Survival Flight team befriends local cancer patient

■Local man shares bucket list dream to meet flight crew

By Sally Rummel

Ray Lemon, 80, was peering outside the window from his hospital room at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor when he saw an amazing sight. The Survival Flight helicopter pad was within his view and he watched in awe as the flight crew took off and landed, transporting critically ill and injured patients on a daily basis.

Facing an uncertain future after a recent diagnosis of acute myeloid leukemia, a cancer of the blood and bone marrow, Lemon became obsessed with watching the lifesaving scenes outside his window. See SURVIVAL on 11A Ray Lemon got a special tour of the Survival Flight helicopter,

arranged by one of the flight nurses. Submitted photo





Michigan's deposit system for bottles and cans could end



Guests deposit their returnable bottles and cans at Holly Foods in this Times file photo. A package of bills to end the deposit system has been introduced. **Times file photo.**

Local grocery stores are in favor, but charitable organizations could be affected

By Tim Jagielo

A package of bills has been proposed to eliminate the 40-year-old deposit system in Michigan, shifting bottles and cans to the recycling bin instead of the supermarket bottle return area.

This was music to Alpine Marketplace

owner Marvin Yono's ears.

"That would be a big burden lifted off my shoulders," said Yono, who added that he loses money on processing these bottles and cans. He has to worry about dirty empty bottles being brought back into a store that See DEPOSIT on 19A

Suspected heroin overdoses in Holly

One fatality; other revived with Narcan Tuesday morning

By Sharon Stone

The body of a 39-year-old man was discovered in a back bedroom of a home on Washington Street in Holly just before 9 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 4. A58-yearold man, reportedly lying on the floor and turning blue, was also found near the front door of the same residence.

According to Holly police, the younger man's death appeared to be from a heroin overdose, based on evidence found at the scene. Police have not released the man's name, as of Friday.

Holly police officers were dispatched to the home in the 200 block of Washington Street at 8:52 a.m. to assist the Holly Fire Department. The 911 call indicated a 58-year-old man See **HEROIN** on 21A



Get Saw an article in the last Times that recommended people buy pet insurance. Please don't fall

into the same

trap that human health insurance got into. Introduce a middleman and costs will skyrocket." **K** I can assure you that the profit going back to the homeland (Japan?) for the sale of one of

facing financial challenges. See story on Page 15A. Photo: Tim Jagielo



amount of money that is spent in this country by that manufacturer. Make America Great Again buy American."

their cars or trucks

far exceeds the

CALC Wy husband and I were stuck on U.S. 23 when those multiple accidents took place the other day. This is one situation

With a Hero program by the Fenton Township Firefighters Association provided Christmas shopping for 55 children of local families

where people need to relax and be patient. We are not in that big of a hurry. This could have happened to any of us."



CREST in peace former President George H.W. Bush. With any luck, your quiet and dignified demeanor will be remembered by and rub off on those who are always so angry about anything and everything all the time. Loved the funeral train. The world hasn't seen anything like that since FDR's funeral train in 1945."





Michigan is nation's third largest Christmas tree producer

■ State generates \$27 million from trees and \$1.5 million from garlands and boughs

By Tim Jagielo

Mundy Twp. — The workshop at Carlson's Greenhouse smells like pine and a faint touch of citrus. Workers are busy bending evergreen boughs into wreaths large and small.

Tammy Carlson-Gregory said they'll make 10,000 or more of these items through the short two-month season, and they're just coming off their peak of production.

Downtown Fenton is decorated with greenery from Gerych's, which also makes wreaths and grave blankets from local tree farms.

Michigan produces and sells \$1.5 million in evergreen boughs and garlands, which are made into wreaths that adorn homes and offices for the holiday season. "There's a whole market to all those



Diane Proper of Carlson's Greenhouse makes evergreen hanging baskets on Wednesday Dec. 5. The greenhouse will make thousands of holiday decorations using greenery from local farms. Photo: Tim Jagielo

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Ben Jennings finishes trimming branches off the tree he cut down with his family in 2017 at Branching Out Nursery & Landscaping in Fenton. Beside him are his wife, Tonia, and their daughter, Scarlett, 7. Overall, the farm will sell about 350 trees. Times file photo

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Amy Start

Michigan Christmas Tree

Association executive director

products, also," said Amy Start, executive director for the Michigan Christmas Tree Association.

Her organization has 120 members currently, which primarily grow Christmas trees. These include nurseries, farms and wholesalers. Over the past 10 years, numbers have declined. She said younger

people aren't getting into farming, and the recession forced a lot of farms out of the business. "It breaks my heart," she said.

This means that there are fewer trees to buy and to choose from this season. "We're seeing that effect now, seeing a tightening of a market nationwide," she said.

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"It's not tremendous, but there are fewer Christmas tree growers than there used to be," said David Petts, owner of Branching Out Nursery and Landscaping in Fenton Township.

There were fewer trees planted around the time of the Great Recession, which can take eight to 10 years to grow. "For the next few years there are going to be fewer trees than you're used to," he said.

This just means that growers like Petts will have fewer options to offer buyers. They may have to compromise on their purchase.

He said that in the past, excess trees

were sometimes sold to non-profit organizations for their fundraiser. Petts hasn't had excess for a while, so he hasn't been able to sell anything wholesale. In a few years, there will be more excess, and more choices for consumers. He thinks any short-

age will be at its worst this year. Other nurseries have closed, and he's absorbing those clients, leading to more sales and fewer trees.

Despite this, prices haven't really increased. He said the exception is Frasier firs, which are available in fewer numbers, See TREE on 17A

HALL of FAME

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Times will be sharing some of the most destination-worthy halls of fame in the U.S. and Canada, beginning with the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York, in a monthly series beginning today.



Photo: www.newyorkupstate.com/cooperstow

BASEBALL **America's National Pastime**

Cooperstown, New York, home of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, is worth a road trip

By Sally Rummel

About 300,000 people each year make a trip to Cooperstown, New York to pay tribute to the heroes of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.

For some, it's a chance to reconnect with their childhood, when they began their journey of collecting baseball memories, as well as baseball cards. For many, it's an opportunity to honor the great athletes of the sport, who for the past 80 years, have been nominated each year into See BASEBALL on 16A



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next one is Saturday beginning at 9 a.m.

MY BLOOD DONOR friend just received

an emergency call from the Red Cross.

The hospital needed his blood platelets,

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a brain is disputing the fact that your

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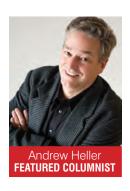
Andrew Heller

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Come *Heller* high water...

ome people love to sneer at examples of what they deem to be "political correctness." My usual reaction is to wonder what's wrong with them.

Let's use the N-word as an example. How is it not a good thing that most people don't use that term anymore? Or how about some of the truly horrible terms people used to use in reference to people with mental or physical disabilities? Would the people who snort dismissively about the "PC Police" prefer they were still used?



hundreds of examples of words, terms and practices that used to be acceptable but aren't anymore. What's labeled political correctness is usually just being kind and

There are

considerate, and I fail to see anything wrong with that. Being "PC" has made us a more aware, gentler and more inclusive nation. I call that progress.

But not in every instance. Sometimes, yeah, political correctness goes too far, just like everything else. We have two examples before us right now in the mini-debate over the silly 1944 Christmas tune "Baby, It's Cold Outside" and the TV special "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."

A radio station in Cleveland recently banned "Baby, It's Cold Outside" from its holiday playlists after listeners supposedly complained. (I say supposedly because I used to do a little radio and recognize the smell of a publicity stunt. Nothing boosts ratings like a manufactured controversy.) A handful of other stations across the nation are apparently following suit.

The main gripe seems to be that the song promotes date rape and is therefore inappropriate in the #MeToo era.

Whoa, what? I'm all for the #MeToo movement, which has empowered

women to step forward, speak out and fight back — all great things, obviously.

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raping her?

bad person,

offended by

But are we listening to the same tune? From the million or so times I've heard it, the song seems to be about a mildly obnoxious guy who won't take "no" for an answer and a woman who doesn't want to give no as an answer. She wants to stay. He wants her to stay. So they're looking for an excuse to make it happen and, well ... baby, it's cooooold ouuuutsiiiiiide. (I'm singing while I type this, and you can't stop me).

Did I miss **Sometimes.** the parts about yeah, political drugging and correctness goes too Maybe I'm a far, just like but I'm just not everything this song. What **else.** 77

does offend me is why it's considered a Christmas song in the first place since there's no mention of Christmas in it. (Someone please explain.)

Then there's Rudolph. The Huffington Post posted a video calling the show "seriously problematic" for the bullying Rudolph endures from Santa, the other reindeer (those jerks) and even Comet the reindeer coach. I suspect the video was intended to be satirical, in that it calls Rudolph "the marginalized reindeer," which is a pretty funny line. If they were being serious, well, they're welcome to their opinion, I guess, but it would be pretty hard to make a parable about the awfulness of bullying without actually depicting the bullying, wouldn't it?

Maybe I need sensitivity training but when I watch Rudolph (which I still do), I'm not wondering why a 50-year-old TV special doesn't conform to modern mores. I'm focused on bigger mysteries. Like how is it, exactly, that Bumbles bounce? Opinions offered in Come Heller High Water are the author's alone and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Tri-County Times or its staff. Email the Andrew at andrewheller@tctimes.com.



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Grateful to the bands Dear editor,

On behalf of the Jinglefest Parade Committee, we would like to express our sincere thanks to the Fenton and Lake Fenton high school bands for their students' participation in the Jinglefest Parade. The weather was far from ideal and with your concern for instruments and uniforms we know that it must have been a very difficult decision whether or not to march. We were elated to see the Lake Fenton trailer coming down the road and then look behind the school and see the Fenton band. We believe that the community looks forward more to this parade every year than any other and that is in large part because of vour participation. We have heard nothing but positive comments about the parade. I told everyone, who has commented about the difficult decision you had to make, how grateful we should be that you were there. Our thanks to your students.

– Scott Grossmeyer Fenton Jinglefest Parade Chairman



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Morgan Dugan

Linden



"Elf.' It has a happy ending, and I like happy endings."

Christina Dugan Linden



"Miracle on 34th Street.' We always watch it, and have for a long time."

Don Shelby

Deerfield Township



"All of the Hallmark movies, because I like feel-good movies."

Tracy Boettcher Fenton Township



"Probably 'It's a Wonderful Life.' It's a classic and it shows how Christmas should be.

Tom Reynolds Linden

Paving the way for wind farms

Planning commission approves local wind farm ordinance

By Tim Jagielo

There aren't any wind farms in Holly Township, yet, but the Planning Commission approved a new ordinance that will regulate the use of wind farms in the township, be it for personal or industrial uses.

The unanimous vote was cast at the regular commission meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 4, however, it still needs Township Board approval. Tony Engleberg, chair of the Planning Commission, said he is confident the ordinance will pass.

