

Linden man stranded 26 hours on snowy Canadian Highway 402

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STORY: UNEMPLOY-

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HOT LINE

OF THE WEEK

661'M SORRY, FOLKS, but there are places hiring. I work

retail and we have been hiring for two

months. A small coffee

shop and pizza shop

in Fenton are hiring.

If you look hard

enough there are

places hiring. I took

a job out of my field

four years ago, doing

something I never

thought I would be,

and I love it. Step out

of your comfort zone.

You may like it. Merry

Christmas.99

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STORY: KIDS

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and must be reversed.

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A one-day trip to Guelph, Ontario, Canada for a Scrabble tournament on Sunday turned into a three-day adventure for Jeff Clark, a volunteer firefighter for the Linden Fire Department. He and hundreds of other motorists were stranded on the highway because of heavy snow.

An avid card and game enthusiast and GM retiree, Clark, 54,

No Sunday morning liquor sales for Linden By Sharon Stone

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Linden — The Linden City Council voted 6-0 in favor of keeping the days and hours of liquor sales as they are currently. Councilor Matt Chapman was absent.

The state recently passed legislation allowing the sale of liquor, beer and wine between the hours See LINDEN on 24A

Holly Village votes for extension on Sunday liquor sales

By Tim Jagielo

tjagielo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795 **Holly** — The Holly Village Council voted for an extension on the issue of Sunday morning liquor sales, as allowed in the new law. The deadline for deciding on the new hours for liquor sales was Wednesday, Dec. 15. If no **See HOLLY on 13A** "They haven't called to let me know where my car is. They have 400 cars and people to match up." Jeff Clark Linden resident

left his downtown Linden home early Sunday morning for Guelph to challenge his skills at playing Scrabble. Finishing poorly, he left the Canadian town about 9 p.m.

Knowing it would be a long drive, he stopped overnight at a friend's home in Cambridge, Ontario. "I didn't feel like driving," he said.

Around 6 a.m. on Monday, he began his drive back to Linden. He stopped in London, Ontario around 8 a.m. for breakfast, and then hopped back onto Highway 402, toward Sarnia.

See STRANDED on 7A



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SUBMITTED PHOTO Crews attempt to free a semi truck stuck in heavy snow on Highway 402 in Ontario, Canada.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO

Kim Shadduck, and son Rory, 8, of Argentine Township, go through a box of hats given to him by his Linden Central Elementary School third-grade class after a surprise visit. Rory has been out of school since October, when his Hodgkin's Lymphoma came back. **See story on Page 12A**

Use caution when making online purchases

Read the fine print By Tim Jagielo

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A Tyrone Township woman (who wishes to remain anonymous) just wanted to buy an AB-Doer fitness machine in November. In her hurry, she went online and quickly supplied her credit card number, and expiration date. She finished the sale without a second thought and went on with her life.

Four days later, she was in the company of friends a week before Thanksgiving See FINE PRINT on 22A TY TOTAL TY TOTAL S \$199.80 ubtotal: \$199.80 ubtotal: \$199.80 * Tax: \$0.00 * Tax: \$199.8 Total: \$199.8 Ubtotal: \$199.8

Summary

Buying online is convenient and often safe, but buyers need to be aware of what they are agreeing to, and what they are paying.

One-hundred fifty new jobs coming to area

Fenton/Holly business receives \$874,561 tax credit

Fenton — Acument Global Technologies, Inc., a leading provider of mechanical fastening products and services for the transportation market, has received an \$874,651 tax credit **See NEW JOBS** on 23A

Summary

► For the second time in six weeks, a Fenton business has been awarded a Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) tax credit. Creative Foam's achievement has been followed by Acument Global Technologies.

Creative Foam receives tax exemption from city

"We look forward to having you expand more in our community." **Sue Osborn** Fenton mayor Business plans \$1.5 million expansion, 63 new jobs in five years
 By Anna Troppens atroppens@tctimes.com
 Fenton — Creative

Fenton — Creative Foam is expanding and diversifying, with the help of state and local tax credits. A \$1.5 million expansion is underway, to supply a renewable energy market. The plan See TAX on 7A

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Cinnamon sticks

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Warning: Shoveling snow may increase risk of heart attack

By Sharon Stone • sstone@tctimes.com; 810-433-6786 The combination of colder temperatures and snow shoveling can lead to a heart attack. The American Heart Association (AHA) warns people of the increased risk this time of year because the physical exertion and cold weather increases the workload on the heart. The AHA said, for most people, shoveling snow might not lead to any



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health problems. Some people, however, are at greater risk. It's important to know how cold weather can affect the heart, especially if one has cardiovascular disease.

Lifting a heavy shovel full of snow or walking through heavy, wet snow or snowdrifts is enough to put a strain on the heart. See SHOVELING on 10A

Christmas gift ideas for the last minute shopper

By Sally Rummel news@tctimes.com

If you have waited until the last week before Christmas to do most of your shopping, have no fear — stores are opening up earlier and staying open later to accommodate the procrastinators.

There are still lots of shopping bargains out there, and better still, some very thoughtful gift ideas that will please just about anyone on your list. At Eclections in

Fenton, fashion name brands abound, from Vera Bradley to Brighton and beyond. And, there are See LAST MINUTE on 8A







TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SALLY RUMMEL

(Left) Nicole Bergeron of Eclections in Fenton, shows the variety of glasses-to-go by Tervis. The glasses keep hot drinks hot, cold drinks cold. (Center) Scented wax bouquet bowls (made in the U.S.A.) have been one of the most popular gifts of the season at Eclections. (Rigth) JoAnn Sark, manager of Medawar Jewelers in Fenton, anticipates that Christmas Eve will be one of the store's busiest days as last-minute shoppers come in to buy jewelry.



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Best Christmas bedtime story ever

Once there were three trees on a hill in the woods. They were discussing their hopes and dreams when the first tree

said, 'Someday I hope to be a treasure chest. I could be filled with gold, silver and precious gems. I could be decorated with intricate carving and everyone would see my beauty.'

Then the second tree said, 'Someday I will be a mighty ship. I will carry kings and queens across the waters and sail to the corners of the world. Everyone will feel safe in me.'

Finally, the third tree said, 'I want to grow to be the tallest and mightiest tree in the forest. People will see me on top of the hill and look up to my branches, and think of the heavens and God and how close to them I am reaching.'

One day, many years later, the trees were approached by a group of woodsmen. When one came to the first tree he said, 'This looks like a strong tree, I think



ton's seventh- and eighth-grade band put on Thursday night at AGS. Great job, everyone.

HOPE TYRONE TOWNSHIP residents are happy to see the additional \$150 tax charge on their winter bill for sewer or public safety.

TO THE PEOPLE in Holly, who live in the Airport subdivision, please keep your dogs in at night. There is a coyote running loose, and I think a dog got killed the other night.

WE HAVE 13 MILLION illegal immigrants and we've got a health care bill that is going to cover everybody, including the illegal immigrants. How are we going to pay for this? Are we going to continue printing money and devaluing our dollar? It's crazy what is going on in Washington.

I WISH TO thank the Times and ACE Hardware for a \$25 gift certificate. My birds will be able to eat all winter and I

Compiled by Marissa Parks, Intern

I should be able to sell the wood to a carpenter'...and he began cutting it down. The tree was happy, because he was sure that the carpenter would make

that the carpenter would make him into a treasure chest. At the second tree a woods-

> man said, 'This looks like a strong tree, I should be able to sell it to the shipyard.' The second tree was happy because he knew he was on his way to becoming a mighty ship.

> When the woodsmen came upon the third tree, the tree was frightened because he knew that if they cut him down his dreams would not come true.

One of the woodsmen said, 'I don't need anything special from my tree so I'll take this one,' and he cut it down.

When the first tree arrived at the carpenters, he was made into a feed box for animals. He was then placed in a barn and filled with hay. This was not at all what he had prayed for.

am just thrilled to pieces. What a blessing it is. Thank you, Tri-County and ACE Hardware.

WHY DOES THE city council even have to discuss whether it should change a trash service provider or change to a new company and pay less? Isn't this an obvious answer?

WE PAY OUTRAGEOUS amounts of money to live in the city of Fenton, for water, sewer and trash. It's Sunday night and they haven't even started plowing the roads. What's up with that? The second tree was cut and made into a small fishing boat. His dreams of being a mighty ship and carrying kings had come to an end.

The third tree was cut into large boards and left alone in the barn.

Years later, late one cold winter evening, a man and a pregnant woman took refuge in the barn. Not long after they arrived, the woman gave birth and they placed the baby in the hay in the feed box that was made from the first tree. The tree could feel the importance of this event and somehow knew that he was holding the greatest treasure of all time.

Years later, a group of men got in the fishing boat made from the second tree. One of them was tired and went to sleep. While they were out on the water, a great storm arose and the men were frightened. They woke the sleeping man, and he stood and said, 'Peace,' and the storm stopped. At this time, the tree knew that he had fulfilled his dream of carrying a king in his boat.

Some time later, on a Friday, some men came and retrieved the third tree from the

MONDAY AFTERNOON, OWEN Road was very slippery. My Mustang and I ended up in a ditch. I want to thank the thoughtful people who stopped and helped me out. Thank you.

UNEMPLOYMENT IS SUPPOSED to be a bridge to your next job, not a free ticket to sit home and take care of the kids. My sisterin-law took a 'voluntary' lay-off more than a year ago. She stays home with the kids while hubby goes to work. She does not intend to go back to work until her 'benefits' get cut off. Why not? She's a stay-at-home mom and is paid for it by you.

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barn. He was made into a cross and carried through the city by a man who was mocked and harassed mercilessly by the crowds lining the street. When they came to a stop at the top of a hill, the man was nailed to the cross and then raised in the air and left to die.

The tree suddenly realized that, again, he was standing tall and straight on top of a hill and as close to God as was possible, because the Son of God had been crucified on him.

The moral of this story is that when things don't seem to be going your way, always know that God has a plan for you. If you place your trust in Him, He will give you great gifts. Each of the trees got what they wanted, just not in the way they had planned.

We don't always know what God's plans are for us. We just know that His ways are always best.

From my family to yours, best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year.

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THIS IS THE USA, land of opportunity, not Sherwood Forest. Where does it say it is the government's right to steal from the rich and give to the poor? That may be OK in fairy tales, but not here. If I make a million dollars, I would expect to pay the same percentage taxes and have the same opportunity for deductions as someone who makes \$50,000. Charity begins at home, not in Washington. Tax cuts for all.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SCOTT

Sutter, you will be a great asset to the Linden Police Department. Signed, a former city jail guard who thinks very highly of you.

I AM NOT a drinker, but I find it ridiculous that the state votes in a law that says alcohol can be purchased on Sundays before noon and city council can take my rights away. The people voted and the people in city governments have decided they know what's best. Next election, we are coming for your jobs.

I'M ASTOUNDED BY the council's vote against liquor sales on Sunday. Does the council not notice all the empty shops on Silver Parkway? This will be a big blow to some local groceries already struggling.

TO THE PERSON who is unaware of

the holidays, other than Christmas, that are celebrated this time of year, here is an inclusive list: Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Las Posadas (Mexican), and New Year's. Some of them are even celebrated by your fellow Christians, too. Happy holidays.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

streettalk

What's the most unusual Christmas gift you've ever received?



"My husband gave me a U of M license plate one year. He is a die-hard Notre Dame fan and he hates U of M."

— Steffany Hillis

Fenton



EXTENDED

WARRANTIES AVAILABLE

"My mom and dad got me these two big things, like shovels, that you put your hands in, and they help you pick up leaves. They looked like webbed feet, almost." — Laurie Begley Fenton



"I got a call from my mom's nursing home. She has dementia and when I got there, she sat up and gave me a hug. Her knowing who I was, was the best and most unexpected gift I ever received."

