included the lighted parade, tree-lighting ceremony and the arrival of Santa Claus. "Kids loved the postcards to Santa and the snow hill," said Kullis. "There's a lot more going on now than there was a few years ago. We keep adding new events, signage, props, etc."

Having two more weekends of festival activities gives the committee an opportunity to "tweak" upcoming events. "It gives us a chance to access things," said Kullis. "We'll

be adding some entertainment to the beer tent and will move the hot dog stand next to the beer tent for a more Bavarian feel. We'll also be moving a few vendors around."

The Dickens Festival continues this weekend, Dec. 5 and 6, with the theme "Decked Out For Dickens."

Saturday will begin with a Holiday Parade at 10 a.m., beginning at Holly Elementary School, with festival activities beginning at 11 a.m.

"We're looking for people to come dressed in period costume," said Kullis. "It's going to be a 'steam-punked' weekend, so come decked out in this adventurous Victorian-style clothing. There will even be a costume judging contest."

The final weekend of the 2015 Dickens Festival will be Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 12 and 13 with the theme, "God Bless Us, Everyone."

Kullis said that people who remember the Dickens Festival at its peak 20 years ago will be pleasantly surprised that it's moving toward that level of success again. "We're getting closer," he said.

For a complete schedule of events, go to [hollydickensfestival.org](http://hollydickensfestival.org).

**“There’s a lot more going on than there was a few years ago.”**

**George Kullis**  
Holly Dickens Festival director

Linden **Holiday Happening** 2015

**Linden Classic Lighted CHRISTMAS PARADE**

• • • • • **Friday, December 4** • • • • •

**Starts at 6:00 pm**

*The parade route is Broad Street to North Bridge Street*

Bring the Kids to See **SANTA** Arrive in His Carriage!

Following The Parade...

**Lighting of the Luminaries | Free Horse Drawn Carriage Rides**  
**Refreshments | Choir Groups | Christmas Trees on Display**  
**Pictures with Santa | Lighting of the Lights at the Gazebo**  
**Music and a Live Nativity**

Presented by:  
**CITY OF LINDEN**  
**PARK & RECREATION**



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Volunteers assist sledders and maintain the artificial snow slide at Dickens Festival on Saturday.





**Mark McCabe**  
67th District Court  
Ask the  
**judge**

### The importance of public records

I recently read two interesting newspaper articles in the Tri-County Times and the Flint Journal about the discovery of a solitary grave marker in Fenton Township.

The article described how, when Fenton Township was having a fence line survey performed at the site of a new 34-acre park, a large grave marker was discovered with the phrase, 'Here Lies AB Smith 1908.' The identity of the decedent was unknown as the marker was found standing by itself and not in a cemetery.

The township clerk, Bob Krug, is currently examining public records in an attempt to determine the identity of the decedent, locate possible relatives and previous property owners.

This article underscores the importance of public records and how they can be used.

Every county in Michigan has a county seat. When Michigan's counties were initially created and borderlines set, the goal was to have the county seat in a location so that a county resident wouldn't have to travel more than one day to get there to take care of business with the county. Of course, this was well before the days of computers and the Internet.

In Michigan, every county also has a county clerk and a register of deeds who are charged, among other duties, with keeping public records as to births, marriages, deaths, and land transfers. Other vital records are also maintained by these offices. Under the law, public records must be kept for certain periods of time and in many cases indefinitely.

Federal, state and local units of government also keep public records. There are also record keeping standards that must be followed and other requirements for the preservation of these records.

Other examples of the importance and usefulness of public records include needing a copy of one's birth certificate to obtain a passport, a copy of one's marriage license for a woman's last name change and a copy of a death certificate for a claim of life insurance proceeds.

Public records are the key to a government keeping track of its history.

Although most people don't give much thought to the topic, it's important to remember that public records are there when we need them.

## CRIMINAL

### Continued from Front Page

intent, felonious assault, and felony firearm violation. Her case is being heard in the Isabella County courts. She remains jailed without bond.

### Erich Wilfinger

Erich Wilfinger, 66, the man accused of killing his wife, Marsha (Sargent) Wilfinger, formerly of Argentine Township, will see the beginning of his jury trial between Jan. 12 and 15, 2016. He has been charged with open murder-homicide, possession of weapons and firearms by a felon, and trying to escape from jail where he continues to remain without bond.

Marsha Wilfinger was found in the back seat of a burning car on June 20 at the intersection of Sheridan Valley Road and Scenic Rte. 3 in Montmorency County's Briley Township, east of Gaylord. When Michigan State Police troopers arrived, they found the car burning in a ditch. When the fire was put out, investigators discovered Marsha Wilfinger's burned remains in the back seat.

The case is being heard in the Montmorency County court.

### Ryan Stevens (et al)

Ryan Stevens, 18, of Linden, along with co-defendants, Kody Brewer, 15, of Wolverine Lake and Lamarr Dukes, 15, of West Bloomfield, have been charged with conspiracy to commit first-degree premeditated murder and false report or threat of terrorism.

The three teens are believed to be responsible for an alleged plot to carry out a shooting at Linden schools at the end of October. Competency and criminal responsibility requests, or "psychological exam" may be complete by Jan. 6, 2016, after which more charges are expected.

Stevens remains jailed in the Genesee County Jail, while the two 15-year-olds are lodged at Genesee County Regional Detention Center due to their ages.

### Lewis Lee Smith and Keshia Maria Smith

Lewis Lee Smith, 61, and his wife, Keshia Maria Smith, 34, were arrested Aug. 20 after the Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team (NET) Crew 2 executed a search warrant at their North Hill Drive home. They were arraigned on multiple felonies,

including manufacturing and delivering marijuana and possession of controlled substances.



Keshia Maria  
Smith

four-year felony of manufacturing and delivering marijuana, however, four more felony counts of possession of controlled substances were added.

Lewis was released from jail on \$50,000 cash surety bond. Keshia remains in the Oakland County Jail in lieu of posting a \$20,000 cash surety bond. Keshia faces sentencing on a drunk driving charge that includes fleeing the scene of a crash and injuries to two passengers in her truck. She pleaded no contest on July 31, according to court records.

The couple's court cases are pending in Oakland County.

### Edward Frank Usewick

Edward Frank Usewick III, 36, of Fenton Township is free on \$50,000 bond, after being charged recently with 20 counts of federal bank fraud and conspiracy charges. Usewick, 36, was arraigned Nov. 19 in Flint's U.S. District Court.



Edward Frank  
Usewick

Federal prosecutors allege Usewick used the Suski Used Car dealerships to secure a revolving line of credit from Ally Financial. That line of credit was supposed to be used to purchase vehicles for later re-sale. According to the indictment, Usewick allegedly began submitting vehicle titles to Ally Financial in September 2013 for cars he claimed to have purchased in exchange for money that was deposited into a bank account operated by Usewick.

Prosecutors say Usewick never actually purchased the vehicles, however, and the titles contained fraudulent title numbers.

A plea hearing has been scheduled for Jan. 5, 2016. A final pretrial conference has been set for Jan. 19, 2016, and a jury trial has been set for Jan. 25, 2016.

## CULVER'S

### Continued from Page 2

through a process of elimination. Each finalist received \$10,000 and the national champion will receive \$50,000.

The best restaurant will be picked and announced the first week of February in Phoenix, Arizona at Culver's annual convention. Employees at the Fenton Culver's are invited to attend.

"It says a lot about your community, about the type of people who grow up here in Fenton," Culver said. "It also says a great deal about the leadership."

Kevin Powers, owner of the Fenton restaurant, accepted the award and congratulated the team. "This showcases what Fenton is all about," he said.

Fenton Mayor Sue Osborn and Mayor Pro Tem Pat Lockwood attended the event, and gave their congratulations.

Kevin Adams, general manager, said they've been working toward this goal for about three years.

"We were really glad when we found out, it was really exciting," he said. The employees found out they were a finalist last Monday, and made sure the restaurant was ready for Culver and Keiser's visit on Tuesday.