Engleberg said there have been "feelers put out" on certain township properties, like the old golf course, for wind and solar energy generation. See WIND FARMS on 6A

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> Tony Engleberg Holly Township Planning Commission chair



Wind turbines spin in Gilford Township. The Holly Township Planning Commission approved an ordinance that allows for wind farms. The township board still needs to approve the ordinance. Times file photo



Fenton police handle one of several crashes that occurred during one incident on Tuesday, Dec. 4. Times file photo

Ten vehicles, five crashes, six injured motorists

Rear-end collision starts chain reaction of crashes on U.S. 23 near Owen Road

By Sharon Stone

With Tuesday afternoon's crash on U.S. 23 in Fenton, there were a total of five separate crashes involving 10 vehicles. Three injured motorists were transported to area hospitals by ambulances and another three motorists who suffered minor injuries declined ambulance transport.

Fenton police shut down both directions of U.S. 23 after a series of crashes began at 2:30 p.m. Southbound traffic was forced to exit at Silver Lake Road and northbound traffic had to exit at Owen Road.

Eyewitness reports indicated that an injured individual was observed lying in a southbound lane.

Lt. Jeff Cross said three of the crashes occurred in the northbound lanes and two crashes were in the southbound lanes.

Cross said just prior to the initial rear-end collision in the northbound lanes, police officers had been out on the roadway picking up debris from a hot tub cover, which had broken and was scattered in pieces across the roadway. Traffic through that area had slowed as vehicles navigated around the broken pieces of the hot tub cover.

Cross said police had just left the highway when a female driver was approaching the area, not aware that traffic was slowed. She rear-ended a vehicle, which caused another vehicle to veer from the roadway and roll over in the ditch.

This crash caused a chain reaction and two northbound vans collided underneath the Owen Road overpass. A motorists traveling southbound noticed the crashes and pulled over to the center median so that they could help. By that motorist stopping just off to the left of the fast lane, two more crashes occurred in the southbound lanes.



The woman determined to be the initial at-fault driver was arrested for driving with a suspended license. Cross said Wednesday afternoon that the report on her was not complete and he did not have further details on her identity.

Approximately one half hour later, at 3 p.m., another multiple-vehicle crash was reported on northbound U.S. 23 near White Lake Road. Traffic became congested quickly and approaching vehicles were not slowing down.

Cross said police believe there is just too much traffic for two lanes in each direction through the Fenton area. Speed and numerous entrance and exit ramps might also be contributing to the number of highway crashes in the Fenton area.

Cross said that city streets became congested with the extra highway traffic and one semi-tractor truck, which did not stop, reportedly ran over a city street sign, while navigating through the area. Robert G. Phillips Online Auction Bidding is Open! Preview: Wednesday, Dec. 12 (10 AM - 2 PM) Online Auction Features - 1953 GMC (5)

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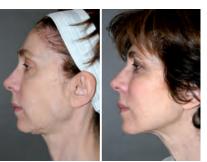
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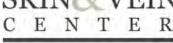
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WIND FARMS **Continued from Page 5A**

He said that Glen Mitchell, who owns Mitchell Farm, has been approached.

Mitchell said Ranger Power dropped off some information, because they were looking for possible solar farm locations on more than 150 acres. They opted for a north Shiawassee County location instead.

He said the township passed a similar solar ordinance this past spring.

"Looking at the wind maps, Holly is not in an area where we would expect an influx of wind farms or even personal windmills," Engleberg said.

However, he said that the technology and wind patterns do change, and the ordinance can make someone who is interested in either solar or wind energy adaptable to those changes.

'Currently Holly Township has no regulation (and therefore no way to approve) any proposed wind farms or even someone wanting to put one up on their property for personal use," Engleberg said.

The ordinance the commission approved outlined in specific detail how Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) may be harnessed in the township.

It sets limits on noise the turbines can make, and prohibits them from being placed in a location where they can create flickering light for residents. The blades are so large, that should the sun rise or set behind the spinning wind turbines, they're large enough to make the light flicker as it enters the home, which was a complaint at the wind farms in Gilford Township (Tuscola County).

It also sets the distance from which a turbine can be from adjoining properties. The ordinance states that the distance between the turbine and property lines shall be equal to 400 percent of the height of the tower, including the top of the blade in its vertical position.

The minimum lot size would be two acres.

Just sayin'...

Don't forget us!'

In the spring of 2003, I received an Easter card from my parents, who lived

near Phoenix, Arizona. My mother included a photograph with that card. It was a picture of her, my dad and my uncle.

Anyway, it was a great picture, one that I still keep in a frame at home today. My mother did do something that I thought was very strange at the time. She wrote on the back, "Don't forget us!"

Huh, that's weird, I thought. Why would she say something like that? I

asked her about it next time we spoke by phone and she said she didn't know why she wrote it, only that she didn't want me to forget them.

"Don't be silly, Mom, how could I ever forget you guys," I told her.

> The following spring, on March 20, 2004 to be exact, my mother suffered a massive stroke. Though she lived, she could never speak anything but gibberish ever again. Telephone conversations were very "awkward" to say the least. I was never sure if she understood what I

was saying.

VERA HOGAN

In late March of 2008, my mother fell in her Arizona living room and broke her hip. She was, of course, rushed to the hospital. But before she could undergo surgery, they had to get her breathing under control. They stuck a big, long tube down her throat, which she absolutely hated.

In the meantime, I arranged to fly to Phoenix but before I could get there, I received another phone call that our mom had taken a turn for the worse. They told me the minister from my sister's church was there and that this was not looking good.

I was very confused, I couldn't wrap my head around how a broken hip could end in possible death, even if that someone had suffered a stroke. It seems that when they removed the tube from my mother's throat, and later tried to reinsert it for the surgery, she refused. They said she even became violent. That tube was not going back in her throat.

I was going to see what I could do to get a flight to Phoenix on Monday, April 7, but received a call late Sunday night, April 6. They put my mother on the phone and for the first time since her stroke four years earlier, she said to me very clearly, "I love you, Vera."

The next day, on Monday, April 7, 2008, at 3 p.m. Arizona time, my mother died.

I am saying this now because of that picture she gave me and what she wrote on the back, "Don't forget us!" It was in her handwriting; I look at it all the time and cherish having it. It is one of my most prized possessions.

All week the newscasters have been reporting on the life and death of former President George H.W. Bush. He was well known for his hand-written love letters to his wife, Barbara, and hand-written letters, cards and notes to his family and friends.

What a gift to leave for your loved ones — just a simple, hand-written note. Not an email, not a text, but just a loving message with ink on paper. I suddenly want to get busy with my Christmas cards. I don't want my family and friends to "forget me" either. Opinions offered in Just Sayin' are the author's alone and do not neces-sarily reflect the opinion of the Tri-County Times or its staff. Email Vera at vhogan@tclimes.com.

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LOOKING BACK at this week in **HISTORY**

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DEC. 9

1992: British Prime Minister John Major announces the formal separation of Charles, Prince of Wales and heir to the British throne, and his wife, Princess Diana. Major explained that the royal couple were separating "amicably." On July 29, 1981, nearly one billion television viewers in 74 countries tuned in to witness the marriage of Prince Charles to Lady Diana Spencer, a young English schoolteacher. Married in a grand ceremony at St. Paul's Cathedral in the presence of 2,650 guests, the couple's romance was, for the moment, the envy of the world. Their first child, Prince William, was born in 1982, and their second, Prince Henry, in 1984.

DEC. 10

1901: The first Nobel Prizes are awarded in Stockholm, Sweden, in the fields of physics, chemistry, medicine, literature, and peace. The ceremony came on the fifth anniversary of the death of Alfred Nobel, the Swedish inventor of dynamite and other high explosives. In his will, Nobel directed that the bulk of his vast fortune be placed in a fund in which the interest would be "annually distributed in the form of prizes to those who, during the preceding year, shall have conferred the greatest benefit on mankind."

DEC. 11

1946: In the aftermath of World War II, the General Assembly of the United Nations votes to establish the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), an organization to help provide relief and support to children living in countries devastated by the war. After the food and medical crisis of the late 1940s passed, UNICEF continued its role as a relief organization for the children of troubled nations and during the 1970s grew into a vocal advocate of children's rights.

DEC. 12

1980: American oil tycoon Armand Hammer pays \$5,126,000 at auction for a notebook containing writings by the legendary artist Leonardo da Vinci. The manuscript, written around 1508, was one of some 30 similar books da Vinci produced during his lifetime on a variety of subjects. It contained 72 loose pages featuring some 300 notes and detailed drawings, all relating to the common theme of water and how it moved.

VVEEN

DEC. 13 2003: After spending nine months on the run, former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein is captured. Saddam's downfall began on March 20, 2003, when the United States led an invasion force into Iraq to topple his government, which had controlled the country for more than 20

DEC. 14

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2012: At Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, Adam Lanza killed 20 first-graders and six school employees before turning a gun on himself. Earlier that day, he killed his mother at the home they shared. The Sandy Hook shooting was, at the time, the second-deadliest mass shooting in the United States after the 2007 shooting at Virginia Tech, in which a gunman killed 32 students and teachers before committing suicide.

DEC. 15

1961: In Tel Aviv, Israel, Adolf Eichmann, the Nazi SS officer who organized Adolf Hitler's "final solution of the Jewish question," is condemned to death by an Israeli war crimes tribunal. He claimed he was just following orders, but the judges disagreed, finding him guilty on all counts on Dec. 15 and sentencing him to die. On May 31, 1962, he was hanged near Tel Aviv. His body was cremated and his ashes thrown into the sea.

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Comedy Club Night fundraiser

Are you looking for something fun to do this holiday season, and also support a local youth athletic team? Fenton Fastpitch 16U is hosting a comedy club night at the Jewel of Grand Blanc on Friday, Dec. 14. Doors open at 6 p.m. for cash bar and food. At 7:30 p.m. food sales will stop (bar will remain open) and comedy show will start promptly at 8 p.m. The comedians of the night are Russ Brown and Steve Lind. Both have over 15 years of comedy experience including shows all over not only the USA but also performances for the troops in Iraq. Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. Bring extra money for the raffle baskets. Email markerica@ rocketmail.com if interested in buying tickets in advance.

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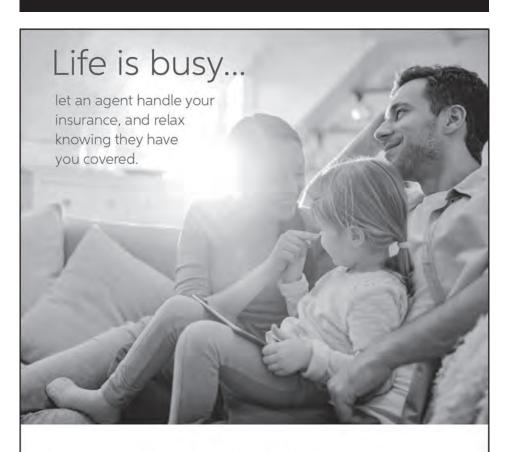
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HOT LINE CONTINUED

I JUST HAD to chime in to the person addressing the Millennial 'correctly' calling out Baby Boomers. This is what's wrong with our society today. To bunch together any group of people, whether it is by race, age, gender, or an array of other classifications, is just plain old ignorant.