— Pat Zacharska, Fenton



"One year, my fiancé bought me a puppy and some fuzzy slippers. Well, Sugar chewed up my slippers, and try telling her that I am her owner and not him." — Kerrie McCollom

Fenton



home a baby monkey one year. It wasn't a gift for me, but that's just the strangest thing I've ever seen."



"I got a stainless steel prop and West Coast pipes for my Jet ski, so it would be as fast as the boys.""

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Manager candidates to be interviewed Dec. 21

► Two applicants, including interim manager, withdraw names

By Tim Jagielo

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Holly — Two of the six applicants, in the running as the Holly village manager are not pursuing the position, according to Village President Jeff Miller. The remaining candidates have been contacted and will be interviewed during a special meeting of the entire village council on Tuesday, Dec. 21.

The process will begin at 9 a.m. and give each applicant an hour to be interviewed. The interviews will be held at the council chamber, and are open to the public. The council will take about an hour lunch break, and be finished around 3 p.m.

Interim Village Manager Jerry Walker was one of the two who withdrew their names. Walker said he felt that although he could have done the job, it was not a good fit for him or his

Fenton grants tax exemption to **Matrix Enterprises**

By Anna Troppens

atroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 Fenton — City council has extended an industrial facilities tax (IFT) exemption for the Matrix Enterprises, for five years. The extension for Matrix Enterprises is on a tax exemption the city first awarded in 2005, for five years, said City Assessor Tonya Molloseau.

Since 2005, Matrix Enterprises has increased its employees from 52 to 70. They are projecting to create an additional 12 to 20 full-time jobs, within the next 24 to 36 months. Matrix Enterprises is home to both the Tri-County Times and Tri-County Wireless.

Councilwoman Cheryl King said it would create more jobs and keep people employed. With the way things are, she believes city officials need to encourage people to stay in business. "I'm in favor of it," King said.

News briefs

Linden High School's annual spring parade could be cancelled this year

It isn't looking like Linden High School will have its annual spring parade, Superintendent Ed Koledo said at Wednesday's school board meeting. The all-night Project Graduation celebration for graduating seniors will be on a Friday night, which will interfere with the parade. Administrators are looking at alternatives for the parade, but it looks like it will not take place.

Linden schools saves \$37,000 on subs

Due to staff efforts to coordinate substitutes better, Linden Community Schools saved around \$37,000 last year, Superintendent Ed Koledo said. Special education Individualized Education Plan (IEP) meetings were coordinated twice a week, contributing to the savings.

family. Following his time at Holly, Walker will continue working at the Traffic Improvement Association in Birmingham.

"I was a little disappointed, but not necessarily terribly surprised," said Miller.

The second applicant to withdraw was Michael Hart, who accepted the manager position for the city of Davison. The remaining four names are still being withheld because two have asked to remain anonymous.

Despite the loss of two applicants, Miller remains positive about the remaining four. "Very positive, we have some very good folks to listen to," said Miller.

"All of the top six that were selected were still very strong," said Council member Jason Hughes. He and the other council members were asked to submit questions to Miller, for the interviewing process. Council members will be given time for follow-up questions.

Following the four interviews, council may then discuss the applicants, and even make a motion to rank the choices in order of preference, as there will be

a quorum at the special meeting.

Should council agree on the top few choices, the personnel and finance sub committees would meet to decide on payment and benefit packages.

The Personnel Committee would make an offer to the top applicant, and negotiations would likely occur. It is possible that ers was fired by council in September.

a new manager will be introduced at the next council meeting. "It depends on how far (both sides) are willing to go in negotiations," said Hughes. "The interview process is the halfway point."

The full-time manager position became vacant after former manager Marsha Pow-



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WOMAN ASSAULTS MAN

At 1:20 a.m. on Tuesday. Dec. 14. an Argentine Township police officer spotted a green Pontiac Bonneville traveling east on Harper Street. The car stopped past the stop sign at Seymour Road, then proceeded quickly into the ditch east of the intersection. Police Chief Daniel Allen said the 24-year-old female driver, exited the vehicle and fell to the ground. She got up, ran over to a man, began shouting profanity toward him, and assaulted him. Police pulled her to the ground to stop the assault. As police were taking her into custody, she resisted by attempting to push and pull away from them. The woman shoved the officers. Once under control, the woman was placed in the patrol vehicle, where she continued to act erratically by cursing and yelling at the officer. The police chief said she pounded her head and face on the Plexiglas partition in the patrol vehicle. She was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated, possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting and obstructing police. She was lodged at the Genesee County Jail, pending arraignment.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE Fenton City Council, who voted against Sunday liquor sales. Good to see principles put ahead of revenue and the god of money once in awhile.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, TO all the Times readers. Notice that I did not say Happy Holidays or Seasons Greetings. Most of us know the reason for the season and willingly acknowledge it. Enough said.

TEA PARTY MEMBERS, please stay on the job. You are the main reason America woke up, and that individual patriots got actively involved in start-ing to clean up Washington and its entrenched corruption. Most Americans are 100 percent behind your demands for political accountability and volunteer watchdog status. You are needed and appreciated, God bless your efforts.

TO THE PERSON who thinks the TEA

Party 'is the best thing to happen to America,' you need to understand what the TEA Party really is. It is actually a bunch of hateful, racist, fear-mongering people, who don't know a thing about politics.

Linden schools consider energy saving program

► Could save \$1.82 million on utilities over 10 years

By Anna Troppens

atroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 gram, from Energy Education, could save Linden Community Schools \$1.82 million during a 10-year period.

ing the firm and received a presentation from Michael Bitar, regional president

Energy Education's program focuses on people who use school facilities, and their behavior, to save on energy costs. No equipment purchases are included.

Linden schools spend

\$600,000 annually on utilities, which generally are the second or third highest expense for a school district, Bitar said. In return for working with the district, En-



First year of the program • Estimated savings, \$145,000 · Cost for the Transformational

Linden — An energy savings pro-

The board of education discussed hirfor Energy Education.

"We focus on helping them become an energy conserver, instead of just an energy user."

Michael Bitar Energy Education regional president

ergy Education receives a share of the energy savings, during a 48-month period, in payment.

Energy Education's program guarantees if a district doesn't save as much as it invests in

the program, the firm writes the district a check for the difference. It has written checks, but not many, he said. These have been for the first year of the program, and none of the districts ended their program. They went on and became on target for energy savings.

Energy Management Process, \$68,400

• Estimated conference travel for the

Energy Education Specialist, \$3,000

• Energy accounting software, \$13,950

Salary for Energy Education

Total investment, \$100,350

• Net savings, \$44,650

Specialist, \$15,000

The firm has a list of more than 1,200 places where schools can save energy in its facilities, including athletic fields, gyms, boiler rooms and classrooms, he said. It does not include buses, but would include the bus garage building.

Energy Education's competitors include Johnson Controls, Honeywell and Siemens, Bitar said, in response to a question from Trustee Rick Kursik. But, proposals from these other firms would include equipment purchases, he said.

Energy Education's program includes selecting an Energy Education Spe-

Summary

Linden Community Schools is considering hiring Energy Education, to help it save more on utility costs. The firm projects the school district could save around \$1.82 million over a 10-year period.

cialist, someone familiar with the schools, who already works in the school district or is a retiree. The firm helps the district select this person, who then earns a \$15,000 annual stipend for part-time work and acts as a

coach and cheerleader for the program. The firm assesses each school facility

and puts together a plan for it. The Energy Education Specialist talks to different groups of people from the district and reports to the board of education. He or she also enters data from the district's utility bills into a computer program, using software the district purchases from a third party.

It could take a few more challenges to meet cumulative energy savings objectives for Linden schools, Bitar said. Linden's utility costs per square foot are \$1.05, which is low.

Meg Walton, in the audience, said she hopes the board looks at competing programs to finalize its evaluation process.



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Snow was falling and for a while, traffic was moving along at about 40 miles an hour, until it slowed and came to a complete stop. Clark heard that the wind was blowing at 56 miles per hour and was coming from across Lake Huron. Visibility worsened and soon the snowplow drivers were ordered home as it was no longer safe for them in the blizzard conditions.

By 9 a.m., Clark put his vehicle in park. He knew that his and about 400 other vehicles were not going anywhere anytime soon. He was right. Not until 11 a.m. on Tuesday morning, was he rescued by a couple of snowmobile club members.

During those 26 hours on Highway 402, Clark was grateful that he was prepared. "I had a blanket, bottled water, boots," he said. He was, however, concerned with the amount of gas he had in his SUV.

He shut the engine off and walked to the semi-truck parked in front of him and knocked on the window. The friendly truck driver let him into the warm truck. As the hours dragged on, he was able to stretch out on the mattress in the back of the large cab. "We listened to the radio for news and we even heard truck drivers joking about having a pizza delivered out to us."

As he was being rescued by the snowmobile club members, helicopters were also airlifting others from the area. The snowmobile riders gave Clark an extra pair of snow pants and helmet, and drove him to a gas station with an adjoining Subway restaurant. "The people there were making



Punctal occlusion for dry eyes

Having "dry eyes" is a very generic term. Dry eyes are actually a symptom, not a diagnosis. The cause of the scratchy dry feeling can be from decreased tear production, an oil deficiency in tears or from a type of protein deficiency in tears.

The best treatment for a significant "dry eye" is punctal occlusion. This is when a very tiny plug is inserted in the tear drains located on the eyelid. This procedure keeps your own tears on the eye longer than normal so that you can get more use of your own natural tears instead of using artificial tears. The procedure is very technical, but non-invasive. No shots are necessary, only a simple eye drop. It is also completely reversible.

Artificial tears are great for certain mild cases of dry eye, but not all are created equal. I cater the type of drops to the type of tear deficiency. Some drops can make your dry eye even worse.

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810-629-3070 www.fentonvisioncenter.com sandwiches as fast as they could," he said. Clark finally boarded a school bus that took a group of stranded motorists to a nearby Canadian Legion Hall, which was being used as a shelter. "It had a kitchen, dining room, mattresses and warm food," he said.

Clark and the other stranded motorists were nicknamed the "402 refugees," by local residents.

In order for road crews to move the vehicles later, motorists left their keys in the ignition, said Clark. If a motorist arrived at the shelter with their keys, they were asked to leave them there with all of their vehicle information. "There was a whole pile of keys," said Clark. "They seemed to be pretty organized."

While at the shelter, he made new friends and was invited to spend the night at the home of a newlywed couple, with five children. While there, he showered, ate a nice dinner, slept and even got into a fun, wrestling match with the little boys.

By Wednesday morning, Clark was back at the shelter awaiting word on whether he could retrieve his vehicle. "They haven't called to let me know where my car is. They have 400 cars and people to match up," he said.

He arrived home safely Thursday morning.

TAX

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includes adding 63 employees, with an average weekly salary of \$500, within the next five years, said Assistant City Manager Michael Burns.

City council has approved a fiveyear, 100 percent exemption on new

personal property for Creative Foam's Summary expansion, with the The city of Fenton has granted Creative Foam a 100 percent tax exemption betax exemption on new personal ginning in 2011, property, for its expansion to supply Burns said. The new a renewable energy market. The estimated tax revfirm needed a local tax exemption in order to qualify for its Michigan enue to the city's Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) Local Development tax exemption. Finance Authority (LDFA) would have

been \$8,200 annually without the tax exemption. The LDFA has not received this money in the past.

