Linden man stranded 26 hours on snowy Canadian Highway 402

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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, 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.

No Sunday morning liquor sales for Linden

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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 of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday.

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Crews attempt to free a semi truck stuck in heavy snow on Highway 402 in Ontario, Canada.

Hats for Rory

Kim Shadduck, and son Rory, of Argenteuil 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.

Creative Foam receives tax exemption from city

“We look forward to having you expand more in our community.”
Sue Osborn
Fenton mayor

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 $874,561 tax credit.

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.

Use caution when making online purchases

By Tim Jagieio
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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.
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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 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

By Sally Rummel
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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

Christmas gift ideas for the last minute shopper

(Top) 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. (Right) 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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Once there were three trees on a hill in the woods. They were discussing their hopes and dreams when the first tree said, ‘Somedy 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 every one would see my beauty.’

Then the second tree said, ‘Somedy 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 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 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 him into a treasure chest.

At the second tree a woodsman 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 it 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 put in a barn and filled with hay. This was not at all what he had prayed for. The second tree was cut and made into a 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 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 streets. When he 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 slowly 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.

———- Kerrie McCollom

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 Mills
Fenton

“My mom and dad got me these two big things, like shovelots, that you put your hands in, and they help you pick up leaves. They look like webbed feet, almost.”
———- Laurie Bagley
Fenton

“I got a call from my mom’s nursing home. She has dementia and when you 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.”
———- Renée McCollom
Fenton

“One year, my fiancé bought me a puppy and some fuzzy slippers. Well, Wogan chewed up my slippers, and try telling her that I am her owner and not him.”
———- Pat Zacharska
Fenton

“My brother brought home a baby monkey one year. It wasn’t a gift for me, but that’s just the strangest thing I’ve ever seen.”
———- Lisa Engelhart
Fenton

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

———- Lisa McCollom
Fenton

This is the U.S., 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.

———- Ron Sutter

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Manager candidates to be interviewed Dec. 21

Two applicants, including interim manager, withdraw names

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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 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 Davis- son. 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 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 Powers was fired by council in September.

Fenton grants tax exemption to Matrix Enterprises

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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.

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WOMAN ASSAULTS MAN
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ed 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 ve-
HOT LINE CONTINUED
HAPPY CHRISTMAS, TO all the Times readers. Notice that I did not say Happy Holidays or Seasonal Greetings. Most of us know the reason for the season and willingly acknowled-
ges the reason. America woke up, and that individual patriots got actively involved in start-
ing to clean up Washington and its entrenched corruption. Most Ameri-
cans 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.

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 profanely to-
ward 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 parapher-
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She was lodged at the Genesee County Jail, pending arraignment.

Linden schools consider energy saving program

Could save $1.82 million on utilities over 10 years

By Anna Troppens

Linden — An energy savings program, from Energy Education, could save Linden Community Schools $1.82 million during a 10-year period.

The board of education discussed hiring the firm and received a presentation from Michael Bitar, regional president for Energy Education. 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-
energy Education receives a share of the energy sav-
ings, 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.

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 Special-
ist, 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 ob-
jectives 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 pro-
grams to finalize its evaluation process.

First year of the program

- Estimated savings, $145,000
- Cost for the Transformational Energy Management Process, $68,400
- Salary for Energy Education Specialist, $15,000
- Estimated conference travel for the Energy Education Specialist, $3,000
- Energy accounting software, $13,950
- Total investment, $100,350
- Net savings, $44,650
STRANDED
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cic was moving along at about 40 miles an-
hour, until it slowed and came to a complete
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DENTAL AMALGAM

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 HazMat suits 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 amalgam’s harm to people. To date there has been NO evidence, what so ever, of any harm caused by mercury containing fillings.

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

HOT LINE CONTINUED

HAS ANYONE SEEN Al Gore lately? I could use his global warming to heat my house. Maybe he’s in Iceland. I understand it’s warmer there than in Atlanta Ga. 

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 Topp’s 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.

LAST MINUTE

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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 “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 family-owned 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 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 Pieczynski. “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 gifts 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 gourmet in your life.