WHITE HOUSE ECONOMIC adviser Larry Kudlow said Monday the United States will end subsidies for electric cars and other items including

renewable energy sources.

IF YOU LIVED on our back roads, you'd understand why schools close. Beside the hills and potholes, you get ice and snow to make driving our precious cargo very hazardous.

HANNAH BALL'S ARTICLE on

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'Change for Kids' raises \$33,000 for area schools

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Julie Williams

Lake Fenton Community

Schools superintendent

The State Bank's fundraising efforts provide resource for schools to help families in need

Compiled by Sharon Stone

The State Bank announced another successful year for its Change for Kids program. The program supports the needs of low- to moderate-income children and families in 12 local school districts, including Linden, Fenton, Holly and Lake Fenton.

Each year, funds are collected through a variety of fundraising events organized by bank employees. Customers of The State Bank are also very generous and supportive of this local cause, oftentimes making a monetary donation when visiting a branch. Additionally, The State Bank itself also makes a large donation to this program.

For the 2018-2019 school year, The State Bank presented the above districts with \$2,750 each. Since the program's inception in 2011, The State Bank has given over \$143,000. The schools are free to use these funds as they see fit for children in need.

"The Change for Kids program has provided our district with a very valuable resource in which it provides funds that we can use to support families in need throughout the year," said Julie Williams, Lake Fenton Community Schools superintendent. "Most recently, we had a family lose their home to a fire, and we were able to provide emergency funds to get them as comfortable as possible. Change for Kids allowed us to do that."

Adam Hartley, superintendent of Fenton Area Public Schools, said, "Without the Change for Kids program, we would not be able to provide financial assistance to families who need it most in our school community.

"We were recently able to provide a family with assistance to pay an energy bill when their heat was shut off, and ensure the kids were able to come to school and ready to learn after a warm night's sleep."

Russ Ciesielski, Linden Community Schools superintendent, said, "Our partnership with The State Bank has been established for many, many years now. They are more than just a bank — they

have come to our rescue to help with the families that have a need, and on numerous occasions the ability to use the funds for Change for Kids has been our first option in doing so."

Scott Roper, Holly Area Schools superintendent, said, "We greatly appreciate the generosity of The State Bank, one

of our many community partners, in supporting our students during the holiday season as we continue to prepare them for success before, during and after school.

"The State Bank contributions set an example for our students as we continue to provide a culture of kindness, compassion and respect in all of our classrooms."

Change for Kids began in response to a need to assist low- and moderate-income families. "We especially want to provide the funding to meet the physical and educational needs of those children," said Stacey Webb, The State Bank senior vice president. "We want to meet the basic physical needs ranging from toothpaste and deodorant to clothing, shoes, bedding, medical needs, etc. We also want to provide the educational supplies needed to be a successful student, such as pencils, paper, markers, binders, backpacks and other necessities. These materials provide the foundation so that students can concentrate on their educational goals."

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Senate Bill 637: Cap allowable fees for 5G 'small cell wireless' networks

To establish a regulatory framework for installing small cell wireless phone and internet systems in public right-of-ways. These systems use small wireless internet transmitters on power line poles and other existing infrastructure to provide expanded cell phone and internet access without needing expensive towers. The bill would cap the amount the state and local governments could charge for zoning, permits and other fees imposed on these "5G" networks.

Passed 74 to 35 in the HouseRep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51)ℝep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)ℝYES

Whatever happened to...

■Stuckey's — they used to be everywhere

Compiled By Vera Hogan

What comes to mind when you think of pecans — pecan log rolls, pralines and peanut brittle? When remembering family road trips do you have memories of stopping at Stuckey's?

There was once a Stuckey's at the northwest corner of Grange Hall Road at I-75, just outside of Holly. Michigan had 18 of the more than 375 Stuckey's nationwide.

According to legendsofamerica.com, "In those long ago days of Burma-Shave signs and the static of rock and roll on the AM radio, it seemed that the high pitched roofs of Stuckey's were simply everywhere. But what happened? Where are they now? While you still see a few of them here and there, it's certainly not like it used to be when we were kids."

Here's the story

Stuckey's, like Burma-Shave and so many other icons of the past, eventually got lost in the corporate jungle, where small things are not so important as profits. But, it was not always so, and it's not so again today.

Stuckey's began in the early 1930s when a man named W.S. Stuckey Sr. began selling pecans. During these times of the Great Depression, Stuckey was looking for a job in Eastman, Georgia. Though he didn't find one, he was told by a warehouseman that he might think about buying pecans and selling them to the warehouse. In no time, with a \$35 loan from his grandmother and an old car converted into a truck, Stuckey began traveling from house to house buying nuts.

Sometimes he would spend all his cash too early in the day so he would wait until the bank closed and start writing checks. He would then sell the pecans that night and deposit the checks the next morning, before the checks had cleared.

It was a great idea for the unemployed Stuckey who sold about \$4,500 worth of pecans in his first year. By 1933, he was doing well enough that a banker lent him \$200 to expand his business. Three years later, the bank had extended his credit line to \$20,000 and Stuckey's pecan sales reached \$150,000.

In 1936, Stuckey, along with his wife, Ethyl, decided to take advantage of the winter tourist season by setting up a roadside stand. In addition to selling shelled and unshelled pecans, Ethyl made batches of pecan candy that also sold at the stand. For two years, their sales totaled \$2,000 to \$3,000. In 1937, they sold the roadside stand and opened their first retail store in Eastman, Georgia. Before long, two more stores were built in Georgia and in 1941, a new one was



There was once a Stuckey's at the northwest corner of Grange Hall Road at I-75, just outside of Holly. It was torn down in the early 2000s. Michigan had 18 of the more than 375 Stuckey's nationwide. **Photo: commons.wikimedia.org** opened in Hilliard, Florida.

When gas and tire rationing began in World War II, Stuckey was forced to close all his stores except the one in Eastman. However, by this time his pecan treats had become so well known, that the Stuckeys were commissioned to produce candy for the military.

In 1948, they started large scale candy production in a warehouse behind the Eastman store. By that time people were traveling again and they began to aggressively set up more stores. By 1953, the number of stores was 29 and a little more than a decade later, in 1964, it had jumped to over 100. It was in this year that Stuckey's merged with Pet, Inc. with W.S. Stuckey serving as president of Stuckey's Inc. In 1970, Stuckey officially retired but continued to actively participate in much of the Stuckey's operation until his death in 1977.

Stuckey's death very nearly spelled the death of his dream as well, since without his guiding hand the chain began to falter. In 1979, Pet was acquired by IC Industries and a few new stores were built. However, within just a couple of years, IC Industries began to sell the Stuckey's stores for their



Stuckey's, like Burma-Shave and so many other icons of the past, eventually got lost in the corporate jungle. Photo: legendsofamerica.com

real estate value and those that were not sold were closed. Within a matter of months, what had taken W.S. Stuckey a lifetime to build was closed.

In 1985, after a year of negotiations, Bill Stuckey, Jr., son of the founder, finally managed to buy back what was left of the company from IC Industries. From its peak of 350 locations, IC Industries had reduced the number to only about 80 stores by the time Bill Stuckey was able to step in.

Today, the stores operate under a new

concept called the Stuckey's Express Stop. Co-branding by putting more than one name under a single room, you now are beginning to see Stuckey's again, with a Dairy Queen, gas station, or other business.

Having grown again to over 200 franchise stores in 19 states, the secret mix of powdered sugar, white molasses and roasted nuts can now be found again all along the roadside, primarily now in the Eastern part of the United States.

Source: Legendsofamerica.com



Reduce risk of holiday fires by following a few tips

Trees and decorations may be beautiful, but they pose danger if not properly cared for

By Vera Hogan

The holiday season brings unique safety hazards to the home, according to Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff.

"Ranging from all of the decorations, Christmas lights, candles, and holiday cooking — the single biggest danger to a home during the holidays are live Christmas trees," he said. "As they dry out they become volatile and are subject to catching fire very easily. The amount of heat generated from a Christmas tree that catches fire is dramatic. I recommend everyone going to the internet and looking up the numerous safety videos online about the dangers of real trees in the home for Christmas. If you do choose to have one in the home it must be watered constantly to keep it from drying out."

If a tree catches fire everyone needs to exit the home immediately, Cairnduff said. "Do not try to extinguish it. The amount of heat generated is too much and you will not be able to put it out safely," he said.

"Candles would be the second biggest hazard. People light candles and then can be sidetracked or go to bed and leave them

View all stories online at myfenton.com burning," he said. "Fire can happen very easily from a candle burning all the way down or from nearby decorations. If you do use candles during the holidays always make sure they are contained in some sort of nonflammable container and never near any decorations."

As for smoke detectors, residents should have them on every level of the home and outside every sleeping area, Cairnduff said. "Checking the batteries twice a year is important as well. The new 10-year lithium batteries are more expensive but a good option for those who forget to check the batteries," he said.

"Also, if your detectors are more than 10 years old you should replace them. The sensors in them get dirty and can lead to false alarms or the devices not working properly when needed."

To keep your household from becoming a holiday fire statistic, here are some additional safety tips to follow.

Cooking

Cooking is the top cause of holiday fires, according to the U.S. Fire Administration, (USFA). The most common culprit is food that's left in or on the stove unattended. Take a pot holder with you when you leave the kitchen as a reminder that you have something on the stove. If you're planning to deep-fry your holiday turkey, do it outside, on a flat, level surface at least 10 feet from the house.

Candles

For atmosphere without worry, consider flameless LED candles.



The U.S. Consumer Fire Product Safety Commission (CPSC) conducted a demonstration burn that has been widely shared online. This dry, unwatered Christmas tree caught fire and engulfed the room in 30 seconds. Video still: U.S. Consumer Fire Product Safety Commission

Christmas Trees

It takes less than 30 seconds for a dry tree to engulf a room in flames, according to the Building and Fire Research Laboratory of the National Institute for Standards and Technology. "They make turpentine out of pine trees," said Tom Olshanski, spokesman for the USFA. "A Christmas tree is almost explosive when it goes."

No matter how well the tree is watered, it will start to dry out after about four weeks. Artificial trees don't pose much of a fire hazard but make sure yours is flame-retardant.