Executive Vice President Bruce Graham, of Creative Foam, said the firm has been in the Fenton area since 1969. The expansion will allow the firm to supply core units for windmill blades, 44 to 60 meters long. The largest ones

will be used near Lake Michigan. Creative Foam is trying to diversify,

Graham said. Seventy percent of its business is automotive, and it is moving into the medical and alternative energy fields.

To receive the Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) tax credit

of \$362,386, for five years, Creative Foam needed a local tax credit from Fenton, Burns said. MEGA is one of the best tax credits the state offers, and it helps keep businesses in the state that are located in communities on

Michigan borders. In addition, certain other core communities are eligible.

"We're so happy you're a member of our community," Mayor Sue Osborn said. "I'm hoping we can do this tonight and keep you here."

Council approved the tax exemption, 5-1. The city assessor will monitor it, Osborn said.



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This week in Washington, another set of hearings was held before the FDA investigating the safety of dental amalgam. Dental amalgam is the technical term for silver filling material used to restore decayed and broken teeth. Dental amalgam was discovered and first used in the mid-1800's and is still used today to fill teeth. Dental amalgam is a 50/50 mixture of powdered silver metal and mercury. Modern formulations have other trace elements such as zinc and copper added to enhance dental amalgam's physical properties. Some may ask, "If dental amalgam contains 50% mercury, isn't it bad for me and my health?" I remember when I was in high school and played with mercury spilled on the science lab bench. It was great fun. But times have changed. In today's world if there is a mercury spill, the entire building is evacuated and environmental clean-up crews in HASMAT suites are sent in to deal with the "hazardous" material. Millions of dollars has been spent by researchers both in the dental and medical fields looking for conclusive evidence of dental amalgams harm to people. To date there has been NO evidence, what so ever, of any harm caused by mercury containing fillings in peoples teeth. I, myself, have amalgams in my teeth placed by my family dentist years ago and I'm happy to report that I'm alive and well. With that said, for me and my dental practice; I no longer use dental amalgam to restore the teeth of my patients. We have been an amalgam-free dental practice for about ten years. The reason is that even though dental amalgam has been around for over 150 years and causes no harm; this is year 2010 and there have been tremendous advances in dental restorative materials. I believe that there are dental materials that perform better than dental amalgam and are therefore better for my patients.

I welcome your questions and comments. Feel free to e-mail me drsulfaro@comcast.net



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TELL THE TRUTH to the residents of Linden about the ACE/planning commission comment. The owner of ACE decided to go against what was approved by law and the commission, and even has admitted as such. The planning commission should be commended for doing their due diligence and rendering a decision based on the facts, not emotions.

FENTON TOWNSHIP JUST released their budget estimates for 2011. Sewer fund revenues for 2011 are \$6,098,500, and estimated expenditures are \$4,352,500. There seems to be a surplus of \$1,700,000. It's time for the township board to reduce our sewer bills.

I, TOO, WOULD like to see the Fenton Library at the old Topps building. That would be great. There would be parking and room. If there is a reason why they can't, the city should say so. I won't go where the library is now. The parking is terrible. I'll give you \$100 to get it going, and put out a kettle and I bet you will get a lot more.

WITH THE WEATHER getting bad and car trouble common, people should extend the same courtesy to disabled vehicles on the highway that they are required to, by law, to an emergency vehicle. In short, move over.

THEN, YOU MIGHT also remember from government class that checks and balances were intended to balance between the three branches of government, not parties. A multiple party system is needed for various reasons, but it is not the driving force behind checks and balances.



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several special gifts on their shelves that may be "just the right present" or a perfect hostess gift for an upcoming Christmas party.

"We can't keep these scented wax bowls in stock, they are so popular," said Nicole Bergeron of Eclections. Priced at just \$20, these unique scented bowls provide room fragrance without using a lighted candle, and they're made in the United States. "People are buying six at a time for affordable Christmas gifts, and as hostess gifts."

Lodge Cast Iron Cookware, which is "all the rage" at gourmet cooking stores, is available right here in the tri-county area, with frying pans, Dutch ovens and other assorted pieces available at Taylor Hardware in Fenton. It's also available by special order at McKay's Hardware in Holly.

Whether the gift recipient is a "gourmet foodie" or just likes to make a good burger, this seasoned cookware will be a cherished, lifelong gift. Making it even more special is the fact that it's made in Tennessee since 1896. Founded by Joseph Lodge in 1896, it is the oldest familyowned cookware foundry in America.

Jewelry is always a treasured gift, whether it was purchased a month before Christmas or the day before on Christmas Eve. "We are so busy here on Christmas Eve," said JoAnn Sark, manager at Medawar Jewelers in Fenton, which plans to be open until 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve. "We'll stay open until the last customer is done shopping," she said.

Many of the last minute Christmas shoppers are husbands who want to buy something beautiful for their wives, but

More

great

don't know where to start. "We'll help them with some gift ideas," said Sark. "We'll start off suggesting diamond earrings, because those are always a beautiful gift."

Pandora jewelry continues to be the "hottest gift out there" for this Christmas, according to Sark. "It's a very nice gift that you can affordably buy at many independent jewelry stores, including Medawar Jewelers," said Sark.

Books are another popular gift that can be tailored perfectly to the gift recipient's hobbies and tastes. Fenton's Open Book and Lizz's Used Books all have excellent selections of popular titles.

Wind chimes and wind spinners have been huge sellers at Village ACE Hardware in Linden this Christmas, according to sales associate Judy Pieczynski. "They can be used all year round," said Piecyznski. "The wind spinners turn with a flying hummingbird attached and really are a beautiful, all-season gift."

For really, truly last minute shoppers, who find themselves in need of a gift late on Christmas Eve or even on Christmas Day while traveling, there are still options that won't disappoint a special person on your gift list.

Many drug stores are open late in the evening on Christmas Eve, and are plentifully stocked with gift items from toys to fragrances. Even grocery stores can provide gift baskets that are pre-made or that you can make up yourself for a special gourmand in your life.

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David Dobies, M.D., is a cardiologist at Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township. He said

shoveling snow is comparable to a maximum stress test on the body. Those people who are not very active could experience symptoms with the sudden exertion of lifting heavy snow.

People with coronary heart disease often suffer angina pectoris (chest pain or discomfort) when they're in cold weather.

Dobies said, oftentimes, people will go outside to shovel their driveways and

sidewalks and figure they are just out of shape when they feel some chest pain. "That's the story we hear nine times out of 10," he said. "They think they're out of shape and work through it."

People, who smoke, have high blood pressure or diabetes are more susceptible to having a heart attack than others.

The act of lifting heavy snow can raise blood pressure acutely during the lift. It is safer to lift smaller amounts more times, than to lug a few huge shovelfuls of snow. When possible, simply push the snow.

Symptoms can appear as one is shoveling and they could appear a short time later, said Dobies. "Blood pressure goes up, and a half-hour later you can have symptoms and produce a heart attack."

Dobies said arteries constrict to conserve heat, which increases blood pressure. "The cold, plus activity, is what's doing it (causing the heart attack)," he said. He added that people have more angina problems in the cold.

People who maintain an active lifestyle are less prone to having a heart attack while shoveling.

If someone sees a person or has any of the listed symptoms (see sidebar), immediately call 911 for EMS. Not all of these symptoms occur in every heart attack or stroke. Sometimes they go away and return. If some occur, get help fast.

If you can't access EMS, have someone drive you to the hospital right away. If you're the one having symptoms, don't drive yourself, unless you have no other option.

Recognizing symptoms of a heart attack can be tricky. The doctor said the pain goes up and down and the person might feel better temporarily. There can be a dull ache. "A lot of people spend time thinking about it and not calling 911. We'd rather have a false alarm than not do anything," Dobies said.

Taking an aspirin has also shown to be beneficial as one of the first steps to treating a heart attack. Dobies said it's a good idea to keep some handy. "Take the aspirin and call 911."

Heart attack and stroke victims can benefit from new medications and treatments unavailable to patients in years past. For example, the AHA says clot-busting drugs can stop some heart attacks and strokes in progress, reducing disability and saving lives. To be effective, however, these drugs must be given relatively quickly after heart attack or stroke symptoms first appear.



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A coronary attack (heart attack) occurs when the blood flow that brings oxygen to the heart muscle is severely reduced or cut off completely. This happens because coronary arteries that supply the heart with blood can slowly become thicker and harder from a buildup of fat, cholesterol and other substances that together are called plaque. This slow process is known as atherosclerosis. When a plaque in a heart artery breaks, a blood clot forms around the plaque. This blood clot can block the artery and shut off blood flow to the heart muscle. When the heart muscle is starved for oxygen and nutrients, it is called ischemia When damage or death of part of the heart muscle occurs as a result of ischemia, it is called a heart attack or myocardial infarction (MI).

(Source: American Heart Association)



discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than

a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain. **Discomfort in other areas of the upper body** — Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back,

shortness of breath — with or without chest discomfort

Other signs — may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

Shoveling

• Take frequent rest breaks during shoveling so you don't overstress your heart. Pay attention to how your body feels during those breaks.

• **Don't eat a heavy meal** prior to or soon after shoveling. Eating a large meal can put an extra load on your heart.

• Use a small shovel or consider a snow thrower. The act of lifting heavy snow can raise blood pressure acutely during the lift.

• It is safer to lift smaller amounts more times, than to lug a few huge shovelfuls of snow. When possible, simply push the snow.

• Learn the heart attack warning signs and listen to your body. Fast action can save lives — maybe your own. Don't wait more than five minutes to call 911.

• **Don't drink alcoholic** beverages before or immediately after shoveling. Alcohol may increase a person's sensation of warmth and may cause them to underestimate the extra strain their body is under in the cold.

• **Consult a doctor.** If you have a medical condition, don't exercise on a regular basis. If you are middle aged or older, meet with your doctor prior to the first anticipated snowfall.

(Source: American Heart Association)

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Area schools see first snow days

Even though winter does not officially arrive until Dec. 21, tri-county residents are coping with the first major snowstorm of the winter season. As the snow fell and temperatures plummeted, school superintendents were assessing the roads with their transportation departments. As a result, area students had their first set of snow days on Monday and Tuesday. On Sunday, fire departments throughout the area responded to numerous reports of trees and utility poles falling onto roadways, causing hazardous conditions.

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pet for Christmas

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own, specially wrapped Christmas

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CITY OF FENTON Council votes 5-1 against Sunday morning liquor sales

Fenton City Council has approved a resolution prohibiting alcohol sales on Sunday mornings, from 2 a.m. to 12 p.m. A new state law allows alcohol sales on Sunday mornings, if the local unit of government approves and businesses obtain special permits from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

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Linden third graders lift classmate's spirits with surprise visit

By Tim Jagielo

tjagielo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795 Kim Shadduck's eyes welled up with emotion as she watched

her son Rory's third-grade class from Linden Central Elementary School sing Christmas carols in a sur-

prise afternoon visit on Thursday, at their Argentine Township home.

This made our day," she said, wiping her eyes, before

Summary

► Ms. Nicoll's third grade class made a surprise visit to Rory Shadduck, their classmate who has been out of school fighting Hodgkin's Lymphoma since October. her eyes, before the students who gathered on her front lawn, delivered by a school bus. Kim was in on the surprise visit, but was moved, nevertheless.

"He's a tough boy."

Kim Shadduck

mother of Rory Shadduck

Rory, 8, is going through his second bout with Hodgkin's Lymphoma, a

form of cancer that has a 90-percent cure rate, but is also known for coming back

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Rory has not attended school since October, when Kim's fears were confirmed. Rory's doctor advised the family that the lymphoma was back, and that he stay home

from school to avoid contact with germs, because the chemotherapy would fight the cancer, but also weaken his immune system.

