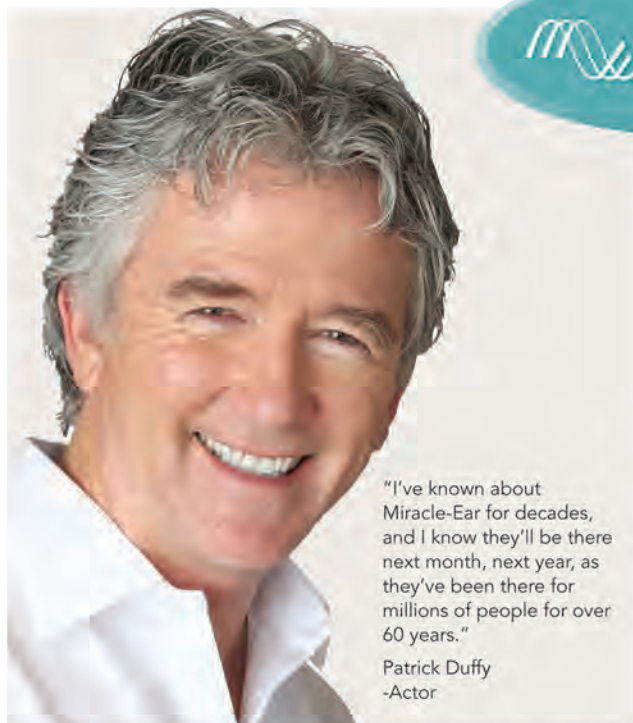






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# Are you directionally challenged?

► Some people can find any destination — others are perpetually lost

**By William Axford**

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Fenton City resident Bob Jarrett remembers developing his sense of direction from the backseat of his grandfather's car at around the age of 8 years old. Armed with no more than a hand-drawn map by his grandfather, Jarrett often navigated the two

"I always remember road names and exits for some reason. People are always asking me for directions."

**Bob Jarrett**  
Fenton City resident

Jarrett may consider the open road a second home as he travels often, installing fast-food equipment all over the country. Traveling from Michigan to Miami and roaming through the hills of

See **CHALLENGED** on 13A

to their final destination. Little did either one of them know — those hand-drawn maps and moments of early navigation would exercise Jarrett's ability to find any destination, anywhere.

"I always remember road names and exits for some reason," Jarrett said. "People are always asking me for directions."



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | WILLIAM AXFORD

Armed with nothing more than a gas station map, Fenton resident Bob Jarrett can drive or direct any person to any place. "People are always asking me, 'How do you get there?'" Jarrett said, with a laugh.

### Summary

► The hippocampus, an area of the brain that records memories, is responsible for developing a sense of direction. Some people can direct themselves and others need to be directed.

### Improving your sense of direction

While some people are born with an innate sense of direction, there are activities that can improve everyone's memory. Here are some suggestions:

**Exercise** — Being active increases blood flow to the brain, which allows the hippocampus to work more efficiently.

**Balanced diet** — Oatmeal, bananas and other foods rich with antioxidants help with blood flow, and can have similar effects to the hippocampus as exercising.

**Brain games** — Spatial memory improves after doing activities that involve objects and coordination.

— Source: WebMD

# Stress-free Christmas shopping

**By Sally Rummel**

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There are 21 shopping days until Christmas and you still have a list full of gifts to buy. Local shopping malls and stores will be filled with people still looking for the perfect gift from now through Christmas Eve.

How can you make the most of these shopping days that are left, without getting all stressed out while shopping?

First, know the best time to shop. When stores are their busiest in December, plan to shop right when they open or near their closing time for the fewest lines.

Avoid weekends, evenings and the lunch hour if you need to get through lines quickly.

See **STRESS-FREE** on 14A



### Summary

► There are still 21 shopping days left before Christmas and still plenty of time for stress-free gift shopping for family and friends.

**Rather than doing a "marathon" shopping trip, break your shopping tasks into steps...**

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# Time to take off the gloves

I truly love this community. That's why I am no longer going to give the people running it a free pass. It's time to take off the gloves and call our leaders out on an ever-increasing history of poor decision-making and poor stewardship of our tax dollars. To wit:

■ **Why is the DDA lead by assistant city manager Mike Burns** when he doesn't even live in Fenton, has never lived in Fenton, and never will live in Fenton? He has absolutely no stake in this community, yet makes decisions daily (many of them contrary to the will of the taxpayers), that will affect the rest of us for decades — long after he's moved on.

■ **On that same note, why does city manager Lynn Markland** not live in the city that pays him \$88,500 per year? Shouldn't residency be a requirement

for being the highest paid employee? Wouldn't it be ridiculous to elect a mayor (who receives no pay) that didn't live here? Why is this any different?

■ **A hearty round of applause** for new council member Pat Lockwood for coming out swinging. Lockwood had the guts to say what everyone else is thinking: When is Fenton going to man-up and admit that the entire 'Be Closer' campaign is a mistake of epic proportions, and a colossal waste of precious tax dollars. Cut your losses (ours actually) and pull the inane 'Be Closer'

plug now.

■ **Here is a sensible solution (ergo, it's not likely to happen).** Why not ask for local volunteers to form diverse committees for things like developing signage, downtown reconstruction, park landscaping, civic beautification,

purchasing downtown banners, etc. They could work in conjunction with outside consultants and vendors. Then, recommendations could be made at no cost, by the people who actually live here, and would fill the 'good taste' void that appears to be lacking at the present time.

■ **Am I the only one who sees the hypocrisy** of a marketing campaign to drive a 'Shop Local' campaign that hires consultants from Milford, buys billboards from New York, cable TV ads from Houston, signage from Grand Rapids and landscaping services from Kalamazoo?

■ **I know for a fact that twice in the last three years local businessmen** have petitioned the Fenton council to consider the logic of having a policy regarding municipal bids that provides a small advantage to all bidders who actually rent or own facilities located within the city limits of Fenton and pay taxes here. The

results? Still waiting.

At the end of the day I believe that the majority of the Fenton council — dedicated people who generously donate their time — are well intentioned and love our city. What the current leadership lacks is representatives from the business

community — people who deal daily with the issues of high stakes decision-making and risk vs. reward evaluation. If we are to move forward, we need to attract this element to join the council — or, at the very least, provide a volunteer-based venue for professional expertise and opinions

on matters that various residents are experienced in.

Of course, in the words of Dennis Miller, this is just my opinion — I could be wrong.

But I don't think so.

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■ **I REFUSE TO** let fear-based marketing tell me that I need a new car or a cell phone, because somebody says I might break down. If it breaks down, I'll do what I always did. I'll go up and bang on somebody's door. If they won't let me use the phone, they can call 911. I have nothing to fear, and nothing to hide. I live very comfortably on a small wage.

■ **I HAVE BEEN** stewing about the person disgusted about seniors asking for help for the senior center. I am a senior, and through my taxes, I helped put your kid through school, bought your stupid cookies and all the crap that you were peddling. Now, I need help. I really hope when you get to be our age, you get the same treatment that you're giving us now.

■ **WHERE ARE ALL** the businesses that want us to buy local. Why are they not helping the Loose center? They could pitch in some money. The State Bank and Lasco Ford helped. Where are the rest of these businesses that want us to shop local and keep them in business?

■ **REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS** HAVE taken us all down the road of ruins, and are continuing to do so no. And, like dumb sheep, we're still following

them. Please, wake up, people. We need a third party, and we need a civilian investigative committee. It's just ridiculous what we're allowing them to do to this country.

■ **THIS IS MY** pet peeve. The phone rings. You're at the other end of the house, busy doing something, or maybe out in the garden. You run in, just before it goes to the answering machine, your hand is on the phone, and they hang up. Why can't people just leave a message? That way, you can pick it up by then. I just had to say something.

■ **I WENT TO** a local store and saw two very young kids kissing each other. Now I understand the Fenton 'Be Closer' slogan.