Decorative Lights

Inspect light strings, and throw out any with frayed or cracked wires or broken sockets. When decorating, don't run more than three strings of lights end to end. Extension cords should be in good condition and UL-rated for indoor or outdoor use. Check outdoor receptacles to make sure the ground fault interrupters don't trip. If they trip repeatedly, it is a sign that they need to be replaced.

When hanging lights outside, avoid using nails or staples, which can damage the wiring and increase the risk of a fire. Instead, use UL-rated clips or hangers. And take lights down within 90 days, says John Drengenberg, director of consumer safety for Underwriters Laboratories. "If you leave them up all year round, squirrels chew on them and they get damaged by weather," he said.

Fireplaces

Soot can harden on chimney walls as flammable creosote, so before the fireplace season begins, have your chimney inspected to see if it needs cleaning. Screen the fireplace to prevent embers from popping out onto the floor or carpet, and never use flammable liquids to start a fire in the fireplace. Only burn seasoned wood — no wrapping paper.

When cleaning out the fireplace, put embers in a metal container and set them outside to cool for 24 hours before disposal.

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SURVIVAL

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"He told everyone that came into his room that he has so much respect for those pilots, nurses and doctors," said Lemon's daughter, Missy Vincent, 53, of Deerfield Township. "It was on his bucket list to one day have a chance to meet them."

His nurses told the flight crew about Lemon and arranged for one of the flight nurses to come visit him.

"We became aware of Ray because the tech and R.N. taking care of him called us," said John Booth, R.N., one of the flight nurses.

Booth also had another connection with Ray. He himself has a history of cancer and was told he had a poor prognosis. "I wanted to share with Ray how I have beaten the odds and am in remission today," Booth said. "From the moment I walked in his room, I felt that connection."

The relationship between Lemon and the Survival Flight crew has grown into something very special.

"He'll wave

and they flicker the lights to let him know they saw him," Vincent said. "Every time he hears the (helicopter) blade, he gets himself in position so he can wave. Now when they walk up to the

44 They have been the light in my father's eyes. **77** Missy Vincent Ray Lemon's daughter

helicopter, they turn and salute up to my dad's window. They always hover a little over his room. They have seen the lights in my father's eyes."

After that first visit by one of the flight nurses, the doctor, the entire flight crew, the nurses and pilot all have come to see Lemon. "They continue to come visit and tell him what they did that day," Vincent said.

Booth also arranged for Lemon to actually get up close with the helicopter, leaving his hospital room for his own special tour Tuesday. "I arranged with his doctors and nurses to take him down," Booth said.

It's been a very uplifting experience for Lemon, whom his daughter describes as a very humble, humble man. "He's a retired truck driver and can't believe that important people like this would want to come and see him," Vincent said. "Everyone who meets him loves him. He's such a special man and such a special dad."

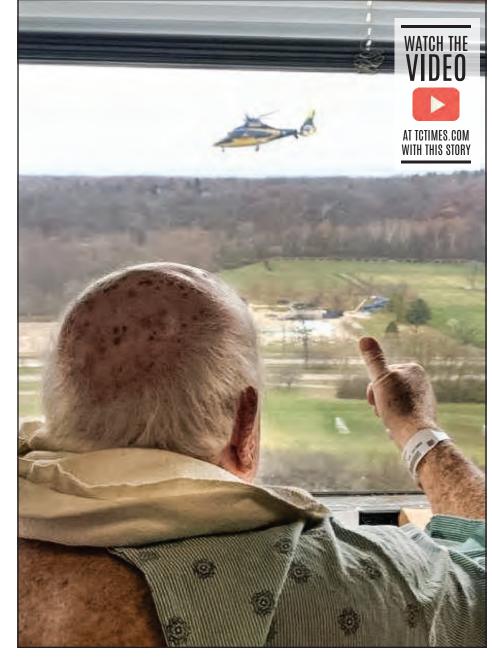
Lemon and his first wife, Sandra, raised their three children in Fenton. He was a graduate of Holly High School and she was a graduate of Fenton High School. They have since divorced, yet are still very close to each other and to Lemon's second wife, Kay.

Booth also said he wanted Lemon to understand "that he is just as important as any one of us."

"Every once in awhile I meet someone that touches my heart and Ray certainly has," Booth said. "He has also touched the hearts of my colleagues, Lori Jacobs and Jeff Thomas. I will continue to follow him. We follow up on all patients flown and love to show our aircraft to others."

Lemon was set to complete his final round of chemotherapy Friday and is planning to go home this weekend to his daughter and son-in-law's new home in Deerfield Township, where he and his wife, Kay, will join him.

"What a blessing God has brought to my dad's life with these kind and compassionate people," Vincent said.



(Above) Ray Lemon waves and gives the "thumbs up" to the Survival Flight chopper in this submitted video still. (Below) The flight crew of Survival Flight at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor have been daily visitors of Ray Lemon, who is undergoing treatment for acute myeloid leukemia. **Submitted photo**



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peace and for global cooperation in all facets of social, military and economic interests. YOU THREATEN TO shoot up a

school, get charged with a fiveyear felony and get sentenced to probation. You violate probation twice and are put on a tether for 90 days. You 'almost' got suspended from school. Really? Way to watch out for the children Linden.

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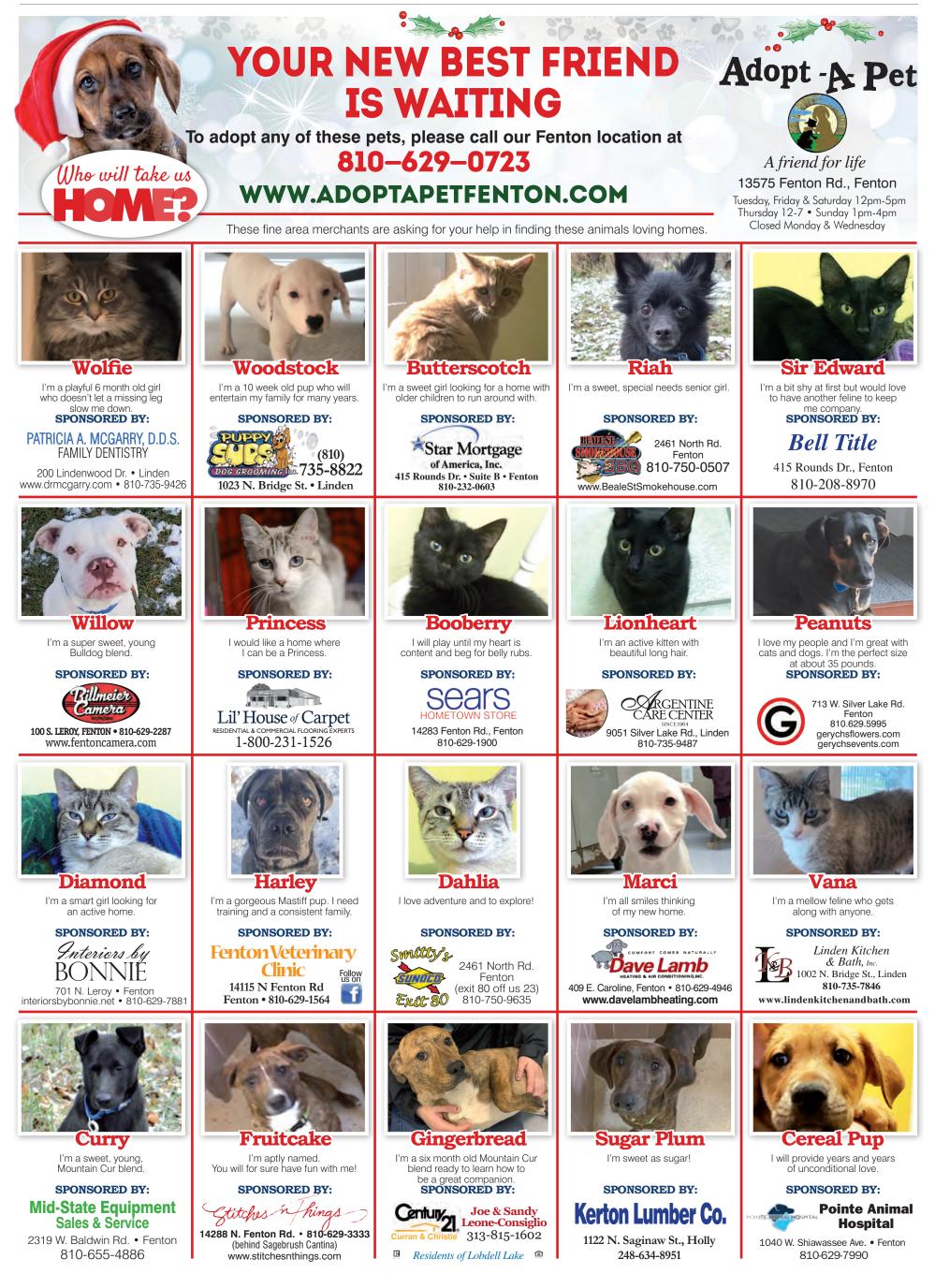
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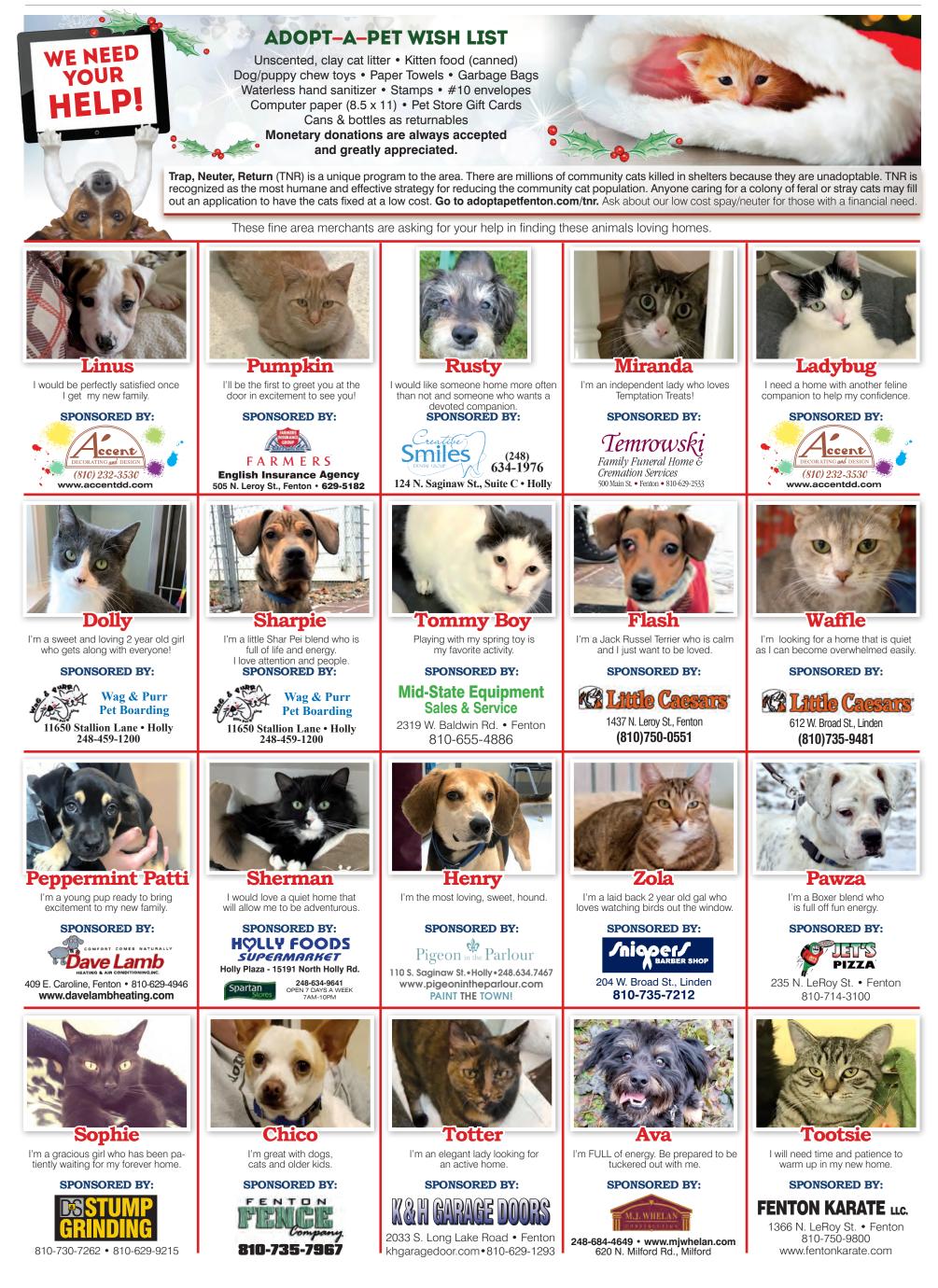
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The gifts delivered to the Baby Jesus were treasured for medicinal purposes. Photo: theoptimizedweb.com