"The next step for us is we have an unannounced visitation by senior leadership from Culver's Franchising. We just have to stay on top of our game every day because it's a surprise visit," Adams said. "We are the best at what we do so we're very confident going into this."

He said the restaurant receives a lot of community support.

"Seventy percent of my staff is under the age of 18. It shows that kids want to be hard workers and if not for those kinds of people, we wouldn't be here right now," he said.

**NCG CINEMAS**  
www.ncgmovies.com

**IMAX TRILLIUM THEATRE**  
DLP TEXAS INSTRUMENTS

Online tickets and showtimes  
**www.NCGmovies.com**  
**NCG TRILLIUM CINEMAS**  
**SHOWTIMES: 810-695-5000**  
1 Mile N. of I-75 on Holly Rd. in Grand Blanc  
**\$5.00 TICKETS EVERYDAY**  
Rate valid for most movies. All Day Tuesday • Mon, Wed and Thurs before 6 pm • Fri-Sun before noon.  
\$5.00 rate not valid on Real D 3D, IMAX or 12:05am shows. Real D 3D films additional \$2.00.

## PREVENTATIVE & COSMETIC DENTISTRY

FOR THE YOUNG, NOT SO YOUNG, BRAVE AND NOT-SO-BRAVE!



We're always accepting new patients



WE'RE YOUR STATE-OF-THE-ART, HOME TOWN DENTAL CARE EXPERTS!

- Preventative
- Periodontal
- Implants
- Restorative
- Prosthodontic
- Orthodontics
- Cosmetics
- Invisalign
- Lumineers

New patients  
only!  
**\$85<sup>00</sup>**

Full mouth series of x-rays, dental cleaning & an oral cancer exam  
Not valid with any other offers. Expires 12/15/15.

**Patricia A. McGarry, D.D.S.**  
Family Dentistry

200 Lindenwood Dr. • Linden, • [www.drmcgarry.com](http://www.drmcgarry.com) • 810-735-9426  
Hours: Mon.-Wed. 11am-7pm • Thurs. 8am-3pm • Occasional Sat. 8am-Noon



## HISTORY IN THE MAKING

Pick an article, pick a size.  
Order reprints of photos and stories  
that ran in your Tri-County Times.  
Many sizes and options available to  
choose from. Call us today!

**Times 810-433-6797**





TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Realtor Ann Hernandez-Gabler (right) is on the set of HGTV's popular "House Hunters" show, which stars a Holly family in an episode that airs this week for the first time.

## 'HOUSE HUNTERS'

Continued from Front Page

"They were looking to do something here locally and they found me," said Hernandez-Gabler. "The show is telling the story about a family looking for a house in the area, but they started with me as a Realtor."

Featuring Nicole Distel, her fiancé Mike Stahl and their blended family

from Holly, the title of the show is "Lots of Land or On the Water in Holly, Michigan" (episode 151).

The show airs for the first time this Wednesday, Dec. 2 (today) at 10 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 3 at 1 a.m., then again on Christmas Eve Dec. 24 at 7 p.m.

"It has been a lot of fun," said Hernandez-Gabler, who has worked with this local family before.

## PLANET

Continued from Page 3

These initial investigations of GJ 1132b are just the beginning of what Berta-Thompson hopes will be the basis of future study, especially when the powerful James Webb Space Telescope is launched in October 2018. "Now we'll be able to switch our focus from imagining what is out there, to testing our theories through observation."

## “Zach is the most down-to-Earth genius I’ve ever met.”

Ed Powell  
Uncle to MIT  
astrophysicist Zachory  
Berta-Thompson

Berta-Thompson explained that GJ 1132b is just one of billions and billions of planets in the galaxy. "Think of it like a vast library. We're studying this one because it's the one we're first able to 'pull off the shelf.'"

This kind of analogy is typical of Berta-Thompson, 30, who has the ability to remain down to Earth when trying to relate a very scientific subject to common people.

"Zach is the most down-to-Earth genius I've ever met," said his uncle, Ed Powell. "He can discuss anything in a way everyone can understand. He can talk about playing marbles and poker, as well as about discovering planets. He also knows how to knit and crochet and he's good at that, too."

The son of Jerry Berta and Madeline Kaczmarczyk of Rockford, Berta-Thompson graduated from Rockford High School as class valedictorian in 2003. He earned his undergraduate degree at Princeton and his doctorate at Harvard. He and his wife, Jessie, a microbiologist at MIT, live in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

**Here's a brief overview of the eight primary planets in our solar system, in order from the inner solar system outward:**

### MERCURY

The closest planet to the sun, Mercury is only a bit larger than Earth's moon. Its day side is scorched by the sun and can reach 840 degrees. On the night side, temperatures drop to hundreds of degrees below freezing. With no atmosphere to absorb meteor impacts, its surface is pockmarked with craters, just like the moon.

### VENUS

The second planet from the sun, Venus is terribly hot, even hotter than Mercury. Its size and structure are similar to Earth, but its thick toxic atmosphere traps heat in a runaway "greenhouse effect." Oddly, Venus spins slowly in the opposite direction of most planets. Because it is often brighter than any other object in the sky — except for the sun and moon — Venus has generated many UFO reports.

### EARTH

The third planet from the sun, Earth is two-thirds covered by ocean. It's the only world known to harbor life, rich in life-sustaining nitrogen and oxygen. The

planet zips around the sun at more than 18 miles per second.

### MARS

Mars, the fourth planet from the sun, is a cold, dusty place. The dust, an iron oxide, gives the planet its reddish cast. Mars shares similarities with Earth — it is rocky, has mountains and valleys and experiences storm systems from tornado-like dust devils to planet-engulfing dust storms. It also snows on Mars and harbors water ice. Scientists think it was once wet and warm, but today it's cold and desert-like.

### JUPITER

The fifth planet from the sun, Jupiter is the most massive planet in our solar system. It's a gaseous world, mostly hydrogen and helium. Its swirling clouds are colorful, due to different types of trace gases. A big feature is the Great Red Spot, a giant storm that has raged for hundreds of years. With a strong magnetic field and dozens of moons, Jupiter looks a bit like a miniature solar system.

### SATURN

The sixth planet from the sun is known mostly for its rings, which are made of ice and rock. The gaseous planet is mostly hydrogen and helium. It also has numerous moons.

### URANUS

The seventh planet from the sun, this "oddball" planet is the only giant planet whose equator is nearly at right angles to its orbit, meaning it basically orbits on its side. Astronomers think the planet collided with some other planet-sized object long ago, causing the tilt. The tilt causes extreme seasons that last 20-plus years, and the sun beats down on one pole or the other for 84 Earth-years. About the same size as Neptune, Uranus' blue-green tint is from methane in the atmosphere. Uranus has numerous moons and faint rings.

### NEPTUNE

The eighth planet from the sun, Neptune is known for strong winds, sometimes traveling at more than 1,500 mph, faster than the speed of sound. More than 30 times as far from the sun as Earth, Neptune is far out and cold, with a rocky core. Neptune is about 17 times as massive as Earth.

### PLUTO (DWARF PLANET)

Once the ninth planet from the sun, Pluto was "demoted" to dwarf planet status when it crossed Neptune's path on Feb. 11, 1999. It is unlike other planets in many ways. It is smaller than Earth's moon; its orbit carries it inside the orbit of Neptune and then way out beyond that orbit. Pluto's orbit is tilted to the main plane of the solar system, where the other planets orbit, by 17.1 degrees. It's a cold, rocky world with only a very ephemeral atmosphere. NASA's New Horizons mission performed history's first flyby of the Pluto system on July 14, 2015.

Source: space.com

# WIN A \$500 SHOPPING SPREE!



Sponsored By:



The Jinglefest committee and the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce are excited to announce the 7th annual area Shopping Spree that includes gift cards from local businesses totaling \$500.

To be entered in the drawing, bring your shopping receipts dated November 30th - December 5th to the Entertainment tent between 3-6. For every receipt from a business with a Fenton or Linden mailing address totaling \$10 or more, you will be given a drawing entry form to fill out. Receipts will be marked and returned to the owner once presented. The winner of the shopping spree will be notified on Monday, December 7th.