■ **DEMOCRATS IN THE** Senate proposed that we extend the payroll tax cuts that benefit working people. How can the Republicans say that letting the Bush tax cut that benefits millionaires expire is called a tax increase, but letting the payroll tax cuts for working people expire isn't an increase?

■ **I THINK IT** is great that Holly Village is working so hard to make it a nice place to go. I love the new movie theater that opened up next to Morgan's. What a great idea, why don't you come see it?

■ **TO THE PERSON** blaming the Republicans for the bank bailouts, I don't trust either of the parties. Bill Clinton created this mess we're in with the banks now. People like you make matters worse when you give false information.

■ **TO THE PERSON** who seems to be having trouble with evolution, maybe you should stop watching so much 'Dancing with the Stars' and 'Survivor,' and start watching some educational programs that understand what evolutionary theory is all about.

■ **PEOPLE, PLEASE CHECK** all of your receipts. I can't tell you how many return trips I have to make to retailers, due to being charged twice for an item. I can't even say it's one particular place. Pay attention to what you're being charged.

■ **SO, THE POST** office is broke. They take no taxpayer dollars, yet our Congress tells them what they can and cannot do. The feds also owe the post office billions of dollars in overpaid health care. Looks to me like another Social Security trust fund robbery by our Congress.

■ **See HOT LINE** throughout Times

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— Whitney Hayes, Linden



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— Rae Oldaugh  
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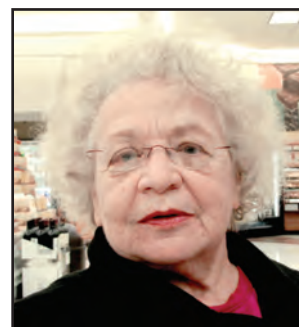
"Artificial trees are less messy and we have a newborn baby right now. I'd prefer a real one, though."

— January Wawro, Fenton



"Artificial. We put it up on Thanksgiving and take it down two weeks after Christmas on the Epiphany. They last longer."

— Lolly Ulrich, Fenton



"Artificial trees, because I don't have a husband to put a real one up anymore."

— Ann Allen  
Fenton



"Artificial trees are easier and you only pay for it once. Also, I don't have kids living at home anymore, so I don't need a real one."

— Marie Murray, Grand Blanc



## Police&Fire report

### BOYS BREAK INTO ELEMENTARY

Two Linden boys, one 11, the other 14, were arrested for breaking into Linden Elementary School on South Bridge Street on Sunday, Nov. 27. Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter said officer Dwayne Jewell responded to an alarm at the building around 2:30 a.m. Looking through a window, the officer observed the two boys inside the school causing damage. The officer confronted the boys, however, they fled on foot. After a short foot chase, the boys were apprehended and arrested. The boys' parents were notified and they were transported to the Regional Detention Center in Flint. They went before the judge on Monday, Nov. 28. The police chief said the school estimates the boys caused between \$500 and \$1,000 worth of damage.

### FENTON POLICE RESPOND TO THREE SNOW-RELATED CRASHES

Fenton police responded to three snow-related traffic crashes early Wednesday morning. The area received about 4 inches of snow, in the first snowfall of the season. The first call came in at 1:55 a.m. when a motorist lost control of her vehicle and slid off the road. There was no damage. The second call came in at 6:38 a.m. from a motorist on southbound U.S. 23. The third crash was reported at 9:35 a.m. at the intersection of Adelaide and Elizabeth streets.



### TRUCK REAR-ENDS SLOW MOVING CAR

Fenton police and fire departments responded to a rear-end crash on southbound U.S. 23, just south of Owen Road on Friday, Dec. 2. A 69-year-old Flint man and his 64-year-old wife were driving slowly, due to the slick road conditions. The car was rear-ended by a faster traveling semi truck, driven by a 54-year-old man from Ohio. The Flint couple and the truck driver complained of neck and back pain and were transported to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township. Although no tickets were issued, the truck driver was listed at-fault on the accident report.

### POT FOUND DURING TRAFFIC STOP

On Nov. 29, a Fenton police officer initiated a traffic stop to a 2007 Mercury for an expired plate. The driver, a 28-year-old Fenton man, admitted to having marijuana in his car and the officer recovered 10.4 grams. The driver was arrested and booked at the police station. His car was impounded and he is to appear in court on Jan. 9.

## MURDER

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condition at Vamerolyn Chapman's home. An autopsy report indicated Christopher died of severe bedsores, malnutrition and dehydration while living at the unlicensed adult foster care home.

Charged are Mary Chapman, of Holly Township, and Vamerolyn Chapman, of Mt. Morris Township.

During a Nov. 22 pretrial hearing, the women's jury trials were scheduled for March 13, 2012 in Genesee County Circuit Court.

Mary Chapman's legal troubles go beyond Genesee County. In Oakland County, she pleaded no contest to an adult foster care license violation on

Nov. 28 in Oakland County Circuit Court. She was arraigned on Oct. 4, 2010 and she is due back in court for sentencing on Jan. 3, 2012.

As previously reported in the Tri-County Times, Mary Chapman faced one felony count of first-degree vulner-

able abuse, stemming from a 2005 complaint. She was accused of assaulting a 53-year-old woman, who was a resident of her room-and-board facility on Lahring Road in Holly Township on Oct. 1, 2005 according to the Michigan State Police.

The 2005 case was bound over to Oakland County Circuit Court for a jury trial, however, it was dismissed in March 2006.

### Summary

►A Holly Township woman and her granddaughter from Mt. Morris Township have been charged with murder and vulnerable adult abuse. Their trials are to begin March 13, 2012.

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- Sue Lambert-Mann,  
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## Calendar of events

### Saturday, Dec. 10

The sixth annual Christmas Cookie Walk will be held at **Transfiguration Lutheran Church**, 14176 Fenton Rd., Fenton, on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Select from a variety of 40 different holiday cookies. With a purchase of three dozen cookies or more, the church will ship the same amount to your loved one serving overseas in the military, free of charge.

### Tuesday, Dec. 13

**NAMI Genesee County**, a support group for persons with mental disorders, their relatives and friends, **meets** on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, from 7 to 9 p.m. Location is the McLaren Community Medical Center, 1314 S. Linden Rd, Flint. For more information, call (810) 232-6498.

### Wednesday, Dec. 14

**Holly Aglow — A Community Lighthouse** will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 9:30 a.m. at the Holly Village Chambers, 315 S. Broad St., Holly. The group will be collecting toys for the needy.

### Friday, Dec. 15

**Calvary United Methodist Church**, 15010 N. Holly Rd. in Holly is featuring a Christmas event, "One Starry Night," on Friday, Dec. 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call (248) 634-9711.

## News briefs

### More than 60 children being treated to Christmas shopping

The Fenton Township Firefighters Association is hosting its annual "Shop With A Hero" charity event at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 9. Brett DeWeese, president of the FTFA said firefighters will be taking more than 60 local underprivileged children shopping for Christmas gifts at Target. The event is sponsored by Uncle Ray's Dairyland, Lake Ponemah Marina, DeWeese & Associates, Montgomery & Sons and Companion Animal Hospital.

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## LOSEY

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Losey said, "I did get nominated and I accepted.

"We're off and running now."

Losey, of Linden, and Graves, of Argentine Township, are hoping to be elected to replace Paul Scott who was recalled in November. The special election is set for Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2012. The winner of the election will serve out the remainder of Scott's term, which expires in November of 2012.

Losey has said that he wants to bring his middle-class work ethic to Lansing to represent the hard-working men and women of the 51st District and Genesee County. He wants to focus on taking care of the young and experienced citizens and to build and maintain safe, positive learning environments for the children and respectful, life-honoring environments for the senior citizens. In addition to serving on Linden's school board, Losey teaches special education at Redford Union High School in Redford Township. For the past

10 years, he has been president of the Redford Union Education Association and from 1990 to 1995, he was an active member of the Teamsters, while working for UPS in Michigan and Georgia.