If you find yourself at an airport and still need a gift, a basket of reading materials, newspapers and a mug with tea would be a thoughtful, relaxing gift.

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SHOVELING
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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 maximal 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 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.

Heart attack warning signs

Chest discomfort — Most heart attacks involve 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, neck, jaw or stomach.

Shortness of breath — with or without chest discomfort.

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

Tips for safer snow 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.

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• 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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By Tim Jagielo

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

“This made our day,” she said, wiping 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.

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 after a period of remission. His last fight was May through August 2008.

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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Fenton to accept property in Orchard Hills

By Anna Troppens
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Fenton — Fenton City Council has adopted a resolution to accept property in 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.

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 McDowell, 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.

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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.”

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.

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Keith L. Kremer
Tyrone Township Clerk

**CITY OF FENTON ORDINANCE NO. 657**

Ordinance No. 657, which amends the City of Fenton Code of Ordinances, to amend the Downtown Development Authority’s Tax Increment Financing Plan and Development Plan, was enacted by the Fenton City Council.

Ordinance No. 657 was introduced on November 8, 2010 at a regular meeting of the Fenton City Council. The Ordinance was subsequently adopted on December 13, 2010.

The complete text of Ordinance No. 657 is on file in the office of the City Clerk and available for review by the general public during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Jennifer Naismith
City Clerk

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**CITY OF LINDEN GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any person or persons removing personal property from a residential or commercial premises and placing said personal property in the front lawn or street right-of-way in violation of Chapter 8.04 of the Linden Municipal Code as a result of a foreclosure or eviction proceeding is guilty of a misdemeanour.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any personal property so deposited in the front lawn or street right-of-way constitutes a public nuisance. The City of Linden will take immediate action to abate the nuisance. Any costs or expenses incurred by the City of Linden will be charged as a special assessment against the subject property and placed upon the tax rolls for collection.

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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 the service desk) and schedule service work for the service.

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Cheryl Luttman helped design this site with the main focus being the seller. “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 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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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 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 L.J. Jason Slater of the Fenton Police Department.

Steiger suggested learning about the company before 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 this seller?

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 information and for what.

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.

The woman who bought the AB-DOer 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.

“There are all sorts of agreements that 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 print, and sometimes the buyer has to click, 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 fraudulent 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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Kids adopt kids for Christmas

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.

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NEW JOBS
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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 Mon-
day. 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
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The new law, because of the erred
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Johnny Cash’s cousin records first solo album in Tyrone Township

By Tim Jagielo

Johnny Cash’s cousin, and country singer, Mickey Cash, has just released her first solo album. The album, recorded in Tyrone Township at Real II Reel Productions, features Mickey Cash’s own music and her unique take on country music.

Mickey Cash’s new album, “Changing Lanes,” is a reflection of her musical journey. It features a mix of original compositions and classic country songs. The album was recorded in the basement studio of Real II Reel Productions, where owner Marshall Block and producer Brent Baxter Barrett helped bring the music to life.

A few feet away from Mickey Cash, country singer and cousin of the late 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-the-art, sound-proof environment.

The album is a testament to Mickey Cash’s talent and dedication to her craft. With the guidance of producer Brent Baxter Barrett and her cousin Johnny Cash, Mickey has created a record that is both powerful and heartfelt.

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(Above) Mickey Cash (right) listens 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 of late country star Johnny Cash.
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Technology and service ‘drive’ today’s auto repair shops

By Sally Rummel
news@tctimes.com, 810-629-8282

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 ever-changing marketplace.

“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.”

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 done on your vehicle without leaving your house.”

That’s because, in addition to keeping up with technology, Muffler & Go has made a commitment to customer service in the areas of towing, rental cars and shutting customers where they need to go.

“If your car is broken down, you can call us for 24-hour towing service,” said Burke. “If you have a repair on your vehicle that costs more than $300, we will provide you with a rental car for the day while your car is being serviced. If you need a car to be picked up or dropped off, 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.”
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 one day, 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:
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.
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 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 to $34,000, said Assistant City Manager Michael Burns. The cost to upgrade Fenton’s website (www.cityoffenton.org) with 3Sixty Interactive is much less than what other communities are receiving bids for, to convert to new websites.