**What a great way to begin your holiday shopping!**

SHOPPING SPREE  
GIFT CARD SPONSORS:



**SATURDAY  
December 5**

PRESENTED BY:



FENTON MAIN EVENT SPONSOR:



ENTERTAINMENT  
SPONSORS:



JINGLEJOG SPONSOR:



HORSE AND WAGON  
SPONSOR:



PARADE  
SPONSORS:



NATIVITY PETTING ZOO  
SPONSOR:



SHOPPING SPREE  
SPONSOR:



## HOT LINE CONTINUED

NOW THAT WE have the new recycle cans, can someone please tell us where to recycle plastic grocery bags, batteries and polystyrene foam? Thank you.



PLEASE EVERYONE, TAKE a look at Fenton Streetscape this weekend. All the plants and sidewalks covered in mud. When will they learn? You will spend more to maintain. Way to spend our money poorly again.





## TRIVIA FOOTBALL

**Q** When is the last time the Detroit Lions had a longer winning streak on Thanksgiving Day than the three-game streak they hold now?

**A** The Lions won four straight from 1997 through 2000.

## Area runners compete in midwest meet

■ Lee, Frederick lead tri-county competitors

By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789

A handful of tri-county cross country runners don't want to see their fall seasons end just yet.

Four runners, three from Fenton, competed in Saturday's Midwest Region Champion-

ship, a part of the Footlocker running series, held at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

Fenton senior Jacob Lee performed the best at the meet. Lee, a Fenton senior, finished the race in 33rd with a time of 15:47.1. Meanwhile, Lee's junior teammate Dominic Dimambro also competed and placed 72nd with a time of 16:07.9.

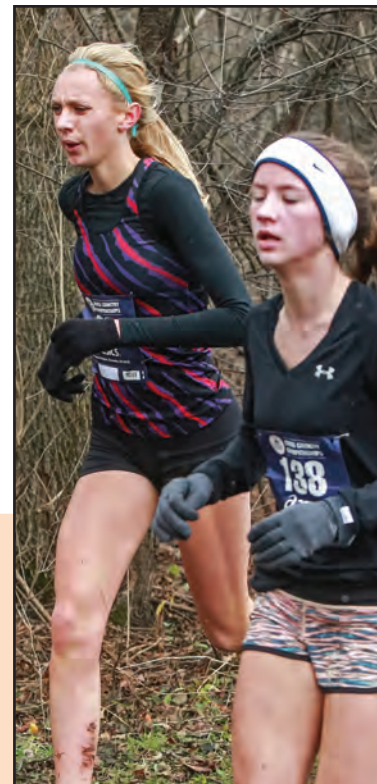
The race had 210 runners

from nine states compete at the meet.

The two runners were all-state performers for the Tigers during the regular season, helping the squad win a Division 1 regional crown. The Tigers also competed at the state meet, placing ninth. Both runners finished with All-State honors.

Two girls also competed

**See RUNNERS on 10**



### KLARI FREDERICK

The Linden junior (left) placed 69th at Saturday's Midwest Region Championship.

**Times**

WEDNESDAY,  
DECEMBER 2, 2015  
PAGE 9

# Sports

ONLINE EXCLUSIVES

▶ Follow Friday night prep basketball action at [tctimes.com](http://tctimes.com).

### TRI-COUNTY

#### RUNNER'S LOG

##### Jinglejog 5K Walk/Run

The Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce will be presenting the Jinglejog 5K Run/Walk on Saturday at 3 p.m. with the start of the race being near the Fenton United Methodist Church.

The entry fee for the race is \$25. Those who wear a Santa costume or an ugly Christmas sweater will receive a \$5 refund at the registration, which will be located at the Fenton United Methodist Church.

For more information call (810) 629-5447 or go to [fentonchamber.com](http://fentonchamber.com).

##### Run Like the Dickens 5K/10K/Kids Run

The annual Run Like the Dickens races will be held Dec. 12 starting at 9 a.m. at Holly's Karl Richter campus.

The entry fee is \$38 with a shirt and \$23 without a shirt. Dec. 11 registration is \$40 and \$25, respectively, while day of the race registration is \$45 and \$30. The Tiny Tim Trot Kids race is \$10 and is at 10:50 a.m.

The event includes free babysitting at the Karl Richter campus. For more information contact Nick Ejak at [nick.ejak@has-k12.org](mailto:nick.ejak@has-k12.org).

## TC players pleased with state run

■ Powers falls to Zeeland West 40-14 in D4 state title game

By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789

Of course winning was the goal.

But, don't complain if the Flint Powers Catholic varsity football team isn't upset with what happened during Friday night's Division 4 state championship football game against Zeeland West.

After all, just making it to the title game was quite an experience for the 11-3 squad. Powers remained competitive with Zeeland West until about halfway through the third quarter, but eventually succumbed to the Dux's overwhelmingly strong ground game, resulting in a 40-14 loss at Ford Field.

The Chargers aren't hanging their heads low today, and why should they?

"It was a once in a lifetime experience," said Powers senior quarterback and Fenton resident Noah Sargent. "It was cool to see all of the Powers' community and alumni. It was cool seeing all the orange there. It was a



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | MARK BOLEN

Powers' quarterback and tri-county resident Noah Sargent (middle) runs through a hole provided by his teammates during the Chargers' 40-14 Division 4 state championship loss to Zeeland West. Another tri-county athlete in the photo is lineman Brandon Coleman (left).

great experience.

"It obviously didn't go the way we wanted it to, but they were a tough team. They were 14-0. We played them the best we could."

"It was an awesome experience," tri-county resident and

starting outside linebacker Kelson Connors said. "Getting to know my teammates and the great bond we had, it was awesome. I was a sophomore and these guys taught me everything it takes to be a leader in the future."

**See STATE on 11**

## Metro League Griffins are off to solid start

■ Split a pair of weekend contests

By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com

The Metro League Griffins have a lot of familiar faces on their roster this prep hockey season.

The squad comprised of high school players from Fenton and Linden lost only four seniors from a year ago and look like they can be possible Metro League contenders this season.

The squad began the season reasonably well during the weekend, defeating Kalamazoo 4-0 on Friday and losing 5-4 in overtime to Hudsonville.

"We played really well," second-year head coach Will Dawson said. "We have a lot of young kids, so how we did was pretty exciting."

"It was due to hard work. The kids don't do anything really fancy. They just

**See GRIFFINS on 10**

## MEET Lisa

I'm a sweet, 4-month-old girl looking for a new pal.



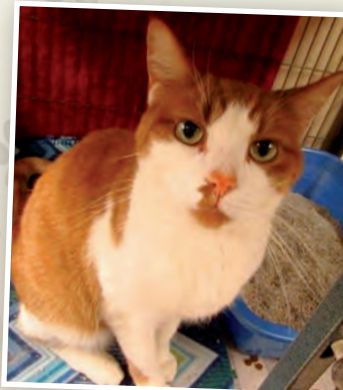
## Who will take us HOME?

TO ADOPT THESE ANIMALS PLEASE CALL:  
**810-629-0723**



**Adopt-A-Pet**  
*A Friend for Life!*

13575 Fenton Rd. • Fenton • [www.adoptapetfenton.com](http://www.adoptapetfenton.com)  
Closed Mondays - Open Tues.-Sat. 10-3pm • Sun. 1-4pm



## MEET Pumpkin

I'm a wonderful young boy looking for love.



**ANIMAL HEALTH CLINIC**  
1495 Dauner Rd., Fenton • 810-629-9882  
[www.animalhealthclinic.org](http://www.animalhealthclinic.org)

SPONSORED BY:

**FENTON KARATE**  
1366 N. Leroy St. Fenton  
[www.FentonKarate.com](http://www.FentonKarate.com)



# Linden siblings thriving on collegiate soccer pitches

By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789

Soccer has always been a family affair for the Thornton family.

And just because Linden graduates Samantha and Ben Thornton are not at Linden High School any more, it doesn't mean the affair has ended.