"He's a tough boy," said Kim.

Rory has gone through two, weeklong cycles of chemotherapy, where he must stay at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor with his family for six days, in treatment for five. "We have it a lot easier than a lot of the kids we see up there," said Kim. "We see little babies with an IV."

His next treatment is after Christmas. The chemotherapy treatments cause fatigue for about one week after treatment, leaving him drained for half the month. The other half, he is home tutored by a neighbor.

Because chemotherapy causes hair to fall out, Rory was given a box of 11 different hats, including a University of Michigan skullcap from his classmates after the impromptu choir.

Rory said he does not miss school, but he does miss his friends. Seeing them suddenly on his lawn singing carols was "weird," he said.

Rory was glad to see his classmates for the first time since October. They sang a few songs in Santa hats, ending with a hearty, "We wish you a Merry Christmas."



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Rory Shadduck, 8, of Argentine Township, was surprised when his Linden Central Elementary School third grade class came to his home on Thursday afternoon to sing Christmas carols. His mother, Kim, videotapes the event, as he has not seen his classmates since October, when his Hodgkin's Lymphoma came back.

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Fenton to accept property in Orchard Hills

► Environmental study will protect city from liability

By Anna Troppens

atroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 Fenton — Fenton City Council has

adopted a resolution to accept property in

Summary

Fenton City Council has decided to accept property in Phase II of Orchard Hills, an uncompleted housing development. Seven acres of the property is contaminated with arsenic from longago pesticide use on orchard trees.

Phase II of Orchard Hills, seven acres of which has arsenic contamination in the soil. Fenton will receive title to the land after its consultant completes an environmental study.

Council held a special meeting Wednesday to consider the issue, and accepting other property in the city from Genesee County that

was foreclosed upon and did not sell at a tax sale. Excessive levels of arsenic are in two areas of Orchard Hills, along property lines. It is from pesticides used on orchards, from the 1800s to the 1940s. Developers did not finish their project at Orchard Hills, from several years ago.

City Manager Lynn Markland said Mayor Sue Osborn spoke with Genesee County Treasurer Deb Cherry, and the county will give Fenton time to get the first phase of an environmental study done before transferring it to the city. The study will document past uses of the property, and any known contamination.

This will ensure the city isn't liable for contamination that existed before it took ownership, Markland said. McDowell & Associates, a consultant for the developers of Orchard Hills, will perform the study for \$2,100.

The consultant will have to work fast to complete the study by Dec. 27, but he is familiar with the property from his past study of it, Markland said. Ownership of the property will transfer to Fenton around Dec. 29, electronically.

Fenton also is accepting other residential land from the county, which the city will sell. City officials will have to examine what to do with 603 Main St., which has a house on it that is in bad disrepair, he said. Fenton might demolish the house. and the neighbors on either side of it are both interested in having the property.

Background

City officials have said they believe they have a responsibility to residents in the area, regarding the contamination. If Fenton did not accept the property, it would go to the Genesee County Land Bank.

It could cost Fenton \$50,000 to \$70,000 to cap both areas of Orchard Hills that has arsenic in the soil, Douglas Mc-Dowell, from McDowell & Associates, a consultant for the developers of Orchard Hills, has said. An option is placing a tough, geotextile fabric over the top of the contamination and covering this with 12 inches of soil.

If the city owns the property, it can apply for grants to help with the cleanup, said Fenton planning consultant Carmine Avantini, of LSL Planning. If a developer owns the land, they potentially could use a Brownfield Authority and tax increment financing to help with their plans. They might be able to use future taxes they would pay on the site for cleanup, to make their development more feasible.

HOLLY

Continued from Front Page action were taken by that date, municipalities would have tacitly

agreed to allow businesses in their jurisdiction to take advantage of the expanded hours.

"We didn't want to just give tacit approval," said Jeff Miller, village council president. "We can now deliberate on the issue."

decision. During this deliberation time, any businesses in the village that sell alcohol will not be able to purchase the permit to sell early on Sunday, said Village Clerk/Treasurer Susan Nassar. This allows the village time to get public comment on the matter.

Summary

The cities of Linden and Fenton have voted against Sunday morning liquor sales, all area townships have sided with the new state law. Holly Village voted for an extension on the

The cities of Fenton and Linden have voted against the measure. All of the local townships took no action, which will allow local businesses in their jurisdiction to buy a license to sell alcohol on Sunday morning.

Fenton Township took no action, but Operations Manager Tom Broecker said the township may hold a worksession at the first of the year to either limit

the sales, or let them continue.



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BY LINDA THISTLE letter box

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PUZZLE ANSWER KEYS

King Crossword and Sudoku Puzzles are located in last Wednesday's issue. All other puzzles are throughout this section.



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Car repairs online and oil change for \$11.95!

Crazy as it might sound, you can now go online in the comfort of your home, even in your PJs or with a hot "toddy" in your hand, (well on the desk) and schedule service work for your car.

The folks at Joseph Auto Sales & Service feature the new web site www.NeedMyCarFixed.com. The site is simple. You go on line, register your car click the things you want done and hit submit. You can even print your own repair order. The minute you hit submit, it generates the paperwork at Joseph and alerts the service manager, Dave Campbell, to contact you. It really could not be more simple.

Cheryl Luttman helped design this site with the main focus being the gals of the world. "We are the ones multitasking. We are busy, we work, we have kids, grandkids, places to go, things to do, people to see. This is 2010, well almost 2011, and we should be able to do this task online



with very few clicks. Standing in line is wasting time," Luttman said.

All you need to do when you first register your car, is have your registration and know the mileage. That's it. So, put the kids to bed, put the laundry in, maybe have that "toddy," sign your car up, get \$5 off your oil change, that makes it only \$11.95, and get a free tire rotation. Don't waste time this time of year. "So, while you take care of this, make sure HE gets the sidewalk shoveled. LOL," she said.

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Fenton Tomek-Eastern Elementary School third graders have been collecting items for families in need this Christmas season. In just more than a week, three classrooms of third graders were able to collect 473 items to donate. They also "adopted" five children in need of Christmas gifts, through the Rotary Angel Tree program.

"The biggest mistake

(consumers make) is

not taking time to fully

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are agreeing to."

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TIPS:

FINE PRINT

Continued from Front Page when she answered an unsolicited sales call. The voice at the other end of the line was from "Budget Savers," and said she was

already enrolled in a 14-day trial. They had her credit card information, and she would be charged \$29 per month after the trial period, if she did not call and cancel the service.

Although not illegal, the **Jon Miller Steiger** Federal Trade Commission woman had failed to read the fine print, and found herself dealing with a third party, who already had access to her account information.

"This is a common experience," said Jon Miller Steiger, director of the East Central Region of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) in Cleveland. "It's something the FTC is very concerned about."

Making purchases online are often safe and convenient, but caution should be used.

"Be aware of the site that you're going to," said Lt. Ja-son Slater of the Fenton Police

Department. Steiger suggested learning

making an online purchase. Does the seller have an actual store that is reputable? Are they a member of the Better Business Bureau? Have family and friends bought from

The FTC also suggests reading up on the sites' privacy policy before providing personal information. The commission also discourages providing home address and telephone numbers, unless the consumer knows exactly who will be using the infor-

Slater said to be sure there is a "lock" symbol on the web browser, indicating that it is a secure site, when buying online. The address will also include an "s" after the "http" of the web address.

was at a secured site, but in her hurry probably failed to unclick, or opt out of her information being sold to other groups, like Budget Savers.

are put into online purchases that consumers may not be aware of," said Steiger. The burden is on the seller to make clear the fine or unclick to opt out of further purchases, depending on the wording of the sale. Often, online purchases will give the buyer the chance to decline their information being used for anything else, and to refuse future offers through e-mail. "The

biggest mistake (consumers make) is not taking time to fully understand what they are agreeing to," said Steiger.

Buying with a credit card instead of a debit card is safer, said Slater. "You have a little more recourse. It may save you some heartache."

Slater said credit card companies watch customers' buying patterns closely, and may decline a purchase that looks out of the ordinary for a particular customer.

For another measure of protection, some companies like Citicorp can generate a temporary number for a single purchase that is linked to the credit card. Even if someone stole the number, it would be useless. Slater

said most people would not have issues with reputable companies, but opportunists can get information like card numbers during the online transaction more easily on

public computers. He suggested closing the browser out completely after making a purchase, so another user cannot simply hit the "back" button and see your information.

If someone thinks they are a victim of identity theft, Slater said to call and file a dispute with the credit card company, and then file an incident with the FTC. The FTC urges victims to file a complaint immediately.

Steiger said the Michigan attorney general also could take complaints on fraudu-

lent charges. "The more complaints, the better," said Steiger. The more the FTC hears about a particular business, the easier they can take the company to court, and stop the fraudulent or

unfair practices.

The victim should also file a complaint with local police, and the Better Business Bureau.

For consumers who buy online and soon regret it, the FTC's Cooling-Off Rule allows consumers to return online purchases within three days of the purchase. The woman who bought the AB-DOer likes her workout machine, but could have returned it if she thought she had made a mistake.

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1. Learn about the seller 2. Use a credit card, not debit 3. Read the fine print

The woman who bought the AB-DOer

"There are all sorts of agreements that print, and sometimes the buyer has to click,

NEW JOBS Continued from Front Page

from the Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) board for expansion projects at five facilities in Michigan, four of them in Fenton and Grand Blanc Township.

Acument plans to invest \$5.1 million to expand facilities in Genesee County and Sterling Heights and retain their headquarters in Michigan. Of the \$5.1 million, Acument expects to invest approximately \$3.4 million and create 150 new jobs over a three-year period at the facilities in Fenton and Grand Blanc Township. An estimated 50 new jobs will be added in 2011.

"Acument is very fortunate to have the

support of the local communities where our Michigan operations are based," said Timothy Weir, director of communications and public affairs, Acument Global Technologies. "We are grateful for the opportunity to expand our operations in the state, rather than in competing company sites in other states. We thank the MEGA Board, the city of Fenton, Grand Blanc Township and the Genesee Regional Chamber of Commerce for their letters of support and efforts in helping us secure this tax credit."

Plans for the facilities in Genesee County include new and refurbished equipment at the manufacturing plants in Holly and Grand Blanc Township—Acument Holly Operations, Acument North Holly Operations and Acument Holly Distribution Center — and converting the Acument Fenton Operations from an idle plant to a North American Processing and Engineering Center.

Acument was notified of the five-year tax credit during the Dec. 14 MEGA board meeting in Lansing. The MEGA board provides refundable tax credits against the Michigan Business Tax (MBT) to companies expanding or relocating their operations in Michigan.

Acument's total investment in the Michigan facilities is anticipated to be \$5.1 million, creating up to 263 new jobs over the next five years to support their growth. This number includes the 150 directly at the company. The MEDC estimates that the increased economic activity created by this project has the potential to generate an additional 113 indirect jobs.

City of Fenton Manager Lynn Markland noted in his letter of support that, "The city of Fenton appreciates that Acument Global Technologies continues to be an outstanding corporate citizen in our community and that they have chosen to keep their operation in Fenton. We look forward to their continued success with our community."

This is the second time in six weeks that a company with operations in the city of Fenton has been awarded a tax credit from the Michigan Economic Growth Authority for new investment and job creation. The other recipient is Creative Foam.





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of 7 a.m. on Sunday and 2 a.m. on Monday. Language in the new law was in error, however, and should have stated that the alcoholic beverages could be sold between the hours of 2 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Sunday. Liquor sales would also be permitted on Christmas Day.