Summary
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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 exsilio 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 front line laid down their weapons on Christmas Eve and sang “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 best-known 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-year-old 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.

DID YOU KNOW

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

Fentons 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 (project coordinator) Phil Smith and Mitch Walker handed Lynn Hopper, director of F.A.R.R., a check for $7000 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.”

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memory who is deceased or living. Or perhaps someone in the military.
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George Brusich
1925-2010
George 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 Fazzetti (David), Ted Brusich (Janet); 8 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

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)-267-3282. 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.

ELECTION DATE: TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2011

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.

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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 egg nog that reminds 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 old, 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 Bautendyk, who spent many years caring for people with serious ill-nesses, 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 backstage 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 than your presents.

Appreciate the wonder of the man-ger 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-mail.

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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 his husky voice, down to the minimal-ist instrumentation of banjo, violin, guitars and sometimes, drum kit. Listening to 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 at-tracted a “2006 Breakthrough Country Artist of the Year” award for country artist Kya Darling.

Block has also produced musical tracks for the 2011 animated feature “Dwergons,” 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 tech-nology. The trio has built a warm and timeless sound. “It’s clean, and still has air to breathe,” said Barrett, who is pro-ducing the album. Block describes Cash as the country Kim Carnes.

Cash felt that her blend of country, blue- grass 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 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. It’s absolutely a women’s power album.” Mickey Cash

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 majec-tic,” 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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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 playing cross country. It wasn’t long after that, Elmer’s soccer career ended.
“I’ve been running since the sixth grade,” said the Linden 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.

“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.
“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.”

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Holly’s Brent Staffne (left) attempts a shot while Linden’s Jack Rasters defends. Holly won the contest 51-49.

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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 Majaa Satkowiak, but the Eagles turned the ball over on each of their next five possessions, while Holly stretched the lead. An inside jumper by Alyssya 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 Korny 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 attemps. 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

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Flint — Brandon Cusorras 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.

Cusorras, a junior, scored a three-goal hat trick, 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,” Cusorras 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 (1-0-1, 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, Cusorras scored when the puck got to him on the open side of the net. Then, just 59 seconds later, Cusorras

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TRI-COUNTY SPORTS
Linden boys fall in fourth quarter vs. Swartz Creek

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The Linden varsity boys basketball team came close to getting its first win of the 2009-10 season on Wednesday.

Leading throughout the first three quarters, the Swartz Creek Dragons outscored Linden 25-9 in the fourth period, earning a 64-52 victory at Swartz Creek.

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 scored 25 points in the fourth.

Kevin Baker led the Eagles 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.

Swartz Creek was paced by Logan Hull, who had 23 points, 14 rebounds and five blocks. Joe Seitz had 19 points.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**

**SWARTZ CREEK 55, LINDEN 32**

The Lady Dragons outscored 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 Maaja Satkowski’s 15 points, while Sabrina Kinney and Kaitlyn Dunleavy chipped in eight and seven points, respectively.

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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 (2010) and then placed fourth at the final one (2011). In between, she also placed fifth at the Greater Flint Area Cross Country Championships with a time of 19:54.9.

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.

“Goal my 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 can 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 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 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 training 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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(FSU)....... Florida vs. Kansas State.... 3:30 pm

CBS: North Carolina vs. Texas.... 4 pm

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**SUNDAY**

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FOX: Dallas at Detroit.... 5 pm

**NFL FOOTBALL**

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CBS: Jacksonville at Indianapolis.... 1 pm

CBS: New York Jets at Pittsburgh.... 4:15 pm

CBS: Green Bay at New England.... 8:15 pm

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

(B10)..... South Carolina at Indiana.... 4 pm

(FSD)....... Arizona at North Carolina State.... 8 pm
Fenton’s Elizabeth 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 NAIA-school 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 teammates’ 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 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 enjoys, 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 Clemens 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 shell-shocked.”

“We did not want to lose to these guys,” Csutoras said. “We took control, we knew we wanted this game and got it.”

It looked like that could end up being the final score until Hollingshead took a five-minute 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 Podgorecki 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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