In fact, it's only intensified.

Samantha Thornton just completed her junior season on the Slippery Rock women's soccer team, while her younger brother Ben Thornton just completed his freshman year at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI). Both defenders had outstanding seasons.

Sam started in 19 of Slippery Rock's 20 games, earning second-team all-conference honors on a team defense that allowed just 15 goals all season. She also recently earned all-region honors as well for the squad that finished 13-6-1 overall and just missed a bid to the Division 2 NCAA Tournament.

"We had a great season," Sam said. We were picked to finish sixth and we finished third, so it was a great accomplishment."

Despite being just a freshman, Ben was one of just three IUPUI players to play in every single game during the regular season, leading the squad with

1,631 minutes played, averaging a whopping 95 minutes played a contest. He was voted the Summit League's All-Newcomer Team play the league's coaches despite his squad posting just a 1-9-7 record overall during the season.

"It was a good experience for my first year. It was a tough experience," Ben said. "Overall, it was a good personal season. Team-wise it was a little rough, but it will get better. I played a lot of extra minutes this season. I think we had a total of seven overtimes."

Sam has been a fixture in the Slippery Rock lineup ever since getting on campus during the 2013 season. That first season she played in more of an attacking position. She started five games and played in 14 contests. She also scored her first goal and added an assist during that season. Her only goal ended up being a game-winning goal, earning The Rock a spot in the NCAA tourney's Sweet 16 during the waning moments of the contest.

"I just came back from (an injury)," Sam said. "One of our players kicked the ball down the sideline and got fouled. (A teammate) took the free kick with about 47 seconds left in the first overtime and I had no one



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTOS

(Far right) Samantha Thornton just completed her third collegiate season at Division 2 Slippery Rock University, starting in all but one contest this season. Her younger brother, Ben Thornton, (left photo, right player) began his college career at Division 1 Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis this fall.

marking me. I just connected with it went to the upper left-hand of the goal with my head."

However, sometime during her sophomore season, Sam made the transition back to defense, a position she feels more comfortable playing. She started in 16 of the team's 17 games that sophomore year, scoring a goal and one assist. This season,

she blossomed starting in 19 of the 20 games.

"Halfway through my sophomore season I moved back to defense. It helped me become more of a leader because I felt more comfortable," Sam said. "I get to help instruct people we need to be and it helped me grow, and helped my team grow as well."

Ben learned how demanding being a D1 college soccer player can be, but flourished while doing so. He hardly ever left the pitch. The squad's record suggests that the team probably had issues defensively, but in reality the team only allowed more than two goals twice during the season. The squad was probably

**See SIBLINGS on 11**

## WE'VE GOT YOUR WALLS COVERED!

REDECORATING? SPRUCING UP?

CALL US FOR:

Painting • Caulking • Decorating • Wallcovering  
Specialty Finishes • Ceiling & Wall Repair

FREE QUOTES!



(810) 232-3530

www.accentdd.com

## RUNNERS

Continued from Page 9

at the event, including Linden junior Alia Frederick. Frederick, who helped lead the Eagles to a Metro League championship, a regional title and a fourth place performance at the D2 state meet, placed 69th with a time of 19:16.8.

Frederick capped her first cross country season by earning an individual Metro League championship and capturing

first at the regional championship. She also earned All-State honors by earning a third-place finish there, the highest individual state placing by a Linden female ever.

Fenton senior Emma Lane was the final area competitor, placing 148th with a time of 20:57.2. Emma Lane was a second-team all-league performer for the Tigers, helping lead Fenton to a second-place team finish in the Metro League standings.

## GRIFFINS

Continued from Page 9

worked really hard in both games."

In the victory against Kalamazoo, the win didn't come easy despite the lopsided score. The Griffins had 14 minutes in penalties and had to kill off several power plays, including two 5-on-3s. Goalie Collin LaVoie was bombarded with 32 shots during the 51 minutes, but LaVoie and the Griffins' defense held, earning the shutout.

"We were outshot 32-15 and had two 5-on-3s we had to kill," Dawson said. "The kids had to battle through a lot of adversity to get the 4-0 win. I thought that was a really good moral victory — being able to battle through all the adversity and kill off all those penalties. They did a great job."

Bobby Temple got off to a fast start, scoring a goal in each of the first two periods, giving the Griffins a 2-0 lead entering the third period. In the third, Brendan Buerkel and Jake Thompson each scored their first goals of the season. Dylan Mi-esch finished the contest with two assists.

In the loss to Hudsonville, the Griffins'

opponents broke the tie with six seconds left in overtime. Temple scored an even-strength goal in the first period and a power-play goal in the second, resulting in a 2-all tie entering the third period.

Hudsonville took one-goal leads twice in the third period, but each time the Griffins fought back. The first time, Brandon Diener scored on assists by Mitch O'Lewin and Temple. The second time Tyler Bourassa scored on a Buerkel assist with under a minute left in regulation.

Manny Vomvolakis played in net in the second game, making 33 saves.

"I think we are going to win a lot more close battles this year," Dawson said. "We are a team that has to work hard, drive to the net and have to bear down on our sticks, but that is fun. I enjoy fun, hard-nosed hockey."

"We want to do better than last year. As a team we want to keep improving year-by-year."

The Griffins play at Hartland Sports Center Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. against Avondale.





TRI-COUNTY TIMES | MARK BOLEN

(Top photo) Powers running back and tri-county resident Reese Morgan (right) tries to break a tackle attempt during the Chargers' Division 4 state championship game against Zeeland West. (Above left) Offensive lineman Brandon Coleman listens to the huddle call. (Above right) Spencer Gomez attempts to tackle a Zeeland West ball carrier.

## STATE

Continued from Page 9

"Whenever I go back to Powers and see the gymnasium the banner hanging, I'll always remember the guys on the team," outside linebacker and slot receiver Connor Stein said. "I'll remember how we put in the effort to make it to the state championships."

"Obviously we wanted to win, but they were a really good team and I'm proud of the way we played. We played an extra five weeks together, another month."

Zeeland West's ground game was the difference. The Dux enjoyed a 421-314 total yardage edge with 318 of their yards coming on the ground. Three Zeeland West players finished the game with at least 70 yards rushing and four scored TDs. Tyler Thompson had TD runs of 4 and 2 yards, leading the victors with 117 ground yards on 16 carries. Darisus Perisee had 76 ground yards and scored the game's first TD on an eight-yard run with 35 seconds left in the opening quarter. He also ran in the two-point conversion and Zeeland West led 8-0. Thompson's first TD run came with 4:03 left in the half, putting Powers down 16-0 at the break.

Powers tried to get back into the contest in the second half. Powers put together a six-play, 76-yard TD drive to start the second half, scoring on Sargent's 15-yard TD run with 9:57 left in the third quarter. However, the two-

point conversion run railed the Powers still trailed 16-6. Zeeland West scored on their next three drive, capping the victory.

Powers' second TD came with 7:28 left in the fourth quarter. Sargent tossed a 35-yard TD pass to Luke Brcic. Brcic also caught the two-point conversion pass from Reese Morgan, another tri-county resident, but the points only cut Zeeland West's lead to 32-14.

"They ran the ball up the middle on us pretty well," Stein said. "And once we were able to stop that, they were dominant running it to the outside."

"I've watched a little bit of the game. I'll keep it (recorded). I know we lost, but it was a great opportunity and I'll never forget that. I'm glad we had the opportunity to go there."

Many of the tri-county athletes played key roles for Powers.

On offense, Sargent completed 12-of-19 passes for 153 yards, but was sacked twice and he was picked off three times. He also ran for 89 yards on 17 carries. Morgan had 61 rushing yards and two receptions for 15 yards. Spencer Gomez caught one pass.

Defensively, Morgan and Stein led the Chargers with nine total tackles. Each had a tackle for a loss. Connors had eight tackles, while Gomez finished with seven. Hunter Kenrick and Sargent had two tackles each, while Noah Gilmour and Nick Locasio had one tackle each.