The new law, because of the erred language, allows local jurisdictions to ban all-day Sunday liquor sales.

City officials recently learned that the

Summary

The Linden City Council decided against allowing Sunday morning liquor sales. The state recently passed legislation, allowing liquor sales Sunday morning and on Christmas Day, however, local jurisdictions had authority to ban the sales. Linden City Council had until Dec. 15 to inform the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (LCC) if it was going to take action on this matter.

City Manager Christopher Wren recommended that city council schedule a public hearing in January to obtain input from the city residents. By telling the LCC that a

public hearing has been scheduled, no permits would be issued in the interim.

If the council had taken no action, the LCC would issue permits to qualified applicants on Dec. 16 as long as they paid the \$160 application fee.

City attorney, Charles McKone, told council members that if they took no action, the state would decide on the hours of selling. He added that a public hearing was not required.

Councilor Patti O'Dwyer said she had no issues with Sunday morning sales. "If you don't want to buy it, don't buy it," she said. "This is a really big mess. People won't know where to go," she added. "It's the stupidest thing I've ever heard of."

Councilors Ray Culbert and Charles Ross preferred to keep the hours of sales just as they are. There are many opportunities to buy liquor during the week and Culbert said he did not believe the city needed to allow Sunday morning sales.

Councilor Ed Ciesielski said he believed the current law was effective. "Leave as is," he said. "You have 6½ other days to buy liquor."

Mayor David Lossing said communities are taking different actions on this matter, causing a "hodge-podge," of responses. "The state is raising a few extra bucks from those who want to sell in the morning."

After much discussion amongst council members and no public comments, there was a consensus reached by the Linden City Council to take an immediate vote on the matter.





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Johnny Cash's cousin records first solo album in Tyrone Township

By Tim Jagielo

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Leaning way back in his brown leather studio chair, owner of Real II Reel Productions Marshall Block, of Tyrone Township, adjusts his mixing

board, surrounded by speakers, amplifiers, and computer monitors. The basement studio light is dim. Listening over his shoulder is 12-time Grammynominated guitarist and producer Brent Baxter Barrett.

A few feet away country singer Mickey Cash, cousin of the late country star Johnny Cash, moves to the sound of her brand new song, "Changing Lanes," clasping studio headphones over her wavy dark-blonde hair, in a state-of-theart, sound-proof

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Mickey Cash, cousin of famed Country Star Johnny Cash, is recording her first solo album in Tyrone Township.



Country singer Mickey Cash belts out one of her new songs, "Changing Lanes," at Real II Reel productions in Tyrone Township last Friday. She is the cousin of late country

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By Sally Rummel

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 Maybe your Christmas wouldn't be complete without "Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire" (also known as "The Christmas Song") or "I'll be Home for Christmas." Christmas music sets a stage for the celebration of the holiday, with airplay on radio stations and in stores at least a month ahead of the holiday. Holiday songs also bring back memories of Christmases past, of simpler times, romance See HOLIDAY MUSIC on 6B



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(Above) Mickey Cash (right) listens

- 5. Christmas in Harmony Wilson Phillips
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- Holly Happy Days Indigo Girls
- 8. Celtic Thunder Christmas Celtic Thunder
- 9. Christmas with the Puppini Sisters Puppini Sisters
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to a musician track fiddle to one of her songs with studio owner Marshall Block (bottom) and public relations agent Jaunty Meek. (Left) Real II Reel Productions owner Marshall Block, (left) goes over instrumental track for Mickey Cash with album producer Brent Baxter Barrett, last Friday in Block's Tyrone Township home studio. Mickey is cousin to late country star Johnny Cash.







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Burke. "If you have a repair on your ve-

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we'll provide that service as well. We'll

make sure you get to work or other places

you have to be. We know how important

it is for you to have a working vehicle."

"If your car is broken down, you can

By Sally Rummel

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Like many other businesses in this economy, Muffler & Go in Fenton has added new services and re-invented itself several times to keep its customer base strong and remain viable in an everchanging marketplace.

"If we were still doing only exhaust systems like our business name implies, we'd be out of business today," said owner Chris Burke, who continues to operate the auto-repair facility that has been family owned and operated since 1985. "In the last 10 years, we have continued to add services so that today we do just about everything that has to do with your vehicle — from transmissions to full engine replacements. You name it, we do it."

Just about everything in the automotive industry has changed in the last 25 years, especially its dependence upon technology. "It used to be that a lot of people could take care of their own vehicle maintenance and repairs," said Burke. "But today, cars are so computer-oriented that making any kind of a wrong diagnosis can cost a vehicle owner hundreds or thousands of dollars. Even windshield wipers are computerized now."

Business briefs

Crawford awarded CDA Credential

Shauna Crawford, of Pooh's Playhouse Child Care Center, in Linden has been awarded a Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential in recognition of outstanding work with young children. CDA is the only major national effort to improve early childhood education and care by evaluation and recognition the skills of individuals providing care. The CDA Credential is having a positive effect on the quality of early childhood education and care. Its impact is evident in center-based and home visitor programs as well as family childcare, the most common form of care for children under 5 years old.



Fridays

Fenton VFW Post N. 3243 is hosting a Fish Fry every Friday night, from 4 to 7 p.m. at 1148 N. LeRoy St., Fenton.

Fenton Area Toastmasters meets every Friday, from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. at VG's General Office, 209 S. Alloy Dr., Fenton. Join the group for a fun learning experience.

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This surge of new technology has demanded that automotive repair facilities keep up with the changes, or go out of business. "You have to keep up with it all of the time, things are moving and changing so fast," admitted Burke.

He's pleased that some of his newer employees are young and computer savvy, because this is where technology is heading. "You look at the diagnostic scanners we use on your car, and they're just like the computer you use at home," said Burke. "Then there's the smart phone technology that literally drives the auto repair market. People are using their phones, Facebook and texting to compare prices, get estimates, and make appointments. You can have everything

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Muffler & Go state-certified mechanic Tim Barber, 25, shows how computers help diagnose an automotive problem.





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Look Who's Talking

By Marissa Parks, Tri-County Times Intern

My name is: Elizabeth Davis. I am: a senior at Fenton High School. My parents are: Jim and Kim Davis. I also have a little brother. He's a freshman, Jacob Davis. In my spare time, I enjoy: playing soccer and going to the movies. My favorite winter activity is sledding, and that's what I did on our snow days. The person who made the biggest impact on my life is: my aunt Patty. She lives in Iowa. She has diabetes, but she still coaches cheerleading and works at the school. Everyone in town seems to know her. She helps a lot of people, and I hope I can do that on eday, too.

What I like most about my school is: We have a lot of school spirit. There's not a lot of cliques, either, so it's really easy to go to school here.

I am involved in school activities such as: I play soccer and basketball. I'm also a member of National Honor Society, Captains Club and our school's all-girl choir. The advice I have for parents of teens is:



ELIZABETH DAVIS

18-year-old senior at **FENTON HIGH SCHOOL**

give kids space, but give good advice, too. We think we know everything and we don't. Mistakes are going to happen and parents have to be there to guide us.

The advice I have for younger students is: take advantage of what you have. Everyone says it won't go by fast, but I'm already a senior, and it's weird to think that. Take advantage, but don't take it for granted.

My favorite movie is: The whole 'Shrek' series. I love them all.

I want to be remembered as: just as the happy person that's always smiling, someone you could always talk to — that person, that's hard working and all that stuff. **My favorite television show is:** I'm a big 'Glee' fan; I get excited every Tuesday night.

My postgraduate plans are: college, of course. I hope to attend Siena Heights in Adrian. I want to do something in the medical field, and they have a great biology program. I'm attending there for soccer, as well.

student body

FENTON HIGH SCHOOL

What are your plans for Christmas break?



"Just, pretty much, hanging out with my family and friends and maybe going out to Mt. Holly a few times. I snowboard." — Alayna Schupbach, sophomore



time at my grandparents' house, and I already went to visit family at Frankenmuth. My brother is coming home from college." — Katie Degennaro, junior



"Staying home and doing nothing. No video games my Xbox is broken."

— Lane VanAvery, freshman



"I'm going to hang out with my mom, play some video games, snowboard, and hang out with friends, just the usual."

— Justin Hill, freshman

"Just hanging out with my family and probably going shopping for Christmas gifts."

— Connie Rittenburg, junior



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Fenton's website to receive \$6,000 upgrade

By Anna Troppens

atroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 **Fenton** — Fenton officials are hoping the city's website will become more user friendly. The city council has extended its website agreement with 3Sixty Interactive for three years, for the same \$650 monthly maintenance fee and a flat fee not to exceed \$6,000, to improve the website.

Hiring a new service provider to create a new website could cost \$15,000-\$34,000,

Summary

► The city of Fenton is looking to improve its website by extending its contract with 3Sixty Interactive. Hiring a different service provider to build a new website could cost \$15,000 to \$34,000.

said Assistant City Manager Michael Burns. The cost to upgrade Fenton's

six years old, said Dean Keipert, of 3Sixty Interactive. "Most people weren't driving the same car they were six years ago." It needs updates to make it look and work better, he said.

Fenton has a good working relationship with 3Sixty Interactive, and communication has improved, Burns said. He believes the firm can provide quality service for the city, and it's important to have a firm with experience in building municipal websites.

3Sixty Interactive offered Fenton different payment plans, and the city, Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) and Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will continue to split the \$650 monthly maintenance fee.

Councilman Tim Faricy said he is concerned about a comment that Fenton's

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department heads don't have time to update the site, and Fenton is "leaning on" 3Sixty Interactive. Keipert said his firm gets input from city administration, and Fenton administrators don't have to physically make the updates.

Resident Sean Orzol said 3Sixty Interactive did Linden's website, and Linden's is much better than Fenton's. "Our website is terrible, in my opinion. I said this two years ago, and it's still the same website it was two years ago."

City Manager Lynn Markland said Linden's website is much newer. Keipert said 3Sixty Interactive completed it last year.

Council approved the contract with the firm. Mayor Sue Osborn asked that it contain an opt-out clause, if the city gets





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website (www. citvoffenton.org) with 3Sixty Interactive is much less than what other communities are receiving bids for, to convert to new websites. Fenton's website is



HOLIDAY MUSIC Continued from Page 1B

and love and many other emotions that are brought out at Christmas.

Whatever your own Christmas sentiment might be, it has likely been shared by a person who has put pen to paper — and written a song about it.

The first Christmas carol is said to have been the exultation sung by the angels in unison after the birth of the Christ Child in Bethlehem: "Gloria in exelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis."

Worldwide, the most widely known Christmas carol is "Silent Night," which is sung in many languages all over most of the globe.

The song originated in Austria, but enjoyed great recognition as early as World War I, when soldiers on each side of the frontline laid down their weapons on Christmas Eve and sung "Silent Night." It is still the solemn closing song of many Christmas Eve church services, often sung by candlelight.

With its catchy lyrics and international appeal, the bestknown Christmas single is reported to be "Jingle Bells," which was written in 1857. James Lord Pierpoint wrote the song for the children of Boston Sunday School, to celebrate Thanksgiving, not Christmas. Since then, the song has been translated into many languages,

and over time, its lyrics have been modified slightly, to become the song so popular today. Bing Crosby also performed a version of "Jingle Bells," released in 1943.

"Tis the season" for holiday music, and many of today's most popular recording artists are putting out their own brand of holidays songs.

People who enjoy the Christmas hymn, "O Holy Night," might appreciate the version just released by 10-yearold soprano prodigy, Jackie Evancho. The second place winner on the 2010 season of "America's Got Talent," she is the youngest new female performer with a seasonal CD/DVD. "O Holy Night" entered the Billboard 200 at No. 2 and has already reached more than a million in sales.