Gifts of the three wise men still valuable today

Frankincense and myrrh more valuable than the gold

Compiled By Vera Hogan

During the Christmas season, adults think back to when they as children heard the story about Jesus' birth and how the three wise men followed a star to find him and give him gifts — frankincense, myrrh and gold. And their first thought was, "What kind of gifts are those?"

But the wise men were truly wise! These plant-derived treasures best

known for their use in incense and ancient rituals, boast proven antiseptic and inflammatory properties. They were once considered effective remedies for everything from toothaches to leprosy.

What are frankincense and myrrh?

Both frankincense and myrrh are derived from the gummy sap that oozes out of the Boswellia and Commiphora trees, respectively, when their bark is cut. The leaking resin is allowed to harden and scraped off the trunk in tear-shaped droplets; it may then be used in its dried form or steamed to yield essential oils. Both substances are edible and often chewed like gum. They are also extremely fragrant, particularly when burned, with frankincense giving off a sweet, citrusy scent and myrrh producing a piney, bitter odor.

Because frankincense and myrrh can be collected from multiple Boswellia and Commiphora species, several different varieties are available. The shrubby trees that produce them are native to the Arabian Peninsula and regions of northeast Africa, though Boswellia has also been See GIFTS on 20A



Both frankincense and myrrh are derived from the gummy sap that oozes out of the Boswellia and Commiphora trees, respectively, when their bark is cut. Photo: wikipedia.org

'Shop With a Hero' helps 55 kids buy gifts

■ Firefighters and EMS help spread Christmas cheer for struggling families

By Hannah Ball

Approximately 55 kids were able to buy Christmas gifts for their family and themselves Wednesday, Dec. 5, thanks to the Fenton Township Firefighters Association.

The association funds Shop With a Hero, an annual event put on by the Fenton Township Fire Department that lets kids at Lake Fenton elementary schools shop with first responders at Target.

Reshanda Terry, clerk at Torrey Hill Intermediate School, who helped plan Shop With a Hero, said the kids ranged in age from 5 to 11, and the event was "amazing."

Kids from Lake Fenton schools were able to do crafts, such as making reindeer antlers and noses, and enjoy hot chocolate. They shopped with a firefighter or an EMS paramedic, and looked around the store, shopping for gifts for their parents, siblings, and for themselves. Once they chose the perfect gifts, they were able to get the presents wrapped.

Approximately 10 first responders helped the kids shop.

"The firefighters put their heart and soul into this. They love doing this with the kids," she said. "It was very sweet. We're just tickled that we can be a part of what they do."

Terry said the kids are "very happy" to see the first responders.

Two years ago, there was a student who told a firefighter that his family didn't have a Christmas tree because their parents couldn't afford it. The firefighter used his own money to buy them a tree. Terry said another kid was very excited to be able to buy a bottle of

detergent for his family for Christmas. "Target has been very kind to allow us to do this," she said. "I can't thank the firefighters enough for everything they continue to do for this community every day and what they do for our kids here at Lake Fenton schools."

Capt. Kirk Stephens of the fire department said each child had a budget of



Steven Alcorn reminds his son, Angelo Renaldi, 8, to be polite during his shopping trip, as he waits to be taken shopping along with his sisters, Maci Alcorn, 4, and Kylie Alcorn, 5. Steven Alcorn is standing by his wife, Elizabeth. Photo: Tim Jagielo

\$65. This is the 12th year for the event, and they usually help 40 to 50 kids from families who are struggling financially.

"It was really touching last night. One kid bought everything for his family. He bought gifts for his sisters and wouldn't

spend a penny on himself," he said. "He really touched me. He had me in tears. I'm **L** The firefighters going to get him a gift put their heart and card."

The association spent about \$3,200 on Shop With a Hero this year.

"We do this to help the kids, spread the joy of Christmas," he said. Fenton Township

residents Steven Alcorn and his wife brought their three kids, age 8, 5 and 4, to Shop With a Hero. They stayed back while their kids shopped. Alcorn said his son shopped with an EMS paramedic and his two daughters shopped with a firefighter.

"They loved it. They thought it was a blast. It's very charitable of them (the first responders). My family has been in debt



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Reshanda Terry

Torrey Hill Intermediate School

clerk, Shop with a Hero organizer

Volunteer Michelle Caten wraps presents during Shop With a Hero at the Fenton Target on Wednesday, Dec. 5. She is married to firefighter Scott Caten. Photo: Tim Jagielo

this year and it definitely helps out and it helps the kids have a special time. It's very nice they're able to do this," he said. The parents went in with the kids, but then hung back as their children shopped.

We told the kids to shop for themselves, to not worry about shopping for me and my wife. We told them to pick out toys they wanted," he said.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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the Baseball Hall of Fame. Whether you're a diehard baseball fan, you'll enjoy a road trip filled with rolling hills, spectacular views and sparkling lakes, and be rewarded at your destination with a trip to authentic small-town America in an area rich in history, art, architecture and, of course, baseball.

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But you may want to add several stops to your itinerary. The cosmopolitan city of London, Ontario, the breathtaking views of Niagara Falls,

the Finger Lakes vacation region of Rochester, New York and the National Heritage Area of the Hudson River Valley area of New York, are all potential stops along From Fenton,

the way. Don't blink when you drive through the one stoplight town of Cooperstown, or you might miss it. With a population of 2,200 people, it's reminiscent of a Norman Rockwell small-town portrait. But it's big on charm, with boutiques, cafes and

a trolley that will take you around to show you the sites.

Just a quick stroll down Main Street from the museum is Doubleday Field, the historic park that has been hosting

games since the first Hall of Fame Induction Weekend in 1939.

Two blocks away is the Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. Once you're inside, your baseball memories will come flooding back to life.

Visitors are advised to start on the second floor, where exhibits cover baseball's history — including

the "Taking the Field" exhibit, which transports observers back in time and explains how a bat, ball and bases became America's national pastime.

'Whole New Ballgame" collects artifacts from the most recent decades, complete with pop culture staples.

Babe Ruth's life and legend are alive at the museum and "Diamond Dreams" tells the story of the many women who have left their mark on the game. "Pride and Passion" takes visitors on a chronological journey through the triumphs and tribulations of African Americans in baseball, while "iViva Baseball!" documents the rise of the game in Caribbean nations and the influence Latin players have on the game today.

The crowning jewel of the museum experience is the Plaque Gallery, where visitors will discover all 323 Hall of Fame members' bronze plaques honoring their achievements.

Plan now for a spring visit in time for baseball season or visit at the most exciting time of the year during Hall of Fame Weekend July 19-22, 2019.

While in Cooperstown, visit fellow museums, the Fenimore Art Museum and The Farmers' Museum, both available with combo pricing along with your National Baseball Hall of Fame Museum admission. Even check out Cooperstown Dreams Park where youth baseball teams from around the world pursue their dreams.

Enjoy the parks that offer breathtaking views of Otsego Lake, a nine-mile lake nestled among the foothills of the Catskill Mountains. There's plenty to see and do in Cooperstown, New York, on your way there and back home again.



Residents invited to share memorial ornaments at tree in **Oakwood Cemetery**

Area residents are invited to visit Oakwood Cemetery, located up the hill at the south end of Davis Street (off Owen Road) in Fenton. Behind the statue, just inside the cemetery entrance stands an 18- to 19-foot memory Christmas tree. According to Doug Tebo, chair of the Oakwood Cemetery Board, the memory tree was started about 11 years ago by himself and Harry Bidelman, a former board member. This year's tree, which is taller than those of past years, has decorations and about 2,500 lights at the top half. Visitors are invited to bring an ornament in memory of a loved one and place it on the tree. Although the cemetery gates usually close at 8 p.m., they will be open during the holiday season.

Kaydan Wealth Management re-brands its name

Fenton office sets itself apart from other Raymond James offices to avoid confusion

By Sally Rummel

No news is good news. While nothing else is changing at

the offices of Jim Kruzan, founder and senior wealth manager at Kavdan Wealth Management offices in Fenton, you will notice a re-branding effort of the company Kruzan founded in 1987.



Jim Kruzan

Updated signs, website, stationery and other branding tools will solely feature the Kaydan Wealth Management name and logo.

This business name reflects this company's strong mission statement, professional client financial services and strategic offerings that are unique to its offices in Fenton and Auburn Hills.

While this name has been in use for awhile, it has often been paired with Kruzan's name or Raymond James Financial Services, creating the possibility of confusion for clients or prospective clients.

"I didn't want to limit our company by using my name, and I wanted the name to be easy to pronounce and remember," Kruzan said. "We are proud of our long, trusted relationship with Raymond James. We feel that re-branding our company using just our name will tell our clients that we offer services unique to Kaydan Wealth Management that aren't offered at all Raymond James offices."