## SIBLINGS

Continued from Page 10

better than its record indicates considering nine of their 17 contests were forced to overtime. The offense scored just 18 goals all season long.

"The time you put in at college is like a second full-time job," Ben said. "We are putting 20-plus hours in a week just for soccer. ... We have three games a week and on top of practice every day of the week. It was a big challenge getting in the routine of balancing school and soccer."

Ben also found time to score two goals and record two assists. Ben was pleased to be named to the league's newcomer squad.

"It means a lot because it's very difficult for defenders to make that team," Ben said. "When I heard I made the team, I was very excited. I put a lot of effort and hours into soccer and to have it pay off means a lot."

The siblings try to support each other as much as possible. Sam has figured a way to make it to a couple of Ben's games. It's a bit easier for her to get to his games considering Slippery Rock's games are usually Tuesday and Saturday, while Ben usually plays weekend games on Friday and Sunday.

"I told him to have fun and enjoy it," Sam said. "All you can do is work



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Samantha Thornton (left) and Ben Thornton are siblings playing college soccer at two different universities. Sam is at Slippery Rock University, while Ben plays at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis.

your hardest and make friends."

Both are excited about their futures. "I'd like to be first team all-PSAC, win the PSAC championship and work our way back into the NCAAs," Sam said. "The whole team is returning and we'll have our whole line back."

"By the time I graduate I'd like to win the Summit League so I can get a nice ring on my finger," Ben said. "I'd also like to win the Summit League tournament so then we'd be able to play in the NCAA tournament and see how that goes."

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY

Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce

**Jingle Jog 2015**

5K RUN • WALK

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2015**  
**3:00 PM**

Race begins and ends behind the Fenton United Methodist Church Family Life Center, 119 S. Leroy St. Fenton, MI

**ENTRY FEE**  
Before November 21 Deadline - \$20  
After Deadline - \$25

**PACKET PICK-UP**  
Race Day - 1:30pm - 2:45pm  
Fenton United Methodist Church Family Life Center

**COURSE**  
Mostly flat, fast and well-marked on paved streets in downtown Fenton. Roads are open to vehicle traffic, but are monitored by volunteers and police.

**FACILITIES**  
Restrooms and shelter are available.

**AWARDS**  
Awards to 1st Place Male & Female, 1st Place Masters Male & Female, 1st - 3rd Place Male & Female age groups.

EVENT PROUDLY SPONSORED BY

**hap**

**GENISYS CREDIT UNION**

► The first 200 registered will receive a Jingle Jog mug.  
Soup, rolls, hot chocolate & cookies for all participants.  
► Wear a Santa costume or ugly Christmas sweater and you will receive a \$5 dollar refund at registration.  
► Jingle Jog kicks off the Jinglefest celebration, shopping, ice sculptures, horse & carriage rides & lighted parade at 6:00 pm.

**PRIZE SPONSOR:**

**RED FOX FOOTWEAR**

**T-SHIRT SPONSORS:**

**crust**

**Gluten Free Pantry**

**CycleFit**

**AMERICAN SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINESS**

Fill out this form to register by mail or drop off. To register online, please visit [www.runsignup.com/fentonjinglejog](http://www.runsignup.com/fentonjinglejog). You can also register on race day at packet pickup.

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ APT NO: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ AGE ON 12-6-14: \_\_\_\_ SEX: ☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE  
EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
EVENT ENTERING: ☐ 5K RUN ☐ 5K WALK TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
T-SHIRT ONLY IF PREREGISTERED BY NOVEMBER 20TH, 2015 SIZE ADULT: ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL (Additional \$2.00)

In consideration of my participation in this event, I for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive all rights and claims for damages I may have against the organizers, hosts, or sponsors of this event, their agents, representatives, successors, and assigns for any and all injuries suffered by me at said event, or which may arise out of my traveling to, participating in, and returning from this event. I further state that I am in proper physical condition to compete in this event.

ATHLETE (OR PARENT, IF UNDER 18) MUST SIGN: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:** Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce  
**MAIL PAYMENT TO:** Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce • 104 S. Adelaide Street, Fenton MI 48430

p 810.629.5447 • f 810.629.6608 • [www.fentonchamber.com](http://www.fentonchamber.com) • [info@fentonchamber.com](mailto:info@fentonchamber.com)



**CLASSICS****Continued from Page 6**

(played by Dean Jagger), the boys' commander in World War II, who, they learn, is having financial difficulties and his quaint country inn is failing. The cast plans a yuletide miracle, a fun-filled musical extravaganza to help Waverly put his business in the black.

My more recent favorite is 'Home Alone II, Lost in New York City.' When we first watched this movie, our now-25-year-old son was 5 years old.

After Kevin McCallister (played by Macaulay Culkin) loses track of his father at the airport, he mistakenly gets on a plane headed for New York City, while the rest of the McCallisters fly to Florida. Now alone in the Big Apple, Kevin cons his way into a room at the Plaza Hotel and begins his usual antics. But when Kevin discovers that the Sticky Bandits (played by Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern) are on the loose, he struggles to stop them from robbing an elderly man's toy store just before Christmas.

The first time the movie was on TV, my husband and I spent most of our time watching our son. With each

crazy antic by Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern, Sean would literally squeal with joy. He was laughing so hard he had tears. We actually thought he was going to wet his pants. It's a great memory. Sean, however, as sweet as he is, probably gets sick of hearing this story every Christmas.

We also like 'The Santa Clause' with Tim Allen. If you've never seen it, don't 'deny your inner child,' you'll love it.

Believe it or not, I have never seen the movie 'It's a Wonderful Life' from beginning to end. That's probably because when it's on, either guests have just arrived, or there is last-minute cooking to do — there's always something.

One movie that everyone seems to love and I don't really get is 'A Christmas Story.' It's an OK movie, but I don't understand why people always diss the mother for saying, 'You'll shoot your eye out!' What's wrong with that? Especially since that kid, Ralphie, almost did shoot his eye out.

Oh well, there are many more wonderful holiday classic out there — these just happen to be a few of my favorites.

Happy holiday viewing!

**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

**NO TRUCKS DOWNTOWN?** Good question two years too late. That decision or plan should have been in place prior to construction. Look at the Silver Lake Road railroad crossing. Truck tire marks, broken curbs, removed shrubs.

■■■■  
**THE NEW GARBAGE** cans in Fenton

are good. I have neighbors who never used to put out garbage, putting out huge piles of garbage now. The rats in my neighborhood will be sad.

■■■■  
**GREAT WEATHER IS** expected for this weekend's Jinglefest. Starting with the cookie walk at the Lutheran Church and ending with the lighted parade. What could be better?

**RECYCLE****Continued from Front Page**

Gary Hicks, municipality manager for Republic Services told board members, "Fenton Township is no different than any other community I've put these carts in. Once they use them, you're not taking them away," Hicks said.

Hicks said people like the back door service — where someone using the bins can place them at their back door and a Republic Services worker picks them up there, dumps the trash, and brings the bin back.

"Back door service is really going well. I talked to a nice young lady of about 92 years old, who's taking advantage of the back door service and absolutely loves it. She's very pleased," he said.

He expects more people will call 1-800-438-0966 to arrange the service.

When the bins were first used this summer, people resisted and complained about the bins, saying they were ugly and too big. Mathis said there was a Hot line in the Times urging people to put the bins on her lawn.

She said she spoke to one woman who was pushing the bin the wrong way, and the wind blew the lid at her face, giving her two black eyes.

"You have to read the labels on the lids," Mathis said. The labels tell users to keep the lid shut and give instructions on the correct way to push them.

Hicks has also spoken to the woman and she was healing well.

Hicks admitted there were initial problems with delivery because the deployment crew didn't have enough workers. "But it is done. People seem to be happy," he said.

Hicks said about 300 people requested 65-gallon bins, which is a small number of people.

"The phone calls are now coming in like crazy saying 'Can I please have a 95,'" he said. "No matter which way I go, someone's not happy."

A few people said they were not happy about Republic Services' having a smaller list of recyclable items.

Trustee Shaun Shumaker said, "I have friends who've asked why we're taking less items than we did before."