MOST PERFORMED HOLIDAY SONGS

- . The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire)
- 2. Santa Claus Is Coming To Town
- 3. Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
- 4. Winter Wonderland
- 5. White Christmas
- 6. Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!
- 7. Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer
- 8. Jingle Bell Rock
- 9. I'll be Home for Christmas
- 10. Little Drummer Boy
- 11. Sleigh Ride
- 12. It's The Most Wonderful Time of the
- Year
- 13. Silver Bells
- 14. Rockin' around the Christmas tree
- 15. Feliz Navidad
- 16. Blue Christmas
- 17. Frosty the Snowman
- 18. A Holly Jolly Christmas
- 19. I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus
- 20. Here Comes Santa Claus (Right Down
- Santa Claus Lane)
- 21. It's Beginning to Look A Lot like Christmas
- 22. (There's No Place Like) Home for the Holidays
- 23. Carol of the Bells
- 24. Santa Baby
- 25. Wonderful Christmastime

Source: American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers



Phillips Brooks, a renowned Boston minister, wrote "O Little Town of Bethlehem." He composed the carol

in 1867 for his Sunday School in Philadelphia, where he was preaching at the time. Lewis Redner, organist of the church, wrote the tune.



Most wanted tech toys for Christmas

With Christmas right around the corner, it's no surprise kids are getting anxious, but do you really know what they want this year? Technology is definitely taking over, and kids nowadays want more gadgets than toys. According to Duracell's 2010 toy report, these are the most-wanted gifts this holiday season. The list covers kids of all ages.

- 1. iPhone 4
- iPod touch
 iPad
- 4. Kinect for Xbox
- 5. Zhu Zhu Pet Hamsters/ Kung Zhu Hamsters
- Flip Video Camera
 Toy Story 3 Jet Pack Buzz Lightyear
- 8. PlayStation Move
- 9. LEGO Harry Potter,
- Years 1–4 video game
- 10. Barbie Video Girl

Masons and F.A.R.R. work together to help needy families

Fenton Masonic Lodge #109 and Fenton Area Resource and Referral (F.A.R.R.) joined together to help make Christmas a

little brighter for some local families this year. Paul Gent (projec t coordinator) Phil Smith and Mitch Walker handed Lynn Hopper, director of F.A.R.R., a check for \$700 to help relieve a little holiday stress for some Fenton families this struggling economy.

"It has been a pleasure to work with the group from F.A.R.R., and we look forward to working with them on future projects to help out in our community," said Sam Elston, of the Fenton lodge. "The money, along with resources at F.A.R.R., will see that there will be a warm meal and presents for some families that may otherwise go without."





Obituaries, Funeral Services Memoriums

Harry Wheeler, Harry Wheeler - age 76,

son of Joyce and Pearl Wheeler, died on December 9, 2010 in Arizona. He was cremated and a memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 18, 2010 in Mesa, AZ. He is survived by his wife Florence; children Pearl (Terry) Maurer and Sharon Creel; grandchildren Janet, Barry, Ryan, Joy, Zach, and Amber.

Anatole Denlid, Anatole Denlid - age 81,

died December 15, 2010 Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Arlene Stadtfeld,

Arlene Stadtfeld - age 63, died December 16, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Barbara Weaver, Barbara Weaver - age 72, died December 11, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Carol Ziegman, Carol Ziegman - age 70,

died December 11, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.





Lila Mae **Barker**, 1932-2010

Lila Mae Barker - raised in Linden and a long-time resident



Florida from natural causes. Born in Linden to Laurel Clyde Steele and Verna Mae Hendricks, she was preceded in death by siblings, Gayle Steele, Melvin Steele, Justin Eugene Steele, Joyce Dill, and Robert Steele. Lila was a homemaker, a devoted mother and grandmother, a poetic author and a bridge enthusiast, who found great joy in interior design. She leaves behind to cherish her memory, three beloved children, Stephen D. (Kristina) Barker, Jan J. (Barker) Detrich, and Dan M. (Ann) Barker; five grandchildren, Angela R. Avery, Derek D. Barker, Jessica Watkins, Lindsey Barker and Kelly Barker; three great-granddaughters, Alyssa Aguilar, Sierra Aguilar and Lily Belle Watkins. Memorial services are being planned. Those interested in being notified should e-mail . In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Fenton Historical Society, Inc, 310 S. LeRoy St, Fenton, Michigan 48430 Arrangements are under the care and trust of Volusia Memorial Funeral Home, Ormond Beach, FL. Condolences may be shared with the family online at www.volusiamemorialfunerals.com.

Gordon Head,

Gordon Head - age 60, died December 16, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.





Mary Ellen Szcodronski,

1924-2010 Mary Ellen Szcodronski - age 86, of Linden/Fenton, died Wednes-





AM Saturday, December 18, 2010 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery. Visitation was held 2-8 PM Friday. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to Mary's favorite gospel group, Hoosier Harmony. Mary was born March 14, 1924 in Wayne, the daughter of Lorenzo and Bertha Maude (Betz) Roebuck. She was married to Edward F. Szcodronski on September 5, 1942; he preceded her in death on April 14, 1982. Mary was known as "Mrs. Skid" to many throughout her 17 years as a bus driver for Linden Schools. She was a longtime member of Linden Presbyterian Church. Mary always said the best job she ever had was raising her five kids, which also extended to her grandkids. Surviving are: children, Edward R. (Sharon) Szcodronski, Charlene (Edward) Helble, Kevin (Holly) Szcodronski, Bruce (Teri) Szcodronski; daughterin-law, Karen Szcodronski; grandchildren, Mitchell, Nicholas and Tyler Helble, Joe Szcodronski, Erin (Scott) Farver, Rick and Kimberly Szcodronski, Kay, Carly and Jay Szcodronski; greatgrandson, Jacob; brother, Robert Roebuck; sister, Betty Dennis; numerous nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents; son, Thomas; brother, Merle; sister, Erma; faithful companion, Robert Kubiak. Tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Esther Moore - age 83,died December 16, 2010. Ser-

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Joseph Gary

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Hugh Clark, Jr. - age 79,

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Joyce Rainey - age 82,

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Roy F. Farr, Roy F. Farr - age 53, died

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Harold E. Cheney, Harold E. Cheney - age 87, died December 13, 2010. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Nancy Blodget, Nancy Blodget - age 64, died December 10, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Travis Boxell, Travis Boxell - age 31, died December 11, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



Virginia Salyers, Virginia Salyers - age 87, died December 13, 2010. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.



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Kandis J. Stevens,

Kandis J. Stevens - age 54, died December 11, 2010. Share memories at www. temrowskifamilyfuneralh ome.com



Gregory J. Mathewson.

Gregory J. Mathewson age 64, died December 7, 2010. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Margaret Harvey, Margaret Harvey - age 89, died December 11, 2010. Share memories at www. temrowskifamilyfuneralh ome.com



Melissa Tornow, Melissa Tornow - arrangements pending. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralh ome.com.



Robert F. Collins, Robert F. Collins - age 70, died December 11, 2010. Share memories at www.





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George Brusich 1925-2010

Geroge Brusich - age 85, of Ocala, Florida died Friday, December 10, 2010. He was born December 9, 1925 in Rosemont, PA. He grew up in Detroit, Michigan and was a 35 year resident of Fenton, Michigan. He served in the Merchant Marines for 4 years on the Great Lakes. He is survived by his wife Bea Brusich; his children: Sharon Welter (Jerry), Anna Grim, Karen Ostermeyer (Mark), Theresa Falzetti (David), Ted Brusich (Janet); 8 grandchildren and 12 greatgrandchildren.

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TRI-COUNTY LIVING

BY SAM MAZZOTA





NOMINATING PETITIONS **AVAILABLE FOR** FENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Nominating petitions and Affidavits of Identity for individuals interested in running for the Fenton Board of Education are due by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2011. Interested candidates must be a registered voter, reside in the school district and comply with the Campaign Finance Reform Act, as amended. Information regarding this act may be obtained from the Genesee County Clerk's Office.

There are two four-year terms available. The terms of David Walker and Roger Ellis will expire on June 30, 2011.

Petitions may be secured from the Genesee County Clerk's Office at 900 South Saginaw Street, Flint. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Telephone: (810-257-3282). The forms must be filed at the Genesee County Clerk's Office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2011. A non-refundable \$100.00 filing fee may be submitted by the candidate in lieu of petitions. The fee must be paid on or before the filing deadline for petitions.

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Trimming around dog's ears



DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Can I trim the hair around my dog's ears? Should I? – Donny J., Oshkosh, Wis.

DEAR DONNY: It depends. You should inspect your dog's ears regularly (daily if time permits; weekly for sure) to see if hair is blocking the ear canal, and that the ear is clean, free of really bad odor and without excess wax. (If you're not sure how to inspect your dog's ears, your veterinarian can walk you through the process.)

Some pet experts recommend that the hair growing close to or in the ear canal be trimmed or plucked, but if your dog is healthy and has no ear problems, I see no reason to do this.

Quite a few breeds do have frequent problems with their ears, and long hair can worsen the issue. If your dog has excessive hair at the entrance to the ear canal that's worsening wax buildup, you can remove this on an as-needed basis.

Holding your dog securely (small dogs on your lap, big dogs on a stable surface with your arm around their neck), gently fold back your dog's ear. Inspect and clean the ear using a cleaning solution available at the pet store (or plain water in a pinch) and cotton balls. Important: Do not stick anything — fingers, Q-tips, trimmers, etc. — into the ear canal past where you can see it!

If hair near the opening of the ear canal is excessive and impacting airflow into the ear, carefully trim away with blunt-tipped scissors or pluck a bit at a time with tweezers or your fingers.

Dogs are generally not thrilled with ear cleaning or trimming, anymore than they're happy with tooth brushing or baths. If you're unable to safely inspect and clean your dog's ears (you don't want him thrashing around with trimmers in use), contact your veterinarian to schedule an exam.

Get more pet advice and information at www.pawscorner.com. Send your questions or tips to ask@pawscorner.com, or write to Paw's Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, PO. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. **TRI-COUNTY LIVING**



Featured columnist By Roger Campbell

How to survive Christmas

I love Christmas.

In spite of all the commercialism of this holy event, I'm thrilled that 2,000 years after the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, there's still public recognition that this miraculous event took place. A week after the celebration, we'll break out our new calendars with which we'll acknowledge this miracle every day of the year.

I love the traditions of Christmas the evergreens that remind me that God is eternal and gives everlasting life, the lights that speak of our Lord bringing light to a dark world, even the gift giving that has its roots in the giving of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the newborn King by the wise men, who came from the East following a star.

And, I especially love the carols of Christmas. What a special mood they create, sounding their moving messages in crowded shopping places, on streets, in churches, cars and homes, as radio stations discover the great music of the joyful season.

Admittedly, there are some hazards in the Christmas rush - irritability, jangled nerves, fatigue - and even the danger of losing perspective of the real reason for the season.

How can we keep focused on the One who was born in a quiet stable in Bethlehem while enduring the push of noisy shoppers as we fulfill our Christmas customs?

We must take time to be alone with the One whose birthday we celebrate. Unless we do this, we will become victims of the barrenness of a busy season.

Dr. Tony Evans, president of The Urban Alternative and pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas, Texas, wisely wrote, 'Without my personal time with God, I operate in tension, not in peace. That's why I'm trying to get back to the mindset that without Him I can do nothing. It's easy to forget.'

Dorothy Buitendyk, who spent many years caring for people with serious illnesses, expressed her need for quiet times as follows.