On Friday, Losey acknowledged that he is a busy man and if he were elected, this position would take some precedence. He said a leave from teaching might be called for and he would have to look into whether serving on a school board is a conflict of interest.

"It's a big if," he said. "I've got a long road ahead and big hill to climb."

To his understanding, Losey said there were only two or three individuals interested in running and he was the only prospective candidate at the meeting to accept the nomination. He suspected many Democrats felt it was a no win situation since the election will be held during the Republican Presidential Primary.

"I'm confident though," he said. "Some Republicans are disillusioned. We'll see what happens. I'm all for doing what's best for everybody."

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**I FEEL BAD** that you need money to buy your kids Christmas gifts. I hope they know the real meaning of the season, never too young to learn. Also, I hope to God that you don't have the Internet or cable. You can't afford it.

**THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY**, certain people have oppressed citizens and non-citizens for their financial gains. The unions started to change this. Now, as union numbers have fallen, oppression is gaining ground. To the fools blaming unions, you must either live in a box, or belong to the one percent.

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**I DON'T UNDERSTAND** why people complain about the phrase 'Happy Holidays' being used instead of 'Merry Christmas.' Don't you know that 'holidays' means 'holy days?'

**IT HAS BEEN** said that one million chimpanzees, typing on one million typewriters, would eventually reproduce the works of Shakespeare. Thanks to the Internet, we now know that it is not true.

**I THINK THE** Fenton DDA has done a great job, and that residents should investigate how the DDA is funded before demanding their tax dollars back.

**YOU GO, PAT** Lockwood. Nobody seems to understand what 'Be Closer' means, and it's a shame to throw away taxpayer money on it.

**THE LOCATION OF** the library is perfect with the upcoming bakery and renovations to downtown Fenton. I'm in the library several times a week and have never seen it overflowing. In fact, all the libraries in the county are much smaller. Let's use what we have and make it beautiful.

**I BELONG TO** the Loose center, and our group does watch out for others. We have given away more than 3,000 handmade hats and gloves, and 2,000 afghans to the veterans, homeless, schools, and hospitals. The yarn was donated, and so was our time.

**TO THOSE WHO** criticize the Loose center, here are a couple of facts. The Community Angels volunteer time and money to help others. They assemble Christmas and Thanksgiving baskets for those who are less fortunate. Women at the center knit lap robes for local vets, nursing homes, and work at the Fenton Adopt-a-Pet to help them raise money. The building had insurance, but it is not enough to build a new center.

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## Fenton Community Orchestra to perform holiday concert

By Sally Rummel

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The Fenton Community Orchestra will hold its annual holiday concert on Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fenton High School auditorium.

The concert will be held in conjunction with the Fenton High School Jazz Ensemble. The orchestra will perform a variety of classical and holiday pieces, led by music director Andrew Perkins. Admission to the concert is free.

Since Fenton Community Orchestra began in September 2010, it has experienced amazing growth and community support, according to Orchestra board president Jennifer Fleck. "Achieving non-profit status in May 2011, pursuing beginning string classes with Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation and working closely with area schools has allowed the orchestra to build a solid foundation," said Fleck.

The Fenton Community Orchestra's second season is partially funded by a generous grant from the Fenton Community Fund. The orchestra includes 60 musicians from Fenton and surrounding communities, ranging in age from 10



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Musicians of all ages will perform a holiday concert on Tuesday, Dec. 6.

years old to adults in their 70s. The orchestra is open to musicians who want a fun community experience and are willing to practice, according to Fleck. Rehearsals take place on Thursdays, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Fenton High School.

This holiday concert will conclude the fall season. Rehearsals will resume on Jan. 19, 2012. To learn more about the Fenton Community Orchestra, visit [www.fentoncommunityorchestra.org](http://www.fentoncommunityorchestra.org).

## CELL PHONE

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In July of this year, Changewave, an organization that collects data on cell phone reception, reported that nearly 6 percent of all AT&T users experience periodic dropped calls. For Verizon, about 2 to 3 percent of cell-phone users experienced the same problem.

According to national reports, more than 285 million people use cell phones daily in America, making that 6 percent of dropped calls equal to about 17 million people. The 3 percent for Verizon amounts roughly to 8 million people.

Wireless Zone of Fenton owner Joe Bommarito said that the location and the amount of other cell phone users in a specific area affects signal strength. For calls made inside buildings, materials such as metals and windows have a massive effect on how clear a call will be.

"No service provider guarantees service from inside the store," Bommarito said. He, himself, oftentimes has to use his cell phone outside of his own store, because of the windows. "Most of the time, the cell phone is going to work."

"The reception also has a lot to do with the weather."

"If it's clear outside, you'll have a better signal," Bommarito said. "There's no miraculous miracle you can perform to make your cell phone work every time."

Experiencing a dropped call in public from time to time is one thing, but not having reception in your own home brings a different level of frustration. Cell phone providers are addressing this issue by offering signal enhancers for sale that can be installed inside a household. Most of the amplifiers are not cell-phone provider specific, providing a better signal strength for all cell phones in the vicinity.

The Verizon Wireless Network Extender by Samsung sells for \$250 straight from the Verizon store. Older models can be found even cheaper online at Amazon.com or Ebay.com.

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"It doesn't matter who the provider is, there is no miraculous thing you can do to fix your signal every time."

**Joe Bommarito**

Wireless Zone of Fenton owner

## No more cell phone providers?

Cell-phone providers may not exist in the near future. Instead, the cell phone manufacture itself – such as Apple and Google – may provide full phone services, themselves, cutting out providers such as AT&T and Verizon. The iPhone already boasts a multitude of different services that rely more on the Internet than a cell-phone tower. The FaceTime feature allows smart phone users to speak to each other face to face, without using messages. The iMessage feature allows iPhone users to send each other text messages to other iPhones and Apple computers, replacing traditional text messaging. These various features are free for the iPhone and don't require action from the cell-phone provider. So, it may only be a matter of time until the iPhone and other smart phones utilize the Internet to make free, seamless calls instead of using cell-phone towers.

different cell-phone amplifiers ranging from \$150 to \$400. There are no additional fees beyond purchasing the enhancers. The enhancers work via Ethernet cables plugged into a home network and operate completely separate from existing cell phone towers.

Bommarito uses a cell-phone signal enhancer inside his home, and the cell-phone signal has improved within 2,500 feet from his home.

While the enhancements help with home reception, Bommarito reminds

cell-phone users that dropped calls may become less frequent, but are impossible to avoid every time. "It doesn't matter who the provider is, there is no miraculous thing you can do to fix your signal every time," he said.





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## 'Goodnight, Benghazi'

### ► My last week in Libya

By Tim Jagielo

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**BENGHAZI, Libya** — "Goodnight, Benghazi," is what I said when I closed the dense curtains in my hotel room overlooking a beautiful lake, that separated me from the rest of the city. The beautiful lake also smelled like sewage, because there isn't proper sewage containment or treatment.



Tim Jagielo

### Summary

► Tri-County Times reporter Tim Jagielo reflects on his trip to Libya.

"I can clean the lake in six weeks," said Mustafa Gheriani, in both a frustrated and optimistic tone. These two things practically define his feelings for his home country — frustrated and optimistic. He has the "ways" to clean up his country, but not the means,

until Libya's funds are released back to the government after the slain former leader, Col. Moammar Ghaddafi, held onto much of the country's riches.

Gheriani sees the damage the old regime has caused, and also sees Libya's massive potential. That's what this trip has all been about for me — one man's love for his country. Realize, too, that the United States is also his country. He can't pick between the two, but Libya is where he belongs — for now. "The United States doesn't need



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Children sit on an unused missile at the war museum in Benghazi, Libya. The museum features war machines used against Col. Moammar Ghaddafi's forces in their fight for freedom.

me right now," he said. "Libya needs me."