Hicks said the recycling facility they use, ReCommunity, has decided to accept fewer materials.

"They started tightening their belt on what materials they collect," Hicks

said. "We will accept whatever the recycler will tell us we can. I would love to keep taking it all, but when they come back to us and say, 'You can't bring it to us,' I have no other alternative."

Hicks explained it's becoming cheaper to put things in a landfill instead of recycling, but the market constantly changes. "They're in it to make money and if they're not making

money, they're going to tighten the belt and say, 'I don't want to landfill anymore,'" he said.

Shumaker asked about recycling polystyrene, more commonly known as Styrofoam, a brand name for the material. It's a non-recyclable item and putting it in the recycling bin doesn't mean it will be recycled.

If it's in the recycling stream, Hicks said it gets ground down and left in a landfill.

"Putting polystyrene in the recycling stream is one of the reasons I believe they've gotten so strict on what we can bring in and what we cannot."

He also said plastic store bags are causing ReCommunity a tremendous amount of money and maintenance so ReCommunity stopped accepting them.

However, people can recycle plastic bags by dropping them off at stores like VG's and Walmart, Hicks said.

**OK TO RECYCLE**

- Broken down cardboard boxes that are not wax-coated
- Empty paperboard boxes, such as cereal boxes, macaroni and dried food items
- Magazines, catalogs, telephone books, junk mail, postcards, flyers, brochures, old newspapers bound with string or rubber bands, envelopes, and political announcements
- Kitchen pots and pans, empty steel, tin and aluminum cans
- Empty, clear glass bottles and jar (labeled at bottom with #1 or #2), empty plastic jugs and bottles (labeled #3-#7)
- Milk, water, juice, shampoo, dish and laundry detergent bottles, yogurt containers, cereal liners, grocery, trash and retail bags

**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

**TO THE HOT** liner who stated 'Obama has been bombing ISIS for a year, learn the facts.' Fact — the 'Rules of Engagement' state no civilian casualties. Hence, 75 percent of U.S. bombers cannot drop their bombs. As an example, the fuel convoy to ISIS could not be attacked because the tankers were civilian driven. That is not how to run a war.

■■■■  
**HOW CAN YOU** use state and federal grant (taxpayer) money and then tell trucks they aren't allowed to drive on the roads that everyone helped to pay for? Instead of an ordinance, why not put together a timeline to re-do First through Fifth streets by Tomek?

■■■■  
**WHY DO PEOPLE** call the left wing, 'progressive?' These people want to return to the Marxist/Socialist/Communist thinking of the last century. This is not progress, it is the return the tyranny of oppressive government. Let's call them what they really are.

■■■■  
**I WOULD LIKE** to thank the yarn recyclers from Loose Center for donating all their hats and gloves to the Thanksgiving dinner at The Barn. Thank you very much for all your work.

■■■■  
**WELL, I'VE SEEN** it all now. Saturday night I go to pull into a parking spot in downtown Fenton and there's a woman standing in the spot, refusing to move. I finally said excuse me, she informed me she was saving that spot for her husband.



**In this moment . . .**

It doesn't matter if you saved money in 15 minutes.

It doesn't matter if your neighbor has the same insurance you do.

What matters right now is the quality of your independent insurance agent and the company that stands behind them.

Auto-Owners Insurance is "Highest in Customer Satisfaction with the Auto Insurance Claims Experience, Five Years in a Row" according to J.D. Power and Associates.

**BRAD HOFFMAN**  
**INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.**  
"Serving the area over 40 years"  
102 S. Leroy Street  
Fenton, MI • 810-629-4991

**Auto-Owners Insurance**



# Classifieds

REAL ESTATE | GARAGE SALES  
JOB OPENINGS | SERVICE DIRECTORY  
PUZZLES | OBITUARIES

Times

CLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT: 810-629-8194WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2015PAGE 13

Cars For Sale

**2003 MINI COOPER**  
19,784 miles, beautiful condition, like new, with all options, \$9,000/obo. 248-634-1311.

Trucks/SUV's For Sale

**1992 DAKOTA**  
61,000 miles, V8, Auto, E Cab, \$4000. One owner 810-735-4364.

**2001 CHEVY TRACKER 4X4**  
160,000 miles, runs good. \$2800. Call 248-933-2867.

**2003 YUKON DENALI**  
132,500 miles, good condition, all service records included, great car, very reliable, \$6,000/obo. 248-634-1311.

Vans For Sale



**2002 CHEVY EXPRESS VAN**  
No rust, no leaks, V8, fully loaded, 2 fold down tv's, \$3000 firm. Call or text 810-444-4579.

Real Estate For Rent

**HOLLY 2 BEDROOM**  
1 bath, 700 sq. ft., mobile home. Large enclosed porch, newly renovated, \$600/month, \$300 deposit, water included. Call 248-807-3921.

Rooms/Apts For Rent

**LaFonda Apartments**  
In Fenton  
1 bedroom **\$500**  
2 bedroom **\$600**  
CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION  
**810-629-5871**  
EHO  
[www.cormorantco.com](http://www.cormorantco.com)

**ALL REAL ESTATE ADVERTISING**  
in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 which makes it illegal to advertise preference, limitation, or discrimination based on race, color, religion or national origin, or an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination. This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis.

Miscellaneous For Sale

**ABSOLUTELY BRAND NEW**  
Queen pillow top mattress sets, still in factory wrapper, never been used, no room to store, \$195. Call 734-219-9715.



**GENERATOR CHAMPION MODEL**  
41135, 6500/5500 watts, used 1 time, \$475. Excellent condition. Call Chuck 810-629-2820.

**TRI-COUNTY TIMES PHOTOS**  
Any staff photo published in the Tri-County Times can be purchased by calling 810-433-6797.

**NOTICE OF ERROR**  
It is the responsibility of the advertiser to check the correctness of each insertion of an advertisement. The Tri-County Times will not be responsible for more than one incorrect insertion and for only that portion that may have been rendered valueless by an error.

Miscellaneous Wanted

**I NEED YOUR SCRAP METAL**  
washers, dryers, water heaters, furnaces, aluminum, copper piping, etc. Please call 810-735-5910.

**WANTED: MUSCLE CARS**  
1972 and older. Any model, any make, any condition. Also 1986-1987 Grand National or T-type. 810-252-9194.

Pets

**ADORABLE LOP-EAR**  
baby bunnies ready to go 12-01-15, \$15. Call or text Yvonne 810-348-7020.

Legal Notices

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
due to unpaid rent at Fenton Storage, 3144 Copper Avenue, 810-629-2248 on December 10th at 9:30a.m. or later. Joe Cloutier #C-3A, Michael Williams #814, Anthony Knitter #527. All units contain miscellaneous items.

## PUBLIC AUCTION

### High-End Gym Equipment Top of the Line!

*Everything Selling Regardless of Price!*

**Sat. Dec 5th at 10 AM , Preview 9 AM**  
**951 S. Latson Howell, MI 48843**  
*Located at the F&N Plaza*

200+ Pieces of Commercial Equipment  
Complete Sauna's, 100+ Pieces of Cybex Weight Equipment, Weighted Bars, Free Weights, Weight Racks, 100's of Weight Plates, Hammer Strength Machines, 50+ Pieces of Magnum Equipment, Medicine Balls, Kettle Bells, 100's of Lockers, Solaris Tanning System, 20+ Precor Ellipticals , 15+ Star Trac Spin Bikes, 10+ Cybex 700Model Recumbent Bikes, TV's, Audio Systems, Stairmasters, 15+ Precor Treadmills, Steppers, Fitness Equipment, True Commercial Coolers, Office Equipment, Childs Nursery Items, Life Fitness Equipment, Flite Commercial Equipment, ICarian Equipment, Much More!

**Karen Rose Auction Co. LTD**  
**419-461-7588**  
*Terms and Conditions Online*  
Visit [www.KarenRoseAuction.com](http://www.KarenRoseAuction.com) for details.