The name also makes room for the growing number of financial managers inside Kaydan Wealth Management. Some of the services offered are financial planning, investment planning, retirement planning, lifestyle planning, wealth transfers and tax planning. For a complete list of services offered, visit our new Service page on www.KaydanWealthManage- during their working years, helping



Jim Kruzan has re-branded his company, Kaydan Wealth Management, with this official new name to reflect its unique offerings apart from other Raymond James offices. His office has been located in Fenton since 2008. Photo: Tim Jagielo

ment.com. The name "Kaydan" is actually derived from the names of Kruzan's two children, Kaylee and Brendan. "Wealth is more than the accumulation of things," Kruzan said. "It's also about faith and family. These two mean the world to me."

Kaydan Wealth Management has served the Fenton community and called it home since 2008. The local office is conveniently located just outside of downtown Fenton, across from Tim Horton's, at 329 W. Silver Lake Rd.

Kruzan and his team have more than three decades of experience in guiding the financial futures of successful professionals and clients from all walks of life. From the beginning, Kaydan Wealth Management focused on employees of Michigan's automotive industry, helping them invest wisely

them to retire comfortably.

Centered on building complete and customized wealth plans, Kaydan Wealth Management's focus has always been on the individual, not the corporation, advocating always for the employee and his or her family.

Kruzan and his team have been recognized by many top industry awards, including most recently being named to Raymond James 2018 Global Top 50 Advisors and Forbes 2018 Best-in-State Wealth Advisors.



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Tammy Carlson-Gregory assembles large 4-foot wreaths at Carlson's Greenhouse in Mundy Township on Wednesday, Dec. 5. Photo: Tim Jagielo

TREE

Continued from Page 3A have increased in demand and take much longer to grow.

These trees grow at the rate of about 8 inches per year. For comparison, a Scotch pine or Norway spruce will grow a couple feet per year.

A Christmas tree powerhouse

Despite the decline in trees, Start said Michigan is third in the nation for harvesting Christmas trees, with 27,000 commercial acres of growing Christmas trees.

There are approximately 2 million trees sold in Michigan, and for each tree cut, Start said that three are planted.

Most recent numbers point to \$27 million to \$30 million in economic activity generated by Christmas tree farms per year in Michigan. These are the price of goods as produced by the farms, or "farm gate value."

Petts said his nursery will sell about 350 trees this season, between pre-cut and self-cut trees. While it's a modest amount, he said his nursery provides a variety of trees.

This is compared to third largest tree grower in the country, Dutchman Tree

Farms, which Start says will harvest 800,000 trees this year.

How to choose a tree

Petts said the white fir is growing in popularity, and is starting to replace the blue spruce in popularity. Overall, the Frasier fir is still king.

Petts said there's no average order size or tree. It depends on the space, and the needs of the consumer. Some trees have weaker boughs that can't handle a lot of ceramic ornaments. "Just understand how you decorate," Petts said.

A white pine, for example, will last until spring, but can't handle heavy ornaments. Firs and spruce trees can better handle heavier ornaments, he said. Someone with a smaller home will seek a tree appropriate for the space. Some people want a 3-foot tree while others want a 16-foot tree.

You-cut trees start at \$47. Pre-cut trees range from \$10 to \$150.

When looking at a tree, Petts suggests shaking it to see if needles will fall off. Once it's home, it will need to be re-cut to open the trunk to allow it to drink water. If the water basin is allowed to go dry, the tree will re-seal itself, and dry out much quicker, leading to a potential fire hazard.



LHS principal inducted into Flint Sports Hall of Fame

Darin Dreasky turned down opportunity to play professional baseball

By Hannah Ball

The Linden High School principal was inducted into the Greater Flint

Area Sports Hall of Fame on Saturday, Dec. 1. Darin Dreasky has been at

Linden schools for more than 18 years, and was celebrated for his background in sports while in high school and college.

"I was obviously honored," Darin be said. "It's nice that somebody somewhere along the lines thought to nominate me. They were

gracious enough to think those accomplishments were worthy of induction." Dreasky attended Carman-Ainsworth

High School in Flint, and was All-State in soccer, hockey and baseball all four years. He said he had a lot of fun playing all those sports, but he gravitated toward baseball.

When he was a senior in high school, he played in a national baseball tournament in South Dakota and was chosen to join the U.S. Junior National Baseball team. The next year as a freshman at Central Michigan University, he competed in Sydney, Australia and helped the team win gold in 1988.

At CMU, he played baseball all four years and was a freshman All-American



and All-MAC pick, while getting his degree in athletic administration.

Dreasky was drafted by the White Sox his junior year of college, and could have left school to play professionally.

"Your perspectives change as you get older. I wanted to stay and finish my degree," he said, adding that he did play a year in the minor league in Rochester, Minnesota.

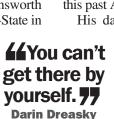
> After obtaining his athletic administration degree, Dreasky went to Saginaw Valley State University to earn his teaching certificate. He came to Linden in the summer of 2000, and was the health/physical education teacher for about five years before

becoming the athletic director. He then became the assistant principal in the 2006-2007 school year. He became the principal this past April after serving as interim.

His daughter and two sons all play sports in school, so he gets to as many games as he can.

When he was inducted, he gave a speech in front of his family, friends and about 600 other people at the Genesys Conference & Banquet Center. "I don't like to look at it as

an individual accomplishment. Along the way, you have so many other people who are involved, from coaches to teammates to families to opponents to communities," he said. "My message was to thank those that had any part in my upbringing. You can't get there by yourself."



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Fenton council adopts 'emergency' pot ordinance

Officials say prohibiting marijuana establishments will maintain the public health, safety and welfare of the city

By Vera Hogan

During its Monday, Dec. 3 work session, the Fenton City Council voted unanimously to adopt an ordinance prohibiting marijuana establishments from locating in the city.

Mayor Sue Osborn was absent but voted by telephone.

A legal notice regarding the newly adopted ordinance is published in today's (Dec. 9) edition of the Times.

The legal notice indicates the ordinance prohibiting marijuana establishments was adopted "in order to maintain the public health, safety and welfare of the city of Fenton. This prohibition may be lifted at such time and in such manner as the City Council may find appropriate." Although the Fenton City Charter (7:3) prohibits any ordinance from being enacted at the meeting at which it is introduced, or become effective until after publication, the proposed ordinance was added to the agenda the night of the work session.

According to Chris Patterson, the city attorney, his firm was working with the city on the ordinance language almost up to the time of the meeting on Dec. 3. Due to the "ambiguity" of the new state law, he said they were "scrambling" to get it done in time for a vote before the law became effective Dec. 6. Hence, the reason the public was given no advance notice of the added Dec. 3 agenda item.

The matter was discussed by the City Council in closed executive session during its Monday, Nov. 26 meeting. On the agenda, it was described as "Closed session to discuss legal opinion."

See MARIJUANA on 19A



Local Edward Jones Team Participates in Advanced Training

Chad A. Robinson, a financial advisor with the financial services firm Edward Jones in Linden, and Michelle Strong, a branch office administrator, recently attended an invitation-only training opportunity at the firm's headquarters in St. Louis.

The three-day Advanced Practice Management Forum is offered to branch teams throughout the country who rank among the top third most successful in the firm in helping clients work toward their long-term financial goals.

"The Advanced Practice Management Forum gave us an opportunity to share ideas with other successful teams, visit with homeoffice experts to discuss ways to meet more clients' needs and view technical demonstrations highlighting a variety of systems and tools," Robinson said. "Michelle and I also were able to tailor some of the training to focus on areas of our business that we want to grow."

Strong adds, "Attending this training together will help us better serve our clients. We now share a clearer vision of the best practices, tools and resources to use in earning new clients, deepening relationships with existing clients and overall delivering an ideal client experience."



Pictured above is (left) Michelle Strong and (right) Chad Robinson.

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Compiled by Vera Hogan

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Fenton grad critically injured

after being shot; boyfriend killed Estranged husband charged with first-degree murder in Spokane, Washington.

Fenton City, Argentine prohibit marijuana facilities

The city of Fenton and Argentine Township recently adopted ordinances prohibiting marijuana facilities in their municipalities.

Multiple car pile-up shuts down U.S. 23 in Fenton

Fenton police and fire departments, and the Genesee County Sheriff's Office responded to a multi-vehicle crash on U.S. 23 at Owen Road on Tuesday, Dec. 4.

Linden City issues email warning Some residents receive

"spoofing" email impersonating city departments.

Carjacking suspect held on \$1 million bond Responding sheriff's deputy

injured on last call of law enforcement career.

Local 'Shark

Tank' awards two winners Event at The Freedom Center is based on popular TV show of the same name.



Graham Nash leaves The Hollies in 1968 and becomes founding member of Crosby, Stills and Nash.

Despite the rain, Jingfest brings families to Fenton

Organizers say between 8,000 and 10,000 people came through during the day, most to see the 6 p.m. parade.

Our Future

Meet Jamie Elrod, a 17-year-old senior at Fenton High School.



POLICE & FIRE

HEROIN OVERDOSE AT FENTON RESTAURANT

At 5:15 p.m., Friday, Nov. 30, Fenton police responded to a restaurant in the 300 block of N. LeRoy Street on a report of an unresponsive male in the restroom. The caller said it was a possible overdose. Lt. Jeff Cross said police responded and the 28-yearold Grand Blanc man, who had been unresponsive on the floor, was now sitting up and talking. Police believe heroin was involved because a syringe was observed next to the man. Due to Michigan's 911 drug immunity law, no arrest could be made.

LOADED HANDGUN RECOVERED AT TRAFFIC STOP

At 4:20 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 2, a Fenton police officer initiated a traffic stop on S. LeRoy Street near Mill Street since the vehicle had an expired license tag. The officer made contact with the driver, a 27-year-old Pontiac man, who when asked if there were any weapons in the vehicle, admitted to having a loaded 40-caliber Glock handgun inside a case and sitting on the floorboard. He did not have a concealed pistol license. The man was arrested for having a concealed weapon and driving on a suspended license. He was lodged at the Flint City Jail, pending authorization of warrants.

MIDLAND MAN HAS LOADED HANDGUN IN CAR

At 3 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 4, a Fenton police officer conducting routine radar detection, clocked a vehicle speeding on southbound U.S. 23. A traffic stop was initiated. The officer asked the driver, a 29-year-old Midland man, if he had any weapons. The driver admitted to having a loaded 9mm handgun hidden between the center console and passenger seat. He did not have a concealed pistol license (CPL). The man was arrested for having a concealed weapon. He was lodged at the Flint City Jail pending authorization of warrants. Lt. Jeff Cross said if someone does not have a CPL and wishes to transport a weapon in a vehicle, the weapon must be unloaded, in a case, and preferably in the trunk and away from any passengers. Ammunition must be stored away from the weapon.