I've learned a lot on my trip. I've also never seen anything to discredit what Mustafa said with all confidence: "Libyans are the nicest people in the world." He can't be as objective as I can, but not one Libyan I met was rude (except while driving, but that's another story) and almost all greeted me with a warm "Marhaba!" This means both "hello" and "welcome" in Arabic in Libya.

I enjoyed Tunisia also, but it seemed like the people in Libya, at least around Benghazi, took any visitor on as their guest, asking me if I liked their country. My fixer, the person who drove me around and translated for me is 28 years old, close to my age, and became my friend. He is engaged, to be married in February and his name is Anas. He wouldn't let me spend a dime while I was in Libya, and neither would Gheriani.

Anas took me to a sandwich shop and gave me a plate with three sandwiches on it, expecting I could eat all three. At mealtime, I was defending my stomach from more and more food.

But, the drivers. The drivers in Libya are both reckless and careless. Mustafa told me car fatalities are the number one cause of death.

There are also still many weapons loose in the city, which are fired needlessly and often, by the former rebels.

Despite this, in Libya, I've seen such beauty that it can't be transmitted through the lens of a camera. I wish everyone in Fenton, Linden, and Holly could see it. My mission was too broad, and as a photographer, I ached to spend more time on all the beautiful things in the Libyan countryside. I couldn't visit Tripoli or

the country's desert to the south. Mustafa said the desert's beauty could be a life-altering experience. I hope I can go back and only photograph the pretty things over there.

I also hope I did their revolution a little justice. They are so proud of their independence. There are the original red, green, white and black flags up everywhere, plastered on everything. It made me take a second look at my own flag. This is the first time that they have been able to work toward a democracy. I hope they take it.

I was fortunate to have spoken with people of great importance to the revolution — the person who coordinated the journalists during the initial uprising and the civilian engineer who helped get military planes working again to hold off the invasion of Benghazi from Ghaddafi's forces.

Another civilian began coordinating supplies between army bases that decided to side with the rebels. Anas drove rebels and supplies up to the front line, in the same truck in which he carted me around.

The most difficult task begins at home — sifting through the 50 gigs of raw material I am bringing back with me. I became a funnel for this important information, and now I have to take the raw ingredients and make it into something you actually want to watch.

Everyone said to me, "This is a trip of a lifetime."

In some ways, they are correct. You can only report in a foreign country for the first time — once. However, when I was looking out over these North African cities, I also knew I could not go back to my life, as it was, not entirely.

Libya is a part of me now — too.

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Virginia with no more than a gas station map may seem impossible to some. But for Jarrett, it's the only way to travel.

According to WebMD mental health expert Richard Senelick, MD, Jarrett and others that have a great sense of direction have an incredible recognition and spatial memory, recording their environment with phenomenal accuracy.

Grid cells and place cells inside the hippocampus (an area of the brain that helps with memory) comprise a person's ability to navigate to a destination. Place cells help indicate where a person is located while grid cells identify spatial relationships between different places. People who identify land markers and buildings while en route to a destination use place cells more frequently. Those who use grid cells often calculate distance with direction to get to their destination, and are more likely to describe directions as "5 miles east and then 6 miles south."

Jarrett's wife, Sue, said that although her husband has an amazing sense of direction, it doesn't always mean he can navigate through everything effortlessly. When it comes to computers for example, Bob suddenly becomes lost and often asks his wife for direction. Still, her husband's impeccable knowledge of location is extremely beneficial, especially when she's traveling alone. She can call her husband from any highway near any exit and he always knows of a good restaurant or rest spot in the area.

"He's always just had a good sense of direction, and it's been refined from all of his traveling," Sue said. "He can go someplace totally new and get his footing immediately. It's an innate talent. His friends are calling him all the time, asking for directions."

However, being directionally challenged may soon be a thing of the past, thanks to improved and affordable GPS units. Kmart Electronics Manager Jill Ingles said GPS

units are a hot commodity this holiday season and have been increasing in popularity over the past few years. The latest versions of GPS units feature lifetime traffic updates, adjusting maps as roads change throughout time.

"People who have them love them, and they want other people to have them," Ingles said. "A lot of parents buy them for their kids who are going off to college, thinking it might help them when they get lost."

Despite the advancements in technology, there is nothing more reassuring than knowing where a location is. Batteries can die and gadgets breakdown. But knowing how to get somewhere on your own is irreplaceable.

"You could teach yourself I believe, but to be real honest, it's probably built within you," Jarrett said. "I believe it's a knack and something you're born with. It's fun to have people ask 'how do you do that?' And, I have no idea. I don't think anything of it."

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Don't wait until the last minute. There are still three weeks until Christmas and you don't have to procrastinate until Christmas Eve. Shopping early can help you avoid crowds and long lines, allow you to look for the best deals, and gives you time to actually sit back and enjoy the rest of the holiday season.

Make a Christmas list. Know exactly what you need to buy and what deals are out there. Some local stores have "wish lists" set up for spouses, to make shopping easier for the giver and pleasing for the gift recipient. Make sure your list is accompanied by a detailed budget, and stick to it. Nothing takes the Christmas spirit out of a holiday than the bills that will follow in January. Better yet, shop with cash in an envelope clearly marked with how much will be spent on each gift.

Wear your most comfortable clothing, dressing in layers so you can easily warm up or cool down. Wear comfortable shoes, preferably your workout shoes that will keep you moving.

Shop with a backpack so you can keep

your hands free for your shopping bags, and make frequent trips to your car so you don't have to carry your purchases around all day. Keep your packages in your car trunk or under a seat, so they won't be visible to would-be thieves. Be sure to lock the doors.

Carry hand sanitizer with you to keep germs at bay and be careful what you touch when you use mall restrooms.

Rather than doing a "marathon" shopping trip, break your shopping tasks into steps, which you can accomplish a little at a time. Shopping at independent retailers that offer gift-wrapping can help you save time. If you shop in your hometown in the tri-county area, you can shop when it's convenient for you. It's also more fun to enjoy the atmosphere of small-town shopping than a less personal mall experience.

Decide on a theme for gifts this year. Maybe it can be books and pajamas for all of your grandkids. Then you can shop at one or two stores, and have them gift-wrapped for you, too, depending on where you make your purchases.

Be wise about Christmas shopping online. You'll want to support local retailers, your home communities and



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Kim Chase, of Fenton, is taking a stress-free approach to Christmas shopping by looking for gifts in the small boutique setting of Thimbleberry Antiques in downtown Linden.

even the state of Michigan by shopping as close to home as possible. The experience of shopping in stores where you have built relationships over the years will provide a much more satisfying Christmas than buying everything on-line.

For less stress after Christmas, keep all of your receipts in an envelope specifically marked "2011 Christmas receipts," so they will be easily accessible for any returns or exchanges that need to be made.

When shopping for the day is done, come home; relax by putting your feet up, and sip on hot cocoa, tea or a glass of wine. Take a deep breath, and save the task of gift-wrapping for another day.

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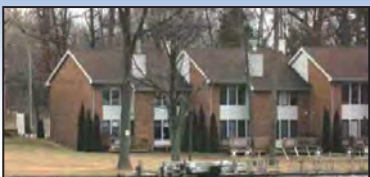
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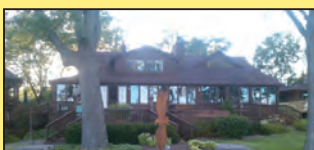
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The Board has the right to accept and/or reject any and all bids. Bids are required to be sealed and will be reviewed prior to the Township Board meeting.

Denise Graves  
Clerk, Argentine Township

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

At the request of the Fenton Charter Township Board, Genesee County, State of Michigan and by the authority conferred on the Michigan Department of Natural Resources by Public Act 451 of 1994, Part 419, as amended, a hearing will be held in the Fenton Charter Township Hall, lower level meeting room, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan at 7:00 pm., Thursday, December 15, 2011.

At this hearing the Department of Natural Resources will gather information from the public concerning possible problems related to hunting and the discharge of firearms on Tupper Lake, Fenton Charter Township, Genesee County.

**Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Township Clerk at (810) 629-1537, a week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.**

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for Lake Fenton Community Schools****Project Information**

Sealed bids will be accepted from qualified contractors by Lake Fenton Community Schools for an asbestos abatement project at the Lake Fenton Middle School located in Lake Fenton, Michigan.

**Pre-Bid Meeting**

A pre-bid meeting will be conducted by the Consultant, Northern Analytical Services, LLC. on December 2, 2011 at 3:15 PM (local time) at the Middle School located at 11425 Torrey Road, Fenton, Michigan 48430. At this meeting bidders will be given a tour of the site where they can become familiar with the site conditions and secure necessary measurements.

**Bid Information**

Bids will be received until 2:00 PM local time on December 7, 2011 at the Lake Fenton Community Schools Administrative offices located in the Middle School at 11425 Torrey Road, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud shortly after the due date and time. Bids received after the deadline will not be accepted and will be returned to the bidder unopened. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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**Synopsis of Argentine Township  
Regular Board Meeting  
November 28, 2011**

Call to order @ 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Ciesielski, present, Hallman, present, Graves, present, Cole, present. Schmidt, absent.

Motion to adopt the minutes of October 24, 2011 Regular Board Meeting and the minutes of the October 24, 2011 Executive Session. Motion passed.

Motion to approve payment of the invoices and expenditures as listed in the amount of \$190,06.66. Motion passed.

Reports: Police- A written report was submitted.

Motion to approve the Reserve Program / Argentine Township Police Department Policy # 18. Motion passed.

Fire Dept.- A written report was submitted.

Building Department- 2 permits were issued in the amount of \$700.00.

Planning Commission- No report.

Attorney- A written update was submitted.

Old Business: Zoning Board of Appeals- Tabled this item

Motion to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to accept the revised A/E Services Proposal letter from Fleis & Vanderbrink and sign it. Motion passed.

Motion, to complete the application, sign document, and approve permits for the Metro Act with Charter Communications. Motion passed.

New Business: Zoning Administrator- The issue will be tabled until next month.

MEMAC Contract- Motion to adopt Resolution # 2011-14 Accepting the terms of the Michigan Emergency Management Compact. Roll call: Hallman, yes, Graves, yes, Cole, yes, Ciesielski, yes. Motion passed. Schmidt was not present.

Motion to allow the Clerk to write a letter to those who bid on the truck and inform them it will be advertised with clarified specifications. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by Denise Graves, Argentine Township Clerk







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NOTICE

ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

ANNUAL DECEMBER 2011 BOARD OF REVIEW

The Argentine Township Board of Review will hold its annual December meeting as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, December 13, 2011

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

PLACE: Argentine Township Hall  
9048 Silver Lake Road  
Linden, Mi. 48451  
(810) 735-5050

Purpose: To correct any of the following errors in assessments and tax rates:

A clerical error, such as an erroneous posting of an assessment as \$250,000 when it should have been \$25,000.

A mutual mistake, such as a building being assessed to the wrong description.

A mistake in the millage rates, such as levying 32 mills instead of 30.2 mills.

A mistake in mathematical calculation, such as 40 acres multiplied by \$750 equaling \$22,800 instead of \$30,000.

To review claims of qualified homestead on properties.

To review hardship/poverty claims.

Denise Graves, Clerk

Argentine Township

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

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NEW FENCING AT DEARBORN PARK

The Township of Rose is seeking bid proposals from Fencing Contractors to perform the above listed services. Bid Plans and Specifications can be picked up at the Rose Township office, Monday through Thursday 8:30am -4:30pm beginning Wednesday December 7, 2011

Sealed bid proposals will be received until 3:00pm December 14, 2011 at which time proposals will be opened and read. Late proposals will not be considered. Amendments to proposals will be considered only if they are received by the above deadline. The responsibility rests entirely with the bidder, notwithstanding delays resulting from postal handling or for any other reasons No late or misdelivered bids will be accepted. Proposals addressed as follows:

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A legally authorized agent of the bidding firm must sign all proposals. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED WITH THE NAME OF THE PROPOSER AND INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

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The **COMMUNITY BLOCK DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM** is a federally funded project. The Contractor and Subcontractors on this project must comply with HUD contract provisions 24 CFR part 85.36(i), the Davis-Bacon Act, Nondiscrimination, Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Section 3 requirements, Anti Kickback Act, Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act and Department of Labor Standards and Regulation as set forth in the contract Bid Documents. This municipality is an equal opportunity employer, businesses owned by women or minorities are strongly encouraged to bid.



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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Susan C. Stockton and John R. Stockton III, wife and Husband to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc. its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 5, 2007 and recorded April 10, 2007 in Instrument # 200704100033051 Genesee County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Bank of America NA successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP, by assignment dated October 13, 2011 and recorded October 20, 2011 in Instrument # 201110200073631 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Forty-Four Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$149,144.25) including interest 5.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Genesee County at 10:00AM on January 4, 2012 Said premises are situated in City of Flushing, Genesee County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 26, Valley View Subdivision, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Liber 25, page 41, Genesee County Records. Commonly known as 204 Darcey Ln, Flushing MI 48433 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: 12/04/2011 Bank of America NA successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP, As-signee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 11-51192 Ad #17544 12/04, 12/11, 12/18, 12/25/2011

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# Sharp Funeral Homes offers grief support meetings

► Holiday season is especially tough on grieving families

By Sharon Stone

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When you're newly bereaved, suddenly you find yourself on an emotional roller coaster where you have no idea what to expect next. You're most likely in shock from what has happened and a numbness surrounds you to help shield you from the pain of losing a loved one.

As signs of Christmas and the holidays increasingly fill our daily lives, coping with the recent death of someone whom you were very close to adds to the stress of the hectic holiday season. Deaths that occurred many years ago can come back with a haunting presence if the loss has not been addressed.

Sharp Funeral Homes wants to help those in the community who are trying to cope during these trying times. In cooperation with Genesys Hospice, the funeral home is hosting Grief Support meetings, on the first Wednesday of each month at its Fenton Chapel community room. The first meeting is set for Dec. 7, from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

For those who have lost a child, denial and anger can consume your entire being. You see your child's face in every other child and their scent and mannerisms can be noticed at any moment. This is normal.

Talking about the pain with others who have experienced this same type of grief



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Grieving individuals or families can find comfort in monthly grief support meetings hosted by Sharp Funeral Homes.

allows you to know that what you're feeling is normal and part of the grieving process.

Losing a sibling, parent or spouse has their own sets of challenges.

Since no one can live forever, at one point or another, everyone will journey through this rough passage. Widows and widowers can become overwhelmed with the maze of decisions that need to be made, along with all sorts of forms to fill out.

They will suddenly find themselves in shock from the loneliness, anger, confusion, fear and depression.

Accepting a new normal can be the be-

ginning of moving forward without forgetting the past.

Jennifer Sharp Scully, of Sharp Funeral Homes, said these meetings are open to anyone who thinks they might be of help, regardless of when the death of a loved one occurred. The funeral home has hosted these meetings in the past, but has sensed that there is a need, based on feedback they have received.

"This time of year is very difficult," said Sharp Scully. "Even if the death was years ago, the holidays are tough."

The meetings, in a group setting, offer those coming alone or with a friend or family member to share their stories or concerns or simply to listen to others. Sharp Scully said it's most important that those grieving know that they are not alone despite feeling isolated.

Children are welcome if their parents believe this type of group setting would benefit them. Everyone is welcome and staff from Genesys Hospice will lead the 1½-hour setting.

Sharp Scully said they expect a good turnout and hope that the monthly meetings will be a positive and good program. If anyone knows of someone who could benefit from these meetings, she suggests they be told about

the program. "If we can help anyone in a small way, we want to do that," she said.

For more information, call Sharp Funeral Homes at (810) 629-9321.

"Even if the death was years ago, the holidays are tough."

Jennifer Sharp Scully  
Sharp Funeral Homes

"The girl was scared to death of him."