'Father, too long I have pushed you to the periphery of my life. Somehow, the intimacy of our communion got crowded out by my feverish activities. Catching sips of fellowship with You on the run depleted my inner resources. When pressures mounted, my backlog of Your virtues was drained. I need a refill Lord — a slow recharge, time to bask in Your presence - time to soak up until I'm saturated with You.'

Do you need recharging, too?

Here are a few suggestions for surviving Christmas.

Start your day with an open Bible and an open heart.

Take time to give thanks for God's love and the blessings of family members and friends who mean so much during this special season. Their presence is more important that your presents.

Appreciate the wonder of the manger birth in Bethlehem that fulfilled the promises of the prophets given long ago. Cherish the multiplied blessings of the past year that God has given to us all. Don't lose them in a mega-mall.

Roger Campbell is an author, a broadcaster and columnist who was a pastor for 22 years. He can be reached at rcministry@ameritech.net

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recording booth. "I decided to come here to Michigan, instead of Nashville," Cash said. Nashville, Tenn. is the center of the country-recording universe.

For Cash's album, Block has pulled in seasoned studio musicians and writers to his recording compound, located on 10 acres in Tyrone Township. This is Cash's first solo album, going under the name, "Mickey Cash and the Big Picture."

Cash lives in Richmond, Va. and is distinctly country, but raw - from her husky voice, down to the minimalist instrumentation of banjo, violin, guitars and sometimes, "I speak for the power drum kit. Listening to of women, for sure. It's

it, makes one feel as if it was recorded on wood floors, or on the porch not at a slick recording studio.

Barrett said Cash's sound will be placed in the alt-country, Americana categories. "You've got that Steve Earle sound," he said.

Barrett lives in Virginia, but describes himself as a "Michigan boy" who grew up in Davison. He likes the atmosphere at Block's studio. "I didn't want the pressure of Nashville," he said.

This is Cash's first time recording with Block. She met him through Barrett, who is also from Richmond, Va. Barrett has recorded in Nashville, and worked with Block on an album that attracted a "2006 Breakthrough Country Artist of the Year" award for country artist Keyna Darling.

Block has also produced musical tracks for the 2011 animated feature "Dwegons," and a track for the Mark Wahlberg movie, "The Fighter.'

This studio album is taking advantage of the tremendous experience of Block and Barrett, and the newest digital technology. The trio has built a warm and timeless sound. "It's clean, and still has air to breathe," said Barrett, who is producing the album. Block describes Cash as the country Kim Carnes.

Cash felt that her blend of country, bluegrass and Motown, is better served away from what she feels is the stereotypical sound of Nashville country recordings. "Plenty of energy and fodder happens in this room," said Cash. "And, there's no ego," added Block.

Barrett is intentionally avoiding what

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he describes as a cookie-cutter sound of current Nashville. He cited performers like Toby Keith, and Keith Urban, as being distinctly "Nashville."

"I speak for the power of women, for sure," said Cash, who also does outreach programs for incarcerated women. "It's absolutely a women's power album.

"This music is like tending the heart." Cash had to forego her dreams for many years, as she chose her family over her music career. When her two daughters graduated from high school eight years ago, she took on music full-time.

Growing up, Mickey remembers meeting her famous cousin, Johnny, a couple of times, when he met with her father, Gordon Cash. Her father will also appear on the album.

Cash and company will be in Tyrone Township until the album is finished, likely by the end of the year. Block has already logged more than 40 hours in the editing chair, and most instrumental tracks are recorded. He humorously refers to his recording style as "big and majestic," but had to rein in the grandness he likes to record with, and bring it down to an earthier sound.

The album will have 10 tracks, including a song written by Gordon Cash, and songs written by Mickey, herself.

After the album is finished. Block will use his connections on the East and West coasts to shop the album around, and help propel Cash upward. She does not currently belong to a label.







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Mickey Cash

SPORTS TICKER

BOYS BASKETBALL Friday's Games Holly 51, Linden 49 Lk. Fenton 57, Montrose 53 Fenton 73, Kearsley 60 Monday's Games Fenton at Davison Clio at Holly

Tuesday's Game LakeVille at Lake Fenton

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> Linden's Sydney Elmer

Linden's Elmer is Tri-County's Runner of the Year

By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 Sydney Elmer loved soccer.

Then one day she decided it would be a good idea to get in shape for the upcoming season. Her idea was to start running crossing country. It wasn't long after that, Elmer's

"Tve been running since the sixth grade," said the Linden freshman. "I wanted to get in

freshman. "I wanted to get in shape for soccer, then quit soccer to pursue cross country. I just loved it." It ended up being the right decision. Four years later, Elmer is the Tri-County Cross Country Runner of the Year.

Elmer's love for running was almost immediate.

"I knew I wanted to run cross country after my first race in the sixth grade," Elmer said. "I knew right away I loved the sport."

That first race in sixth grade, Elmer ran during a Linden Middle School cross country event. However, because she wasn't eligible to run with the team, she had to start the race 30 seconds after the rest of the field. It mattered little. She still took second during the two-mile race. "I took second, and I was excited," Elmer said.

Elmer made an immediate impact on the varsity squad this fall, but it wasn't all unexpected.

¹ 'Sydney was a great runner in middle school, and being a middle school teacher, I was able to see her often and able to get to know her a little before she joined our team," Linden cross country coach Becky Stockford said. "Joining our team, I knew she would be a strong addition to our already strong group. I knew she would be in the top group of runners. I just wasn't sure **See ELMER on 14B**

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DOMS

SPORTS TRIVIA
Name the only Big Ten Conference member

 never to win a Big Ten football title?

 All the current members have won at least one.

All the current members have won at least one. Nebraska, who starts playing in the Big Ten next year, hasn't. So the right answer is, either none or Nebraska.

Holly boys stay perfect, beat Linden

By David Troppens dtroppens@tctimes.com

Holly — When it comes to tough losses, the Linden varsity boys basketball team owns the market on them.

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For the third time in four games, the Linden Eagles had a chance to win a game entering the fourth quarter, but lost it in the late moments of the contest, losing a tough 51-49 verdict to the Holly Bronchos.

While the Eagles fell to 0-4 overall, the Holly Bronchos remained perfect, improving to 3-0 overall. They remained tied for first place in the Metro League with Fenton.

"The bottom line is when I walk into Holly Donut Shop they are going to ask me one question. 'Did you win or did you lose?'" Holly coach Lance Baylis said. "And we won."

The Holly Bronchos appeared on the verge of a blowout early. Holly led 16-9 after one quarter after Jacob Schuermann hit a putback hoop near the end of the quarter. Eventually, that lead grew to as many as 25-13 in the fourth quarter after a Brent Staffne three-pointer with 3:12 left in the first half. However, the Eagles answered back. They cut it to 27-20 by the half with two converted free throws by Brad Farthing. They cut the margin to 34-33 after a putback hoop by Shayne Brown at the third-quarter buzzer.

The fourth quarter featured two ties and 10 lead changes. Linden's Max Powell took control down the stretch, driving the lane for 10 fourth-quarter points. However, Holy had just enough answers. Josh Fugate had seven fourthquarter points while Nicholas Stoll made three free throws after being fouled on a three-point shot.

Holly took the lead for good with 10.6 seconds left on two converted free throws by Jared Plawski. Linden turned the ball over on its next possession, and Anderius Gray iced the game with a converted free throw.

Fugate led all scorers with 23 points, while Austin Hopkin had nine points and Brent Staffne had seven points.

Farthing led Linden with 16 points, five rebounds and four steals, while Powell finished with 14 points and seven steals. Kevin Baker had eight points.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SCOTT SCHUPBACH Holly's Brent Staffne (left) attempts a shot while Linden's Jack Plasters defends. Holly won the contest 51-49.

LF hoops wins

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in overtime By AI Zipsie dtroppens@tctimes.com

Montrose — Lake Fenton's varsity boys basketball team saw a 17-point lead late in the second quarter fade away, but held on for a 57-53 win in overtime Friday in the GAC Red season opener.

The Rams trailed by two points with .1 second left in regulation when freshman Jimmie Hodge hit both free throws to tie the game at 49 forcing overtime.

Lake Fenton's Devin Evans was fouled on a drive to the bucket in OT and made the first of two free throws. Sean Canning then put the game away making all four of his free throws in the last 45 seconds. Canning led Lake Fenton (2-1) with 21 points, hitting 10 of 12 free throws for the game.

"Sean made some clutch free throws at the end. They fouled the wrong guy," said Lake Fenton coach Matt Furey.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SCOTT SCHUPBACH Linden's Maija Satkowiak (left) battles for the ball with Holly's Jessica Beeler Friday night.

Lady Bronchos remain in first place, beat Eagles

By David Troppens

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Holly — Ashley Xiong has always been a star for the Holly varsity girls basketball team. Now, it appears the supporting cast around her is pretty special as well.

But on Friday night, she was the star. The senior point guard scored a game-high 15 points, while collecting nine assists, eight steals and three rebounds in a 50-42 home victory against the Linden Eagles.

"I play more for my team," Xiong said. "I don't worry about my stats. There are points when I think I have to step up for my team, but for the most part I like to make my team better."

The Bronchos (3-0, 5-0) led throughout. Xiong dished off two assists and connected on two free throws on the Bronchos' first three possessions, putting Holly up 6-0. By the end of the first quarter, Holly led 17-7 and Xiong already had five points, four assists and four steals. From there, the Eagles were in a game of catch-up that they couldn't win. It's not that the Eagles didn't try.

In fact, the Eagles cut the lead to just 23-19 with 3:21 left in the first half after a putback hoop by Jordan Sargent. However, Holly finished the half with a 7-0 run, establishing a 30-19 halftime lead.

In the second half, Linden came as close as 32-27 on a three-pointer by Maija Satkowiak, but the Eagles turned the ball over on each of their next five possessions, while Holly stretched the lead. An inside jumper by Allyssa Copley raised the gap to 34-27, and a driving layup by Xiong with 1:50 left in the third quarter raised the gap back to 40-30. Holly led by double-digits the rest of the game.

The win puts Holly tied in first place

with Clio in the Metro League, setting up a battle of first-place teams on Monday at Clio.

After Xiong's performance, Audrey Koons provided nine points, while Copley had eight points, three steals and three rebounds. Lauren Maher had seven points.

The Bronchos nailed 17-of-39 shots from the field, and hit 17-of-22 free throws. Conversely, Linden hit on just 2-of-16 free throws, including missing its first 10 attempts. Linden also turned the ball over 29 times.

The Eagles (0-5) had some positives. They won the rebound war, resulting in 16 second-chance points. A key moment in the game came when Satkowiak was called for her fourth foul in the third quarter. She finished with 11 points, five rebounds and three steals. Sabrina Kinney and Jordan Sargent had eight points as well.

Kearsley/Holly hockey defeats Lapeer West, 5-3

By David Troppens

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Flint — Brandon Csutoras had to be wondering if he'd ever score this prep hockey season.

But he broke out of his scoring slump for the Kearsley/Holly co-op hockey team on Wednesday. And he did it in a big way.

Csutoras, a junior, scored a three-goal hattrick, leading the Hornets to what is expected to be a pivotal 5-3 victory against Lapeer West at Perani Arena.

"I've been struggling all year, but I came out tonight," Csutoras said. "I know a lot of kids from this team, so it was pretty nice to get a couple of goals against them. All year, I've been hitting posts. It's frustrating because I came here from a high level. It was nice to put them in where I wanted to in a high school game. It felt pretty good."

The game was the Metro League opener for Kearsley, and it was a matchup of two of the expected league contenders. Kearsley led for most of the contest, and led 1-0 entering the second period. However, West scored two goals within 3:06 of each other, giving the Panthers a 2-1 lead with 8:43 left in the contest.