DRIVER OF SEMI ARRESTED FOR DRUNK DRIVING

At 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 4, Fenton police received several 911 calls regarding a semi-tractor truck, which was all over the lanes on northbound U.S. 23. An officer caught up with the semi and observed the erratic driving. A traffic stop was initiated and the truck pulled over at the rest area, south of Lahring Road. The officer made contact with the driver, a 59-year-old Canadian man. The officer observed that the driver was intoxicated and further testing confirmed alcohol. The man was arrested for driving while intoxicated. He was lodged at the Fenton police station until sober and was released with a court appearance ticket for drunk driving. The truck remained at the rest area until the company could retrieve it.

DEPOSIT

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sells food. He spends thousands of dollars and about 1,300 hours on his returnable system every year.

To him it makes no sense to bring the bottles and cans back to a store. "I think it's an outdated law," he said.

Rep. Joe Bellino (R-Monroe) proposed a package of bills sponsored by him, and four other Republicans,

L That would be a

big burden lifted off

my shoulders. 77

Marvin Yono

according to Bridge Magazine, to eliminate the deposit system and make these items like any other recyclable material.

House bills 6532, Albine Marketblace owner 6533, 6534, 6535 and 6536 were introduced in late November and were referred to the Committee on Michigan Competitiveness.

According to Bridge Magazine, Michigan was the first "big industrialized state" to require a deposit on cans and bottles, with a recycle rate of more than 90 percent.

Michigan's recycle rate on everything else is still dismal, at 15 percent. Bellino argues that if these items are recycled through the regular recycling system, it would help the recycling business to stay profitable.

Not everyone wants to see this system

MARIJUANA

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The new state law became effective Thursday, Dec. 6. The votes were certified by the state Board of Canvassers 10 days prior, Monday, Nov. 26.

According to City Manager Lynn Markland, the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act does not address some of the concerns municipalities have with the new law, the council decided to wait and see what the rules and regulations are going to be.

"There is a lot of confusion about this new law," Markland said.

Once the rules and regulations are established by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), the city will be in a better position to adopt its own ordinances, rules and regulations on marijuana facilities, he said.

The city's action Monday night does not affect the other rights under the new marijuana law.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

A HEALTHY EGO is both the blessing and the curse that each of receives with our membership card in the human race. The blessing is that it motivates us to become what we want to be. The curse is that it motivates us to align with groups and movements that we do not arily understand

I LOVE ALL animals and have had my share of them but regarding pet dogs, when they're brought to a family gathering and get more attention than the children, it bothers me. There's a time and place for pets.

CURRENT LAW ALLOWS the attorney general to inspect charities' books and records to crack down on fraud. In a Facebook post, Nessel said the legislation is 'shameful' and would limit her ability to protect residents from scams.

changed. "That would be a giant detriment for our animals at Adopt-a-Pet," said Director Jody Maddock.

Animal shelter organization Adopt-A-Pet of Fenton has a continual bottle drive, which raised \$13,000 in 2017, Maddock said. She said their utility bill is \$1,000 per month, and the bottle drive helps cover all their regular operating expenses. "We solely operate on the generosity of our community," she said.

They have more than 140 animals in their care.

Aside from her own organization, Maddock is concerned that without monetizing the bottles, they could end up as garbage again, strewn about the streets, instead of be-

ing collected and recycled. There is no current action on the bill,

and it's referred to committee.







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GIFTS

Continued from Page 14A cultivated in southern China. (Frankincense has been a staple of traditional Chinese medicine since at least 500 B.C.)

Ancient uses and value

Both frankincense — also known as olibanum — and myrrh have been traded in the Middle East and North Africa for upwards of 5,000 years. The ancient Egyptians bought entire boatloads of the resins from the Phoenicians, using them in incense, insect repellent, perfume and salves for wounds and sores; they were also key ingredients in the embalming process.

Myrrh oil served as a rejuvenating facial treatment, while frankincense was charred and ground into a powder to make the heavy kohl eyeliner Egyptian women famously wore. Sacks of frankincense and potted saplings of myrrh-producing trees appear in murals decorating the walls of a temple dedicated to Queen Hatshepsut, who ruled Egypt for roughly two decades until her death around 480 B.C.

The ancient Greeks and Romans also imported massive amounts of the resins, which they burned as incense, used during cremations and took for a wide variety of ailments. By this time, medical practitioners had recognized and documented the substances' antiseptic, anti-inflammatory and analgesic properties, prescribing them for everything from indigestion and chronic coughs to hemorrhoids and halitosis.

At the time Jesus is thought to have been born, frankincense and myrrh may have been worth more than their weight in the third gift presented by the wise men — the gold.

Frankincense and myrrh today

While the advent of modern medicine dealt another blow to the market for frankincense and myrrh, some communities and alternative practitioners continue to prize the resins for their healing properties. For example, many popular natural toothpastes contain myrrh, which has proven beneficial to dental and gum health since ancient times.

Frankincense has been investigated as a possible treatment for some cancers, ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease, anxiety and asthma, among other conditions. If these ancient remedies can indeed provide relief for the many patients who suffer from these potentially devastating illnesses, the great incense roads of antiquity may flourish once again.

Where to buy

Locally, frankincense and myrrh and their essential oils can be purchased at Target, Walmart and Walgreens to name a few. The price depends on quantity and whether it's an essential oil or in its original plant-based form.

Source: History.com

Three officers receive life-saving awards

66 It was a team

effort between the

officer and STAT

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Daniel Allen

Argentine Township police chief

By Hannah Ball

Two Argentine Township police officers and one former Argentine officer received life-saving awards from Police Chief Daniel Allen at the Monday, Nov. 26 meeting.

Officers Tony Matthews and Scott Conner, who's also an Argentine Township trustee, received their awards for an incident that happened Oct. 11. A call came in from Hogan Road for a 74-year-old man who was having trouble breathing.

Allen said while Matthews and Conner were en route, dispatch said the man had lost consciousness. The man's pulse was extremely weak and he had stopped breathing. The officers laid him on the floor and began CPR.

After a few minutes, the man gasped and started breathing. He had a buildup of fluid in his air pipe, and the officers cleared his airway and continued CPR. STAT EMS arrived and relieved the

officers of CPR duties and transported him to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township.

On Oct. 18, the wife stopped by the station and told the department that her husband had been released from the hospital and was recovering.

"CPR, a lot of time, is unsuccessful," Allen said. "It's a matter of getting it started at the right time. It was a team effort between the officer and STAT EMS."

The third officer to receive an award was Elizabeth Mellas, who now works for the Detroit Police Department. When



Argentine Township Police Chief Daniel Allen stands with Officers Scott Conner, Elizabeth Mellas and Tony Matthews. Mellas now works for the Detroit Police Department. **Submitted photo**

she was a reserve officer with Argentine in May 2016, she assisted on a call on Haviland Beach Drive. A man had been

> deliberately struck in the head and face with glass and had sustained a serious wound.

> His carotid artery, which is a major artery in the neck, had been severed, and Mellas, who was also a paramedic, performed life-saving

measures to stop the bleeding. He was transported to the hospital, where doctors removed a 2-inch piece of glass from his neck and face.

"If she had not taken immediate action, the man would have died from his injuries," Allen said.



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21A Sunday, December 9, 2018

Resuscitated Holly chamber celebrates 100 years

Organization was down to 35 members less than a year ago, and is up to nearly 90 today

By Tim Jagielo

Holly Area Chamber of Commerce President George Kullis admits that this time last year, there wasn't much value in being a member of the chamber.

"We need to have a chamber that members want to join," he said. "That was the problem, we weren't out there."

The chamber was established in 1918, making it two years older than the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce, which currently has 530 members, according to Office Coordinator Jackie von Linsowe. She added that they draw membership from all around the region, not just Fenton. But this time last year, Holly's chamber was down to 35 members, with very few events and advertising.

Kullis said that the chamber fell into a cycle of a lack of events, advertising and volunteerism.

At the community awards banquet last year, Kullis pledged to take the chamber from 35 members to 100 in a year. There are currently about 85 members in the chamber. He intends to make up that last 15 or so new members before the January 19, 2019 Community Awards Banquet.

Kullis said that today, there is a higher value because there are more events, more advertising and more members. "There is strength in numbers," he tells prospective members.

Today, the chamber sponsors Dickens Festival as well as an annual golf out-



Richard Kinnamon, Holly Area Chamber of Commerce executive director makes announcements at the Dickens Lighted Parade on Friday, Nov. 23, which included community award announcements and the tree lighting ceremony. Times file photo

ing and "Blues Brews and Barbeque." There's also the Children's Business Expo and Meet the Candidates forums during elections. Kullis said it has also re-started monthly networking breakfasts and a scholarship program.

There is a full calendar on the website, and a listing of business members. He's done podcasts and is doing a news segment about the chamber and the festival for this weekend.

The next project is a billboard as part of a commitment to spending \$50 out of each membership to go toward advertising. Kullis said his goal is another 25 members by the 2020 awards banquet. "It's part of our revitalization plan and it's necessary," he said.



MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, nonpartisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, Nov. 30.

House Bill 6420: Permit and regulate fantasy sports games

To establish a permissive licensure and regulatory regime on fantasy sports games and contests that offer money prizes, with games subject to specified restrictions and requirements, and an initial license fee of up to \$50,000 for would-be vendors. Game outcomes would have to be the result of player skill and knowledge and not just chance, with prize amounts specified in advance. Individuals who run small-scale fantasy sport games from their home would be exempt from licensure. A related bill to legalize sports betting appears to be dead for this year. Passed 85 to 24 in the House

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HEROIN

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ficulty breathing. The 58-year-old man was on the

floor near the front door. Firefighters provided medical care to him. They administered Narcan, at which time the man began vomiting and said, "God help me," according to the police report. He was transported to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township.

Police learned of the second individual in the back bedroom. A second ambulance, along with North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) were called to assist with the unconscious 39-year-old man found in the back bedroom.

A woman living at the house told police she awoke to the smell of bacon. She exited her bedroom and saw the older man on the floor near the front door at which time she called 911. She told police that after a few minutes she yelled for the younger man to wake up.

The woman said the last time she had seen the younger man alive was at 8 p.m., Monday, Dec. 3.

Evidence, including hypodermic needles, a spoon, and heroin residue were recovered from the scene.

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Lady Bronchos start strong, crush Lakeland, 55-23

By David Troppens

It was a strong start to the season for the Holly varsity girls basketball team.

The Bronchos faced off against Lakeland and earned an impressive 55-23 victory.

The Bronchos jumped

Holly's **Rebecca Fugate** out to a 25-7 lead in the first quarter and then held on to the large lead the rest of the way. The Bronchos led 36-10 at halftime.