# Job Openings

Times

Help Wanted

**AUTO MECHANIC NEEDED**  
5 day work week, salary position. Pay based on tools, certification and ability. Contact Mike at Linden Auto Repair 810-735-9911 or in person at 417 W. Broad St. Linden.

**BABYSITTER WANTED**  
in my Davisburg home for 7 year old son. Mostly weekends, own transportation. Call 248-882-1635.

Help Wanted

**DENTAL ASSISTANT NEEDED**  
warm, caring, energetic, experienced. 2-3 days. Very Competitive Pay! Please email resume to: jamesrachor@jamesrachordds.com.

**SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL CREW NEEDED**  
No experience necessary, on call 24/7. Apply within Shoemaker Services - Fenton.

Help Wanted

**FENTON MEDICAL INDUSTRY**  
Seamstress wanted. Put your passion for sewing to work! Experience with industrial machines preferred. Flexible hours. Full-time with benefits, medical, dental, vision, life, short and long term disability, 401k, paid vacation and holidays or part-time. Send resume to HR@cfimedical.com or fax 810-593-1356.

Help Wanted

### GENERAL LABOR MECHANIC

Company in Northern Oakland County seeks a mechanically inclined person for General Labor.

**Pifer Golf Cars**  
**248-634-9444**

Help Wanted

To advertise your

## JOB OPENING

call 810-629-8282

**WEEKEND PAPER HELP WANTED DEADLINES**  
Display Ads: Wednesday 3 p.m.  
Line Ads: Noon Thursday

**MIDWEEK PAPER HELP WANTED DEADLINES**  
Display Ads: Monday 3 p.m.  
Line Ads: Noon Tuesday

Help Wanted

THE BEST WAY TO REMEMBER SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT  
IS TO REPEAT IT THREE TIMES.

"Subscribe to the Times"

"Subscribe to the Times"

"Subscribe to the Times"



# Garage Sales

Times

## Holly



**DECEMBER 3RD-5TH, 9-5P.M.**

8164 Buckell Lake Rd.

Estate Sale! Many antiques, rare mammys bench, plantation desk, burl walnut secretary, tables, bed, slow blue, crocks, too much to list! Lots of household.

## Swartz Creek



**DECEMBER 4-6TH,  
FRIDAY AND  
SATURDAY  
9:30-4:30P.M.,  
SUNDAY 12-3P.M.**

5060 Grand Blanc Rd.  
Complete contents of  
the estate including  
vehicle, furniture,  
collectibles, antiques,  
lawn tractor and more.  
Visit [www.liquidators.com](http://www.liquidators.com)  
for more pictures  
and details.

# Obituaries

Times

## Margaret Mary "Peggy" Anderson 1929-2015

Margaret Mary "Peggy" Anderson - age 86, of Linden, died Friday, November 27, 2015 at Caretel Inns of Linden with her family by her side. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 1:30 PM Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton with



the Rev. Fr. David Harvey as celebrant. Burial will follow at St. John Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 12:30 until the time of Mass on Wednesday at the church. Peggy was born October 5, 1929, in Trenton, N.J. She was the daughter of Peter and Frances (Dorsey) Dillon. Peggy was married to the late Raymond C. Anderson at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Trenton, N.J. on January 9, 1954 and graduated from Cathedral High School in Trenton, N.J. Peggy and Ray resided in Fenton where they raised their eight children. She was a homemaker, loving mother and friend, as well as Secretary of St. John's Catholic School from 1973 to 1977. Peggy had a variety of interests which included being skilled at needlepoint and knitting. She was a trained opera singer and performer, and music was her passion. She was a very active member of St. John

the Evangelist Catholic Church in various capacities. Peggy was also a hospice volunteer for several years. As Peggy

was pure Irish, she was also known as a great Notre Dame football fan. All who knew Peggy, will also fondly remember her for her infectious smile and loving embrace. She was

compassionate and kind, and will be dearly missed. Surviving are four daughters, Meg Telgenhoff, Mary (Robert) Guilbault, Katie Anderson, Tricia (Dick) Thayer, all of Fenton; four sons, Ray of Lorraine, Ohio, Frank of Salado, Texas, Matt (Mary Beth) of Beaverton, Oregon, and Chris (Angela) of Ada, MI; 15 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; sisters, Eileen Howard of Trenton, N.J. and sister-in-law, Phyllis Dillon of Yardville, N.J. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Patricia and brother, Robert. The Anderson family would also like to extend their deepest gratitude to the staff of Caretel Inns of Linden and Heartland Hospice of Flint. Online condolences and tributes will be posted on the obituaries page of [www.sharpsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpsfuneralhomes.com).



# Service Directory

Times

## Animal Care Services



SERVICE OR  
FREE ESTIMATES  
**734-780-7777**  
[www.dogwatchlaughinglab.com](http://www.dogwatchlaughinglab.com)

## Handyman



All types of home improvements  
Give me a call, I do it all!  
**810-964-9559**

**HANDYMAN**  
Plumbing, Painting, Drywall,  
Roofing & Siding Repair.  
Call **810-618-5240**  
or **810-629-6729**

## Painting/ Wallpapering

**FULL SERVICE  
PAINTING**

All Size Jobs  
Call Back Guarantee  
25 Years Experience

**LAURICELLA  
PAINTING**  
**248-210-8392**  
[lauricellapaintinginc@yahoo.com](mailto:lauricellapaintinginc@yahoo.com)

## Stump Grinding

**BIG OR  
SMALL**

We Grind Them All!

*Specializing in removal  
of unsightly stumps &  
roots from your lawn*

SMALL YARD ACCESSIBLE  
**FREE ESTIMATES**  
INSURED

**STUMP  
GRINDING**  
**(810) 730-7262**  
**(810) 629-9215**

## Fencing

Now you can  
**AFFORD**  
the beautiful  
**FENCING**  
you've always wanted!



**FENTON  
FENCE  
Company**  
**810-735-7967**

## Landscape Services

**TREE REMOVAL  
& SNOW REMOVAL  
YARD CLEANUP**

- Fall Cleanup
- Brush Removal
- Tree Trimming
- Weeding
- Fall Cleanups
- And more

Free Estimates • Available 7 days a week  
**CODY'S OUTDOOR  
Essentials & Services**  
Call Cody  
**810-625-4034**

## Nails

THE *Traveling*  
**MANICURIST**

- Shut-ins • Seniors
- Bridal Parties
- Lunch Hour
- Office Manicures
- Pedicure Parties
- Acrylic Fills • Repairs
- ...much more!

**LISA • 810-922-6553**

Pre-Payment is required  
for all private party ads

Visa & Mastercard accepted



**For Classifieds Call  
810-629-8194**

**SCOTT'S PAINTING**

Interior/Exterior | Drywall Repair  
Wallpaper Removal | Decks  
Power Washing

**248-795-4303**

## Printing

AlliedMedia is the  
Midwest's premier  
"one stop"  
business solution  
provider.

**ALLIEDmedia**  
**810.750.8291**  
[www.alliedmedia.net](http://www.alliedmedia.net)

**REACH OUT TO  
POTENTIAL  
CUSTOMERS**

**ADVERTISE IN  
THE SERVICE  
DIRECTORY**

Call Kathleen at  
**810-433-6787**

**Times**

Find it in the

**Times**

## Tree Services

**HOLTSLANDER & SON'S  
TREE SERVICE LLC**  
**FAST &  
AFFORDABLE**

- Tree trimming & removal
- Stump & brush removal
- Lot clearing
- Licensed & insured
- Free Estimates

[holtslandertreeservice.com](http://holtslandertreeservice.com)  
**(810) 280-8963**

## Video Taping & Production

**REEL★TIMES**  
TRI-COUNTY TIMES VIDEO PRODUCTION

**HIGH-QUALITY  
COMMERCIAL  
VIDEOS**

**810-433-6822**

## FUNERAL ETIQUETTE

### 7 THINGS NOT TO WRITE IN A SYMPATHY MESSAGE

#### Shorthand text messages

If you text someone a quick note on your cell phone you don't come across as someone who cares enough to use paper and pen.