The goals seemed to fuel the Hornets (1-0-0, 3-1-2), who scored four goals the rest of the period.

The first came with 7:54 remaining in the second period on a shot from the blue line from Mitchell Hollingshead. Just 27 seconds later, Csutoras scored when the puck got to him on the open side of the net. Then, just 59 seconds later, Csutoras See HOCKEY on 15B

LF wrestlers earn dual sweep

By AI Zipsie

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Flint — The Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team made a statement in its first GAC meet, as the Blue Devils flexed their muscles with a pair of dominating wins Wednesday.

The Blue Devils (4-0) swept both duals, whipping Beecher 61-9 and Hamady 72-12. Seniors Buddy Poyner and Zach Corcoran, who both placed third in the state last year, remain unbeaten in 10 matches.

Winning both matches on the night, besides Poyner and Zach Corcoran, were Jake Carley, Robert Zoll, D.J. Melton, Chris O'Guinn, Connor Brancheau and Drew Morris.

The only losses in the opener to Beecher were against two state qualifiers. Bryce Hopkins (130) lost 11-8 to Terrill Thorton, while Justin Melick (160) was pinned by Shelton Warren in 1:54. Both bounced back for first-period pinfall wins against Hamady.

"Both losses were to solid wrestlers from Beecher who were both aggressive," said Lake Fenton coach Vance Corcoran. "We only had one practice to work in our weights. One-hundredtwenty-five through 189 were all bumped up so they were wrestling guys who had pounds on them. "Justin (Melick) just got caught in a

headlock. It happens to the best wrestlers." Lake Fenton did not lose a match on

the mat in the nightcap. The only points Hamady scored were on two forfeits. Against Beecher, some young wrestlers came up big. Jared Corcoran won by pinfall in 40 seconds, while Carley and Zoll followed with second-period pins and a John Barry forfeit win. Lake Fenton led 24-0. After the close Hopkins' loss, Poyner started a 24-point run with a second-round fall. Zach Corcoran had a pin in 1:33, and D.J. Melton had a pinfall win in 1:59.

O'Guinn had a tech fall win, followed by wins by Brancheau and Morris.

The Blue Devils scored 42 unanswered points at one time against Hamady. Poyner, Zach Corcoran and Melton picked up forfeits and then O'Guinn, Justin Melick, Brancheau and Morris had quick pinfall wins. Mike Connelly capped off the night with a pinfall win in 54 seconds.

The Blue Devils compete Wednesday in a quad against GAC rival Goodrich.

"Goodrich will be a tough match a good test.Wwe will have wrestle well," Corcoran said.

"Tonight, was nice to have some new kids get in the lineup and get some wins."

Tri-City Chiefs split with Goodrich

By David Troppens

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It was a case of some good and some bad for the Tri-City Chiefs last weekend.

The co-op hockey squad comprising of players from Linden, Lake Fenton and Durand defeated Goodrich 7-6 on Friday, but lost 7-3 on Saturday.

In the victory against the Martians, Jake Stone paced the Chiefs with two goals, including one on the power play. Meanwhile, Luke Conner and Lucas Tunningley had a goal and two assists each.

Collecting a goal and an assist each were Garrett Gormley, Evan Haller and Evan Latner.

On Saturday, Cameron Brands, Joe Kazmier and Tunningley had a goal each.

WRESTLING FENTON VS. SOUTH LYON EAST & WALLED LAKE CENTRAL

The Fenton Tigers defeated South Lyon East 39-28 and lost to Walled Lake Central 55-9 on Wednesday. Pat Turner (135) and Jamie Castiglione (145) each had two wins. Against South Lyon East, Norm Golden (103) and Charlie Jones (130) each had a win on the mat.





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Kearsley/Holly goalie Brent Smiles (right) saves a puck during the team's 5-3 victory against Lapeer West on Wednesday.



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Leading throughout the first

three quarters, the Swartz Creek

Dragons outscored Linden 25-9

in the fourth period, earning a 64-

Linden led 21-13 after one

quarter, but the Dragons closed

that gap to 33-30 by halftime.

The lead was 43-39 entering the

fourth quarter. However, Creek

with 11 points, 11 rebounds and

four assists. Brad Farthing was

the team's high scorer with 15

points. Max Powell had nine

points, while Dylan Nash had

seven points and nine rebounds.

Logan Hull, who had 23 points,

14 rebounds and five blocks. Joe

GIRLS BASKETBALL

SWARTZ CREEK 55,

LINDEN 32

The Lady Dragons outscored

Seitz had 19 points.

Swartz Creek was paced by

Kevin Baker led the Eagles

scored 25 points in the fourth.

52 victory at Swartz Creek.

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season on Wednesday.

Linden boys fall in fourth

quarter vs. Swartz Creek

ELMER

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exactly where she would fall. For some, the transition from middle school to high school takes awhile. However, for her, she just fit right in."

Elmer did just that. At her first Metro League jamboree, Elmer finished fifth with a time of 20:31. She took second at the second Metro jamboree (20:02) and then placed fourth at the final one (20:11). In between, she also placed fifth at the Greater Flint Area Cross Country Championships with a time of 19:54.5.

She helped the Eagles win a League title and qualify for the state meet as well. She placed eighth at regionals (20:21.1), and she capped the season by taking 69th at the state meet with a time of 19:31.8.

"My goal this year was to break 20 minutes, and I got 19:31 (at the state meet), so I was really happy," Elmer said. "I was at about 20:45 (at the start of the season). I trained all summer long. Me and friends ran six days a week at 8:30 in the morning, and the training really paid off. We had a lot of fun.'

Stockford said it's that type of effort that should keep Elmer among the top area runners for the rest of her prep career.

"She is one of a few who I know ran most, if not all, of the summer," Stockford said. "She takes her training very seriously. She was running hard workouts and hill workouts all

ALL TRI-COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Runner of the Year	Class	Team				
Sydney Elmer	Freshman	Linden				
Comment: Elmer becomes the first female to win this honor since we've given just one award between the two sexes. She was the area's most						
consistent runner, earning top-five finishes in all three Metro jamborees and a fifth-place performance at the Greater Flint meet. She placed eighth						
at regionals and 69th at the state meet Rest of girls first team	Grade	School				

Rest of girls first team	Grade	School				
Alex Matvchuk	Freshman	Holly				
Mariah Ridal	Junior	Holly				
Heidi Sack	Senior	Linden				
Jennifer Beckner	Junior	Holly				
Mayce Varacalli	Senior	Linden				
Taylor Thorpe	Junior	Fenton				
Boys first team	Grade	School				
Matt Gilbert	Junior	Fenton				
Thomas Kryza	Sophomore	Fenton				
Luke Schwerin	Junior	Holly				
Roger Phillips	Sophomore	Linden				
Nicholas Jones	Junior	Fenton				
Mark Wright	Senior	Linden				
Adrian Taylor	Sophomore	Linden				
Note: The teams, and Runner of the Year, were selected by the sports staff.						

summer long, no matter how hot or what time of day it was. She made sure she got her workout in. During the season, this same work ethic was evident." With three years left, Elmer has

plenty of goals remaining.

"I want to break the school record, which is 19 minutes (held by Rachel Gutierrez)," Elmer said. "I'm going to change my traning and try longer and harder runs this year. I think I can do it."

"Sydney has so much potential over the next three years," Stockford said. "I would love to see her get in the low 19s and possibly the 18s. I also think she has the capability to be in the top 30 at the state finals. This year she was just kind of getting her feet wet and learning how to run the 5K distance. I think Sydney's running future is limitless."

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Linden's Brad Farthing attempts a layup in a recent game. He scored 15 against Swartz Creek on Monday.

Linden 20-5 in the first quarter and cruised to the Metro League win.

The Eagles were led by Maija Satkowiak's 15 points, while Sabrina Kinney and Kaitlyn Dunleavy chipped in eight and seven points, respectively.



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Fenton's Elizabeth Davis (right) will continue her college career at Siena Heights University next fall.

Fenton's Davis headed to Siena Heights

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Elizabeth Davis has always thought about playing soccer in college.

Next year, the Fenton senior will get her chance to do just that.

Davis recently decided to continue her playing career by signing with NAIAschool Siena Heights University.

"I've always wanted to," Davis said, about playing college soccer. "First, I played high school soccer, and then I wanted to play in college. I keep pushing my goals. I'm excited I get the chance to do it."

Davis has been a fixture on the Fenton varsity soccer team since she became a freshman on campus. She was on the Tigers' state semifinal squad during her sophomore season, earning honorable mention all-state honors in the process. Last season, she was named the team's top offensive player and earned first-team All-Metro honors. She has been a team captain since her sophomore season and has been a starter every year on the team.

Siena Heights was the perfect fit for Davis. "They have a good biology program," Davis said. "I want to study the medical field. And the fact I could play soccer was great. I toured other schools but none

of them for soccer." "Siena Heights plays a possession game which benefits Ed's (Davis' nickname) style," Fenton varsity coach Matt Sullivan said. "Since her freshman year, she was always looking to get the ball on the ground and find one of her team-

mates' feet."

Besides playing soccer, Davis has played for Vardar North for about six seasons. Her teams have won several honors, including the 2010 Saginaw Soccer Classic Tournament Championship. In 2008, the team won the 7-11 Cup Tournament and the 2008-09 Genesee Fieldhouse Session I and II championships.

Siena Heights has a strong program. The Saints finished last year with an 11-6-1 overall record and 8-3-1 in conference action.

"Elizabeth is going to be a terrific player for us," Siena Heights coach Scott Oliver said. "She has all the attributes and skill to be one of our best players, immediately. She is a great person and has the character to continue our long of tradition of personal excellence and winning. ... We are ecstatic that she is coming to Siena Heights, and I cannot wait for her to get here this fall."

"Ed's speed and durability will allow her to be successful in college," Sullivan said. "It is a more physical game, which she enjoyes, but the girls are generally bigger and stronger. Ed's speed will be the key to her success.

"She has played so much soccer in the past four to five years that her knowledge of the game is exceptional. She can feel her way through a game and control the pace of the game. But what will allow her to succeed is her ability to 'muck it up' when the game turns nasty, as it tends to do in college."

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scored on a wrist shot from about 20 feet out. The co-op program led 4-2. For good measure, Easton Clemons scored a power-play goal on a slap shot with 3:07 left in the period. The Hornets took a 5-2 lead into the second intermission.

"Sometimes when we run into adversity, we start playing better," coach Bill O'Bryan said. "We start playing with more focus. We came out a little flat in the second period. They scored to go up 2-1, but that's a hallmark of our team. We came back. We came back from a two-goal deficit against Davison, and I think they are a better team than West.

"I think we got into the goalie's head a little bit. We kept going to the net, going hard and got some shots. I think he was a bit shellshocked."

"We did not want to lose to these guys," Csutoras said. "We took control, we knew we



It looked like that could end up being the final score until Hollingshead took a fiveminute major penalty with 4:31 left in regulation. West put eight shots on keeper Brent Smiles, and a ton of pressure, but he made saves on all but one of those shots. West cut the gap to 5-3 on a Jacob Podgorski goal with 1:41 left. However, Smiles made saves on the final two shots at net, earning the Holly keeper the win.

"I just wanted to freeze the puck, make the simple saves and direct anything to the corner off the glass," Smiles said about the major penalty. "I haven't played in two years, and having the team has allowed me to play again."

The first period was pretty even, with the only goal coming on a giveaway by West in its own defensive zone. Csutoras got the puck and scored unassisted with 3:06 left in the period.



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