Chris Swanson  
Genesee County undersheriff

## CHILD ABUSE

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living at the mobile home. That information was forwarded to the Genesee County Sheriff's Department, which then sent a deputy to a mobile home at the Eastview Mobile Home Park, in Fenton Township at 10:30 p.m.

Sheriff Robert Pickell said their investigation has revealed that a 4-year-old girl, named Sharon, was running around the home as any 4-year-old child would. During questioning, Shorez told detectives he became angered when she continued running around despite him

telling her to stop.

While running around, Pickell said that the girl accidentally kicked Shorez' 1-year-old son in his eye. This angered Shorez and he grabbed the girl by her arms, causing bruises.

The sheriff said, over several hours Shorez slapped the girl and poked her in her eyes anywhere from 20 to 40 times to

show her what it felt like to be hit in the eyes. He continued to slap her on her head and face.

Pickell said Shorez is also accused of forcing the girl to stand in the corner of the room for up to two hours with a hot space

## INTERNET

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Wireless representatives proposed the project at the Linden City Council meeting held on Monday, Oct. 10.

The state-of-the-art equipment and accompanying wi-fi signal blankets the downtown area, and will also serve some of the immediate surrounding areas, such as municipal and private parking lots and properties. Many businesses believe that free downtown Internet will help promote the Linden merchants' Shop Local theme and keep retail dollars in the community, as it has in other similar sized communities.

Tri-County Wireless, a Fenton-based company in operation since August 2004, donated all the materials, equipment and labor at no cost to the city or residents. Tri-County Wireless is a certified broadband provider and recently established free wireless Internet access to the downtown Fenton corridor also.

The wi-fi Internet access in Linden will range from Bridge Street to Broad Street, reaching out in a half-mile radius in each direction.

According to Fred Moses, Tri-County Wireless chief technical officer, connecting to the TC Wireless wi-fi system is as easy as scanning your wireless network's menu and selecting *tcw.co*.

"Our free Internet access is at least five times faster than dial-up," said Moses. "In addition, we can now offer a complete suite of commercial packages to Linden businesses. We already provide high-speed service to several dozen Fenton businesses and retailers. We are known for our service."

"I think it's a great opportunity for downtown Linden and even some of the surrounding areas to have free access to wireless Internet," said Christopher Wren, Linden city manager. "And this is a great opportunity for a partnership with Tri-County Wireless."

heater near her feet. Detectives observed burns on the girl's feet. The sheriff said the girl was too afraid of Shorez to move away from the heater.

"He was abusive to her," said Pickell.

When the deputy and the Linden police officer arrived, the girl was too afraid to talk to them. Pickell said the girl tried to tell the officers that her injuries were from falling on her own, but they were not convinced.

As the deputy and police officer asked the girl if she was afraid, she shook her head yes. When they asked if she was afraid of someone in the room, she again, shook her head up and down.

Shorez was arrested and transported to the county jail. He remains lodged, unable to post the \$10,000 cash bond.

The girl was transported to an area hospital for medical treatment and two other children inside the home were removed.

Pickell said Shorez was dating the sister of the little girl's mother, all of whom were at the mobile home last weekend. No other arrests were made.

Shorez is expected back in district court on Dec. 13 for a preliminary hearing.

This case comes at the heels of another pending child abuse case where 4-year-old Dominick Calhoun of Argentine Township was allegedly beaten and tortured to death in 2010 by his mother's boyfriend, Brandon Hayes. Hayes' trial is expected to be moved to another county, however, no location has yet been determined.

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## Fenton High School Alumni elects officers

The Fenton High School Alumni Association operating board elected officers at its annual meeting in November. The elected officers are Chuck Montgomery (president), Nancy Parkin (vice president), Hannah DeLisle (secretary) and Orpha Verhelle (treasurer). Malvin Walden, Jody Ranney and Cecelia Terry will serve as trustees. The board continues to work on details for the Alumna Banquet, which will be held on Aug. 18, 2013 at St John Activity Center. Fenton High School classes are being asked to consider holding their individual reunions at the All Alumni Banquet. Classes who wish to participate are asked to contact Chuck Montgomery at (810) 869-7358 for details.

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# How to pick the best Christmas TREE—ever

Expert offers  
timely tips

By Sharon Stone  
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## Summary

►Christmas tree shoppers should take note of the amount a space they have for their tree, and have a tree stand and saw ready.

There's a perfect Christmas tree out there for everyone. From small tabletop trees to trees that nearly touch the peak of a cathedral ceiling, picking the right Christmas tree is all in the eyes of the beholder.

## You cut or pre cut

David Petts, co-owner of Haddon Nursery on Eddy Lake Road, has advice for people heading out in search of the perfect real Christmas tree. One of the first things a customer needs to determine is whether they want to cut down their own or buy a tree that has already been cut.

## Size

Do you remember the scene from Christmas Vacation, where Clark Griswold takes his family out to cut down their Christmas tree? The family should have taken note of how tall

their living room ceiling was, as well as to have grabbed a saw. Those heading out to buy a Christmas tree should assess how big of an area they have so they don't buy a tree too tall, wide or small.

## Feel the needles

When browsing amongst the available trees, feel their needles. Petts said you should not be able to pull off the needles. The needles should also be soft to the touch. Spruce trees drop their needles the fastest, about three weeks after being cut.

## White pines

Petts said white pines keep their very long needles the longest. However, decorating these trees can be challenging. Lightweight ornaments work better than heavy branch-bending ones.

## Scotch pines

Scotch pine trees are

right in the middle, said Petts. These are popular because they are easy to decorate and the needles should stay put throughout the holidays, as long it's watered.

## Fraser fir

The Fraser fir tree is the most popular choice for many. Petts attributes this to the fact that it holds its needles quite well and its branches are strong. "It's good for decorating," he said.

See **TREE** on 10B



David Petts, co-owner of Haddon Nursery on Eddy Lake Road, shows the strong, short needles of a Fraser fir tree.

## The Christmas tree debate

### Real vs. artificial

Christmas trees are appearing in homes throughout the country as families prepare for the holiday season. When considering the impact on the environment, is the right choice to purchase an artificial tree and use it year after year, or go in search of the perfect living tree to be the centerpiece of our holiday decorating?

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## Male dog names

- |           |            |            |
|-----------|------------|------------|
| 1. Max    | 5. Jake    | 9. Cody    |
| 2. Buddy  | 6. Charlie | 10. Buster |
| 3. Rocky  | 7. Jack    |            |
| 4. Bailey | 8. Toby    |            |

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## Female dog names

- |           |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. Bella  | 5. Daisy  | 9. Bailey |
| 2. Molly  | 6. Sophie | 10. Lola  |
| 3. Lucy   | 7. Sadie  |           |
| 4. Maggie | 8. Chloe  |           |

# The World Of Dogs

Best tips for  
dog lovers  
around the  
world!

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## Dogs vs. Cats!



### Tips for taking great photos of your dog

🐾 **Let them play first.** Plan out a time to shoot, and plan to let your dog run, play, and get out some energy before you take your pictures.

🐾 **Turn off the flash.** Wonder why Fido looks away as soon as you pull out the camera? Odds are that he has been conditioned by the flash to turn away in order to avoid that annoying, and frightening, very bright light. Turn it off or cover it.

🐾 **Work every angle.** Getting down on your stomach or standing on a ladder gives you a new perspective on your pet.

🐾 **Fill the frame.** If you think you're too close, get closer (hey, isn't that Fenton's slogan?). Seriously, the most gorgeous pet portraits are all about the subject. Fill the frame with your pet's head to really capture expressions and fine details such as fur and eyes.

🐾 **Blow a whistle.** The noise will make your pet perk up his ears and widen his eyes, giving you a better shot.

🐾 **Lower the camera.** Dogs naturally want to see their owner's eyes and our faces. Focus and aim the camera, then slowly lower it from your face before shooting.

🐾 **Take lots of shots.** Generally, you will have to take 10 shots of a pet, any pet, in order to get one good one. God bless digital cameras.