**Explanation of the death**  
Don't try to explain the person's death. It is not comforting.

**Any mention of replacing the person**  
Parents who lost a child don't want the advice that they can try again.

**Personal sad stories**  
This isn't about you.

#### Humor

Save the funny quotes and quips for later, after the person has enough time to grieve.

#### Negative comments about the deceased

Never write anything negative about the person who has passed, or you'll appear cold and unfeeling.

#### Inheritance

This is not the time to discuss what the deceased left to his or her heirs.

Source: [etiquette.about.com](http://etiquette.about.com)

plug-in



**tctimes.com**

*view*  
**OBITUARIES**  
*online*

Obituaries updated daily online!

**tctimes.com**



WEDNESDAY SUDOKU

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   | 9 |   | 3 |   |   | 7 |   |   |
|   |   | 2 |   | 8 |   |   |   | 3 |
| 6 |   |   |   |   | 5 |   | 1 |   |
|   | 8 |   |   | 3 | 6 | 4 |   |   |
| 4 |   |   | 9 |   |   |   |   | 2 |
|   |   | 9 |   | 1 |   |   | 8 |   |
|   |   | 5 |   |   | 3 | 9 |   |   |
|   | 4 |   | 8 |   |   |   |   | 7 |
| 2 |   |   |   | 7 |   |   | 6 |   |

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

Answer in this Sunday's edition of the Tri-County Times

WEDNESDAY JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

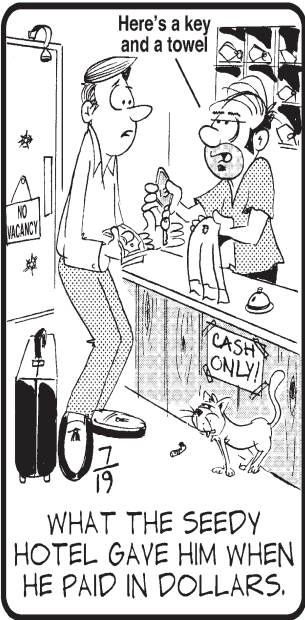
CARTT

©2010 Tribune Media Services, Inc. All Rights Reserved.

KUFLE

QUILOR

YURELS



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here:

Answer in this Sunday's edition of the Tri-County Times

DVD RELEASES

**MISSISSIPPI GRIND**  
Gerry is a talented poker player, but his gambling habit is getting the best of him. He meets a charismatic young traveler named Curtis. Deeming Curtis his lucky charm, Gerry convinces him to hit the road together. The trip's highs and lows unveil the duo's true character and motivation.  
R, 1 hr. 48 min.



**90 MINUTES IN HEAVEN**  
Don Piper died Jan. 18, 1989. Declared dead Don's body lay under a tarp for the next 90 minutes. Don's soul, meanwhile, was experiencing love, joy and life like he'd never known before. Don was in Heaven. When another pastor's prayers helped bring Don back to life, he became a living miracle!  
PG-13, 2 hr. 1 min.



HOROSCOPES

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** At this time you might want to resist that otherwise admirable Aries penchant for getting to the heart of a matter quickly. Keep in mind that a delicate situation calls for patience.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Your aspects favor more diplomacy and fewer direct confrontations when dealing with a relationship problem. Avoiding hurt feelings can help in your search for the truth.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Positive aspects are strong this week. Although you might still have to deal with some problems caused by a recent period of turmoil, you are making progress, and that's what counts.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** A family matter could benefit from your counsel. But don't come into it unless invited, and don't stay if you feel uneasy. Just remember to reassure one and all that you'll be there for them.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** As the truth about an ongoing situation

emerges, you could find that you were right to defer judgment before you had all the facts. Now would be a good time to move on to other matters.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Your plans to take control of a personal situation because you feel you are best qualified could create resentment. Best to hear what everyone else involved in the matter has to say about it.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Uncovering some surprising background facts about that ongoing personal matter could make you reconsider the extent of your involvement. A neutral family member offers advice.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Religious or spiritual themes start to dominate your aspect this week. This can serve as a counterweight to the mounting effects of the season's growing commercialization.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to**

**December 21)** Taking on that recent challenge impressed a lot of important decision-makers. Meanwhile, proceed with your holiday plans, and don't forget to include you-know-who in them.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Disagreeing with an opinion you can't accept could be dicey, and your motives might be questioned. Best to wait to mount a challenge until you have support for your position.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Getting involved in helping others in this increasingly hectic period not only makes the generous Aquarian feel good, but you could also gain a more substantive benefit from your actions.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** The Piscean way of thinking clearly and objectively helps you resolve a complex situation without creating any ill will. Don't be surprised if your counsel is requested on another matter.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

KING FEATURES

- ACROSS**
- 1 Andy's pal of old
  - 5 Comic Margaret
  - 8 Rue the run
  - 12 Cougar
  - 13 Explanation
  - 14 "Animal House" group
  - 15 Voters' choice
  - 17 — accompli
  - 18 Lair
  - 19 Squid squirt
  - 20 Striped animal
  - 21 "CSI" evidence
  - 22 Pen name?
  - 23 Trip around the world?
  - 26 With 6-Down, Peter Pan's foe
  - 30 Bellow
  - 31 Pooch
  - 32 Really enjoying
  - 33 Three-part European union
  - 35 Friars Club event
  - 36 Dove's comment
  - 37 Junior
  - 38 Ashen
  - 41 Suitable
  - 42 Hot tub
  - 45 Wrinkly fruit

|    |    |    |    |  |    |    |    |  |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|--|----|----|----|--|----|----|----|----|
| 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  |  | 5  | 6  | 7  |  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 |
| 12 |    |    |    |  | 13 |    |    |  | 14 |    |    |    |
| 15 |    |    |    |  | 16 |    |    |  | 17 |    |    |    |
| 18 |    |    |    |  | 19 |    |    |  | 20 |    |    |    |
|    |    |    | 21 |  |    |    | 22 |  |    |    |    |    |
| 23 | 24 | 25 |    |  |    | 26 |    |  |    | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 |    |    |    |  | 31 |    |    |  | 32 |    |    |    |
| 33 |    |    |    |  | 34 |    |    |  | 35 |    |    |    |
|    |    |    | 36 |  |    |    | 37 |  |    |    |    |    |
| 38 | 39 | 40 |    |  |    | 41 |    |  |    | 42 | 43 | 44 |
| 45 |    |    |    |  | 46 |    |    |  | 47 |    |    |    |
| 48 |    |    |    |  | 49 |    |    |  | 50 |    |    |    |
| 51 |    |    |    |  | 52 |    |    |  | 53 |    |    |    |

- 46 Ouster
- 48 "Scat!"
- 49 Fond du —, WI
- 50 Leer at
- 51 Oscar winner Goldie
- 52 "— Doubtfire"
- 53 Melt
- 7 Possess
- 8 Fondness
- 9 Grouch
- 10 Tresses
- 11 "At Last" singer James
- 16 Coloration
- 20 Type of code
- 21 Way
- 22 Satchel
- 23 Scepter topper
- 24 Fish eggs
- 25 Prohibit
- 26 Courteney of "Friends"
- 27 Literary collection
- 28 Part of TGIF
- 29 "To be or — ..."
- 31 Pair
- 34 Actress Myrna
- 35 Campus mil. program
- 37 Glasses, slangily
- 38 Shove
- 39 Old Turkish title
- 40 Unhurried
- 41 Open slightly
- 42 Unspoken "Alas!"
- 43 Silents star Negri
- 44 From the beginning
- 46 Shade provider
- 47 Youngster





**Friday - Saturday - Sunday**  
**December 11, 12, 13**  
**5pm - 8pm**

A 20 minute outdoor walk through the events  
that foretold and preceded Christ's birth.

Warm up with music and  
refreshments inside after your walk.

Event Held At:

**Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church**

10235 White Lake Road • Fenton, MI 48430

(810) 629-1261



Exit 77 - off U.S. 23, just South of Fenton  
1/4 mile west on the right.  
(Look for Jesus Walk Sign and Parking Attendants.)