> "We jumped off to a quick lead in the first quarter," Holly varsity girls basketball coach David Hall said. "We scored off offensive rebounds and steals

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leading to layups. The whole team moved the ball well and played defense without fouling."

Rebecca Fugate remains the team's obvious leader, and led the squad with 20 points. Payton Price netted 11 points while Hannah Covert had six points. Emma Tooley and Hunter Weeder had five points while Jessica Bradford had four points.



Fenton's Addison McIntosh(left) scored 15 points in the Tigers' 49-39 victory against Hartland, Tuesday. Photo: Monica Bradburn

Tigers capture first victory of season, beat Hartland, 49-39

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity boys basketball team is getting better with every game the Tigers play.

That became evident in their third contest as Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Chad Logan got his first victory with the varsity team in the Tigers' 49-39 road victory against the Hartland Eagles Tuesday.

The game didn't start out well for the Tigers. Hartland scored 19 points in the first quarter, and led 19-11 after eight minutes. The Tigers' defense got better in the second quarter, holding the Eagles to just 10 second-quarter points. However, Fenton scored just four and trailed 29-15 at the break. The chances of getting the team's first win of the season wasn't looking terribly good at halftime.

However, the Tigers completely dominated the contest on both ends of the floor during the final 16 minutes. A 16-1 edge in the third quarter enabled the Tigers to actually take a 31-30 lead into the final quarter. The Tigers iced the contest in the fourth outscoring the home team 18-9 during the final eight minutes.

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Tigers record split decision in dual

Fenton defeat Milford, fall to state-ranked Montrose

By David Troppens

Fenton — The Fenton varsity wrestling team had a solid start to its 2018-19 season Wednesday at Fenton High School.

The Tigers faced eighth-ranked Montrose in their first bout of the season, losing that match by a respectable 44-33 score. The Tigers bounced back in the second dual, defeating Milford 51 - 30

The Tigers had their moments against the Montrose Rams. Luke Thornton (130) tied the match at 6-6 with a pinfall win but then Fenton fell behind after back-to-back pinfall losses.

Fenton tried to stay within shouting distance, and did cut the gap to 26-21 when Lukas Zywicki (189) earned a pinfall victory in just 46 seconds. However, Montrose earned pinfall wins in the next two bouts, clinching the dual win.

Also earning pinfall wins for the Tigers against Montrose were Mason Church (160), Kendra Ryan (103) and Landon Lapa (119). Jayden Rittenbury (145) also earned a 9-6 decision win.

Against Milford, six Fenton wrestlers earned pinfall wins. They were Thornton (130), Rittenbury (145), Mario Ramirez (152), Dalton Wagner (171), Lapa (119) and Trey Hale (125). Zywicki (189) earned a 5-3 decision win while Chloe Wagner (135), and Ryan (103) won by forfeit.

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Rittenbury (left) works on pinning one of his foes, Wednesday. (Below) Lucas Zywicki also earned a pinfall win . The Tigers beat Davison and lost to stateranked Montrose in the double dual.

Fenton's Jayden

Photos: David Troppens



Blue Devils improving, but lose to Clio Mustangs By David Troppens on the young season with a 52-

Fenton varsity boys basketball tangs, a team the Blue Devils

The Blue Devils' varsity roster consists of only three seniors, so it only makes sense it may take the team some time to gel.

So far Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Brian McInerney has been pleased with how that process has gone. The only issue he has with the progress is the win-loss record.

The Blue Devils fell to 0-2

Lake Fenton — The Lake 41 home loss to the Clio Musteam is a young squad. should see every season starting next season when Lake Fenton joins the Flint Metro League.

Lake Fenton played a competitive game with everyone pretty much contributing at different times. Lake Fenton only See BLUE DEVILS on 23A

Lake Fenton's Hunter Schramm attempts a shot inside with a hand in his face against Clio. Photo: Mark Bolen



Eagles remain perfect beat Owosso Trojans, 63-39

By Dale M. Smith

ty boys basketball team opened looked back as Lund scored all its 2018-2019 season with a big win against Flint Powers on Friday.

On Tuesday night they used their home court to dominate an undermanned Owosso Trojans team, 63-39.

The Eagles lost some really good talent from last year's team but the Eagles' nest is far from bare. Led by sophomore sensa-

tion, Blake Lund, Linden came **Linden** — The Linden varsi- out of the gate on fire and never of his points in the first quarter as the Eagles blew out to a 25-5 lead after the first eight minutes.

Keyed by Lund and fellow sophomore, Eli Beil, Linden repeatedly jammed the Owosso passing lanes leading to quick buckets on the other end or setting the pace for the Linden offense in the half-court. **CONTINUED AT MYFENTON.COM**

LF girls start hot, win opener

By David Troppens

History repeated itself on Monday for the Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team.

The Blue Devils earned their third straight seasonopening victory against Imlay City by defeating them 57-33.

The Blue Devils started the season spectacularly strong, scoring the game's first 11 points. Macy Phillips scored two buckets and assisted two more during the 11-0 run.

From there, the Blue Devils remained in control. Lake Fenton led 23-14 at half and then blew the game open in the third quarter with an 18-9 edge. Lake Fenton also won the fourth quarter 16-10.

"We really rushed some shots at the beginning, never really did get a few in a row put together, but we played with good pace and energy," Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Brian VanBuren said. "We had some jitters going, a little inexperience, and maybe a little over aggressive, but all in all, we played together, and I am glad to see that out of the gate.

"I don't think we were an uneven match-up, but (Imlay City) had a freshman doing their heavy lifting while we had three starters in their third

year on varsity. I think that mattered a little bit today."

Morgan Furey led the Blue Devils with 12 points while Katelyn Sibert netted nine points. The Blue Devils also did a strong job on the boards, collecting 37 rebounds. Eighteen of them were on the offensive side. They also deflected 37 Imlay City passes.

"We were rusty, but it's always good to win that opener," VanBuren said.

Lake Fenton hosted Flint Hamady on Friday. Go to myfenton.com to find out what happened in the contest.

Linden wrestlers perform well in front of large crowd

By David Troppens

If a team is going to start its wrestling season, why not do it in front of thousands of students?

That's what Linden varsity wrestling coach Kyle Summerfield thought, so that's what he did.

The Linden Eagles opened the season with their annual assembly dual, facing eighthranked John Glenn (the event's host) and Airport. The Eagles lost to John Glenn 50-24 but did earn a win against Airport "It was loud, in your face

and intense," Summerfield ziah Delgado (160) and Preston Parker (285) earned a vicsaid. "It was exactly what we wanted to kickoff our season. tory as well. Parker's win was the first of his career against "Linden battled tough in both duals. A lot of good hap-Airport. The 12-2 major depened and there's a lot of cision win against Airports's

Colin Allie earned the Eagles improvement ahead. We are ready to go to battle with this the dual victory during the last match. "All of our captains stepped The Eagles had four wresup big in different ways," Sumtlers go 2-0 in the two matches. merfield said. "They showed They were Caleb White (135), Wyatt Gocha (171), Colton great leadership.

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trailed 34-31 after a breaking layup by Conner Steffey with 22 seconds left in the third quarter, but Clio scored the final two points of the third quarter and the first three points of the fourth period, eventually stretching the lead to 39-31. From there, the Blue Devils never cut the lead any closer than six. That happened at 39-33 when Carter Foerster hit a putback hoop with 6:30 left in the contest. However, Clio went on a mini 7-3 run, extending their lead to 46-36 with a layup and a converted free throw by Sean Culhane with just 4:21 left in the contest. Try as they may, the Blue Devils weren't really able to get back into the contest the final four minutes.

"In a loss we played a complete game," Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Brian McInerney said. "That was an improvement from Friday until today. We competed from the start to the finish and that's progress. We had a slow second quarter up in Yale and we wanted to address that this week, and we did."

The first half was competitive with both teams enjoying small



Lake Fenton's Ben Muenzer attempts a shot in the Blue Devils' loss to Clio, Monday. Photo: Mark Bolen

> leads. Lake fenton's biggest lead in the first quarter was two, which they earned three times. The third time came when Cody Schramm capped the first quarter with a three-pointer, giving the squad a 10-8 lead.

Clio scored the first six points of the second quarter, earning a 16-10 lead, but the Blue Devils cut the gap to one, three times.

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Powell (189) and Johnathon

group."

Young Lake Fenton wrestlers split opening meet

It should be a rebuilding season for 43-36, but losing to the Swartz Creek the Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team. Dragons 57-23.

That doesn't mean the team can't win duals, though.

The Blue Devils split their first two duals of the season, beating Freeland

"We have 19 kids. We have a lot of freshmen and sophomores in our lineup," Lake Fenton varsity wrestling coach Vance Corcoran said.

state-ranked foes, recording losses,

but earning respectable performances

with those losses. The Bronchos lost to

fourth-ranked Clarkston 47-24 and then

lost to second-ranked Warren Woods

Holly wrestlers battle two state-ranked programs

Holly varsity wrestling coach Don Pluta wanted to challenge his wrestlers to start the season.

Consider Pluta's mission accomplished.

Holly opened the season with two Tower 31-27.

Fenton girls open vs. Hartland, fall to Eagles

Hartland is always a tough opening contest for the Fenton varsity girls basketball team.

The contest has either been the team's season-opener or close to its season opener for about the last decade, and the result is usually a tough loss, but with the loss the Tigers probably learn some valuable lessons they can take with them forward.

ing eight minutes and trailed from the start.

game continued, but still had to settle with a

42-31 loss at home.

However, the Eagles played better as the

Linden girls work hard, lose at home to Owosso

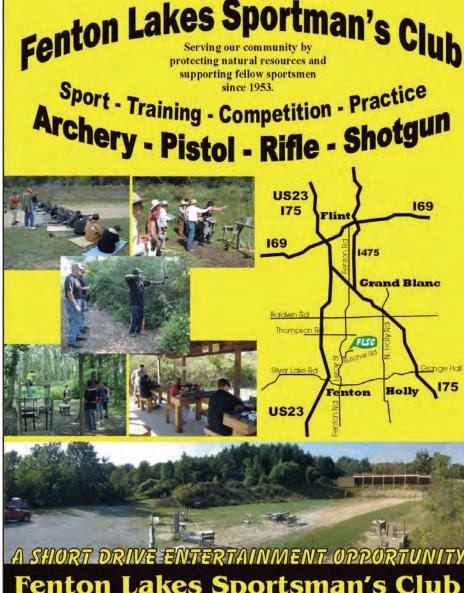
It was a slow start for the Linden varsity girls basketball team in its opening contest of the season against Owosso.

Linden scored just four pints in the open-

Holly swimmers lose tight meet vs. ND Prep

The Holly varsity boys swimming and diving team came about as close as they could to getting a victory without earning one on Tuesday night.

The Bronchos earned three first-place finishes, but fell just short losing 85-83 against the Notre Dame Prep Fighting Irish.



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