🐾 **Create a sleeker look** by removing the collar from your dog or cat.

🐾 **Choose black-and-white** film for a more dramatic, artistic feel.

Virtually any discussion among pet owners is bound to reveal clearly that there are dog people and there are cat people. In some cases, the depth of feeling for their chosen species can be quite intense. However, according to an Associated Press poll, there are a lot more dog people out there; seventy four percent of the test sample like dogs a lot, while only 41 percent like cats a lot.

It also seems that some people seem to be quite exclusive in their preferences, liking either dogs or cats and loathing the other species. Cats appear to be much easier to hate. Fifteen per-

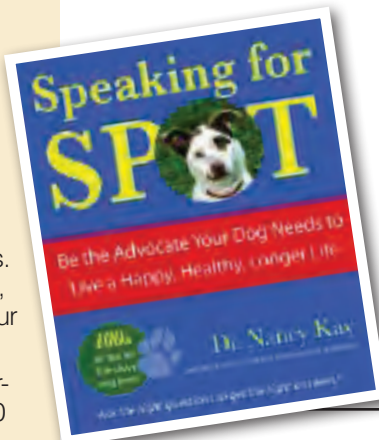
cent of the adults questioned said they disliked cats a lot while the number who said they disliked dogs a lot was only 2 percent.

There are sound reasons to suspect that the preference for dogs or cats reflects some underlying human personality differences. Certainly the relationship between cats and humans has always been quite different than the relationship between dogs and people. This reflects the behaviors that both species have kept from their heritage prior to domestication.

In the wild, cats are usually solitary hunters and often are active mostly at

night. Juliet Clutton-Brock of the Natural History Museum in London calls the cat an "exploited captive" rather than a domesticated animal. Cats are the least tame of our household pets but are surprisingly successful for a species that retains so much of its wildness.

In contrast, wild canines are usually sociable pack animals that work in groups and are active between dawn and dusk. Our domestic dogs retain this need for social interaction to the degree that without a master and a family, a dog seems unhappy — almost lost.



## Book is best gift for any dog owner!

**Speaking for Spot: be the advocate your dog needs to live a happy, healthy, longer life**

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# tri-county outdoors

Still time  
to bag that

# big buck

By Colin Van Leuven

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The Michigan muzzleloader season has just opened in zones 1 and 3, and bow hunting continues until year's end. There's still plenty of time to tag a nice buck, but you're going to need to change your tactics.

The early rut is over, and old bucks are at their peak when it comes to hunter evasion. Changing your hunting routine to take advantage of a buck's post-rut behavior will increase the likelihood of you surprising a mature buck.

The early rut in Michigan generally peaks around Nov. 12 to Nov. 16, with the secondary rut peaking about Dec. 10. This means post-rut bucks are on the move again, and will often travel several miles from their summer haunts in search of late season doe to breed with. This is the one time of the year, when a mock scrape can really work to your advantage.

Many of the largest bucks harvested during the hunting seasons are taken during the post-rut period. This may be due to their tendency to move more during 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Studies have shown that a large portion of bucks taken at this time of the year, are seen during the middle of the day. Staying put while other hunters are going in or coming back from lunch is really important during the post-rut.

Seems easy enough, but don't think for a minute that the buck of your dreams is just going to be sauntering out into the middle of some barren field and wait for you or some hot doe.

After surviving hunting pressure since September, when they decide to travel, it's often going to be in or very near, heavy cover.

The does will be close to there, too. River bottoms and thickly wooded funnels near food sources are great choices for intercepting a wary buck. An area with Oak trees and a healthy acorn crop, bordering a swamp with a river coursing through it, will be a deer magnet at this time of the year. Set up as always, with wind direction and concealment being your prime concerns.

These types of locations are big buck homes. They know them almost as well as you know your own living room, but their sense of smell is better. If you stand out, or make the smallest mistake with the wind or by moving too much, you'll rarely get a shot. If you are patient and lucky, these spots can produce, year after year.

Farming areas, edges, or thickets near standing crop fields are best. Deer need more food at this time of year to help them through the coming cold months. The early breeding season takes a toll on bucks, so they're eating a lot

**Changing your hunting routine to take advantage of a buck's post-rut behavior will increase the likelihood of you surprising a mature buck**

to recover. The same can be said for a doe that has already been bred, as she is already starting to eat for two or three.

The tactics of rattling or calling can still be quite effective. If you're going to rattle, do it softly, and not as long as during the peak rut. The same goes for calling, the softer bleating of a doe call, or a light grunt can draw a big boy in during post rut.

Scout heavily for deer signs. If there are a lot of tracks near your hunting spot, there will be bucks. Snow will help here, but tracks are easily spotted in leaves, too, especially if they are wet.

Don't look for the normal hoof print you'd see in mud or snow, just for V-shaped impressions.

A lot of tracks will indicate an area of many does. That increases the probability of does that didn't successfully breed during the early rut, and that means there may be some older and larger bucks hanging around.

If it is a big buck you're after to fill your tag, don't lose hope. It's not impossible to find a post-rut buck, even that trophy buck at this time of year. It just takes focus and work.

Find an area actively being used by does. Select a spot near heavy cover with good food sources. Set up discreetly, with a minding of the wind. Skip lunch. Add in a little luck, and you still might be able to best a large-racked buck during the waning deer season.

Send me a note and let me know how your season has been going. I can be reached at colinio@charter.net.

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## TRI-COUNTY Buck Pole



Sydney Wilhoite, 12, of Fenton, harvested this 5-point buck on Sept. 24, while hunting with her father during the Michigan Youth Hunt just south of the Fenton area.

The Tri-County Times wants to give our readers the chance to show off the trophies they bag this season. If you have a deer worth showing off, snap a photo and bring it in or mail it to the Tri-County Times, 256 N. Fenway Drive, Fenton, MI 48430. Submissions should include a contact number and list important details.



# business profiles

## Animal Health Clinic moves to new location

By Sally Rummel

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Animal Health Clinic in Fenton has moved into a spacious new office, where two veterinarians treat small animals in a growing practice with state-of-the-art equipment and services.

Now located at 1495 Dauner, off North LeRoy Street in Fenton, clinic owner Sandy Smith, DVM, has completely renovated and re-designed the new office and clinical space she shares with associate veterinarian Susan Swanebeck, DVM.

New exam rooms, a surgical suite, dental suite and pharmacy/lab are just a few of the updates that have been added. In addition, a "comfort room" awaits patients and their families who may need some quiet time following negative health news or can be used as a relaxing place to say good-bye to a beloved pet.

Smith has been with Animal Health Clinic since 1989. Swanebeck joined

### Summary

► Animal Health Clinic has moved to its new offices in Fenton, offering state-of-the-art equipment and a variety of unique services.



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Susan Swanebeck, DVM, Serena Mercer and Sandy Smith, DVM, have several "house pets" at their new Animal Health Clinic offices. They are pictured with Oscar, Buddha and Buddy.

the practice after her graduation from Michigan State University's School of Veterinary Medicine in 2008. Swanebeck is originally from the Fenton area and is a graduate of Lake Fenton High School. Serving as practice manager is Serena Mercer.

This veterinary practice specializes in laser de-clawing and offers several unique services — from acupuncture and chiropractic care to canine massage services.

Located conveniently next door on each side of the practice are Rumpshakers Dog Grooming and The Tuckered Pup, dog obedience and doggy day care. "We're pleased to have all of these related services located in our same complex," said Smith. "When your pet has surgery and needs to have a place to stay the next day, we offer that as a service through The Tuckered Pup. It's very convenient for families with both parents working."

Clinic hours are Monday, Thursday and Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., with house calls available. For more information, call (810) 629-9882 or visit [www.animalhealthclinic.org](http://www.animalhealthclinic.org).

## Affordable workouts at Planet Fitness

By Sally Rummel

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Planet Fitness in Fenton wants to take all the excuses away from working out. This nationwide gym franchise opened in Fenton on Oct. 14, with a pre-Grand Opening Sale that brought in hundreds of members. "Our prices are always low," said manager Mike Skyring. "We're a value-based gym that offers the basics so that people can afford to work out."

Also setting Planet Fitness apart from other gyms is its "Judgement Free Zone," which provides a safe place for working out where everyone feels accepted and respected. "We're geared toward general fitness, not body builders," said Jim Matthew, owner of the Fenton location. "We don't have dumbbells that are heavier than 75 pounds and we enforce our rules about proper dress code and no large water/beverage jugs. We're here to provide a relaxed, non-intimidating atmosphere."

This 15,800-square-foot facility features 74 cardio machines, including treadmills, elliptical machines, Arc trainers and stationary bikes. The cardio areas are equipped with 20 large, flat-screen TVs. The gym also has two full circuits of strength machines, a 30-minute Express Circuit, a 12-minute Abs Circuit, three tanning booths, a Red-Light therapy booth, two massage chairs and locker rooms.

Planet Fitness offers two levels of membership, one at \$10 per month and a

### Summary

► Planet Fitness opened in Fenton on Oct. 14, with the goal of making workouts less intimidating and more affordable for the general population.



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Pictured with Planet Fitness owner Jim Matthew are staff members (from left) Erica Gale, Stacie Burgee and Mariah Althoff.

PF Black Card membership at \$19.99 per month. The \$10 membership includes full use of the gym, lockers and showers, free personal training in small group sessions and no contracts for joining. The \$19.99 membership comes with unlimited tanning, guest privileges, use of massage chairs, half-off all cooler drinks and use of all clubs in the Planet Fitness chain, which includes 500 locations in 44 states.

The gym is always staffed and operates 24 hours beginning Monday at 5 a.m. through Friday at 9 p.m. Saturday and

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That's how much money would be pumped into the local economy if every area family spent just \$50 more per year shopping locally!



# Look Who's Talking

By Angel Ryneerson, Intern



**SHAUN LEPAIN**

**15-year-old freshman**

**Linden High School**

## FAMILY:

My mom and step-dad are Sandra and Jason Vanderlip and my dad is Jason LePain. I have a brother, Jacob, and two sisters, Savannah and Jaiden.

## MY DREAM CAR IS:

A black Bugatti with black leather interior.



## Shaun LePain

**If you could do anything over in high school what would it be?:** Have better grades so I can get a scholarship to Michigan State University (MSU).

**What do you do outside of school?:** I snowboard and I am on the wrestling team.

**My greatest high school regret is?:** I am only a freshman so I don't have any regrets — yet.

**My most embarrassing moment in high school was?:** One time I got my pants pulled down in gym class.

**If you could have one super power what would it be?:** To read people's minds.

**If you were principal for a day what changes would you make to the school?:** I would change the lunch menu and allow the students to have off-campus lunches.

**What is an upcoming event you are looking forward to?:** The winter formal dance.

**If you had to walk through downtown all day wearing a sign, what would it say?:** 'Make a change.'

**Front row seats and back stage passes, who are you seeing?:** LMFAO and Yellow Wolf.

**What has been the best day in your life so far?:** Freshman homecoming, it was amazing.

**What are your plans after graduation?:** I want to be an anesthesiologist and go to MSU for college.

**Where will you be and what will you be doing 10 years from now?:** Hopefully, living a successful life and own my own snowboarding mountain.

## Student Body asked at Linden High School

**If you could have a new electronic device what would it be?**

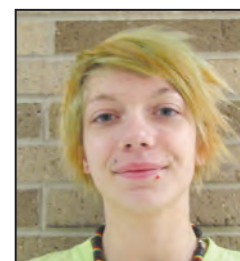
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### NIK BROST, FRESHMAN



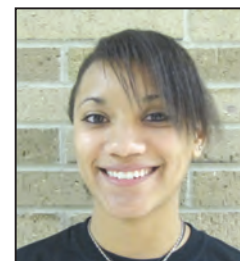
"The iPad2, because it's legit."

### CHEYENNE SCHOTTEN, FRESHMAN



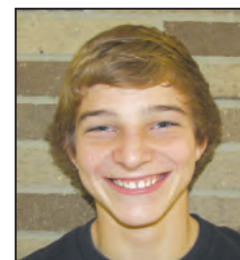
"The new iPhone, because I don't have a phone and it looks really cool."

### ANGELINA GARCIA, SENIOR



"The new iPod touch because my iPod broke."

### ANDREW BELLANT, FRESHMAN



"The iPad2, because it's entertaining and has many things to do on it."

### KELSEY BRECHT, JUNIOR



"The new iPad2, because it's new technology and looks like it would be fun to have."

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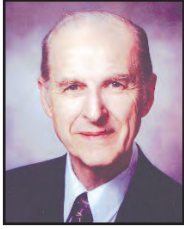
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## Featured columnist

By Roger Campbell



### Go ahead — brighten somebody's day

Recently, friends sent the following anonymous quote to me. "This is the beginning of a new day. God has given me this day to use as I will. I can waste it — or use it for good, but what I do today is important, because I am exchanging a day of my life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving in its place something that I have traded for it. I want it to be gain, and not loss; good and not evil; success, and not failure; in order that I shall not regret the price I have paid for it."

Paul, the apostle, considered himself to be in debt to everybody (Romans 1:14). Others had shared their faith with him so now he felt obligated to return the favor by telling everyone he met about his Lord.

Placed before judges and kings who held the power of life or death over him, he told his story of moving from doubts to belief, enabling him to make a difference in their lives. He was neither fearful nor ashamed to invite others to trust the One who had made him a missionary.

Raising my gaze from this computer screen to the wall above, I see another quote card sent to me long ago by an old friend and respected evangelist. I've placed this quote in a conspicuous location that allows its challenge to motivate me every morning.

Do you need a powerful day-starter? Try this morning motivator and see what it does for you.

"I am only one, but I am one, I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And what I can do, I ought to do. And by the grace of God, I will do it."

This enlarger of vision and responsibility has changed my thinking about things I used to consider time wasters or interrupters of my plans. Now, I see these as opportunities to lift the discouraged and help people trade their fears for faith.

Long- or slow-moving lines in stores have become fertile fields in which to sow seeds of encouragement in the minds of people who are hurting, pointing them to the One who loves and comforts those in distress. Even telemarketers have become prospects for peace with God rather than irritants, who interrupt my day.

A once popular old hymn says, "Brighten the corner where you are." There are many dark corners in life and they're often occupied by people longing for light. Each of us has the responsibility to bring them the good news of God's love.

After all, like Paul, we're in debt to everybody.

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

## Lake Fenton Theatre presents Wizard of Oz

Lake Fenton Theatre (LFT) announces their stage presentation of the Musical, "The Wizard of Oz." Performances run from Thursday, Dec. 8 to Sunday, Dec. 11 at Lake Fenton High School. Curtain times on Thursday, Friday and Saturday are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

The stage performance is based on the 1939 movie starring Judy Garland as Dorothy Gale, a Kansas farm girl who is whisked up in a tornado and dropped into the Land of Oz.

Cameo appearances will be made by elected officials, coaches, administrators and teachers from throughout the Lake Fenton district.

The large student cast includes Sydney Wolgast as Dorothy Gale. Stage veteran Corinne Brown will play Glinda the Good Witch, as well as Aunt Emily Gale. Sierra Harbin, Cullen O'Donnell and Donovan Leary will portray scarecrow, Tin Man and Lion. The Great Wizard of Oz is played by Raied Jawhari. The Wicked

### WIZARD OF OZ

Lake Fenton High School  
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Witch of the West is played by Patricia Whittaker.

Supporting cast includes Aimee Craig, Analisa Reed, Aubrey MacDonald,

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EPA's cleanup consisted of removing soil contaminated with lead, arsenic and PCBs, as well as installing systems to deal with soil vapors and ground water contaminated with volatile organic compounds.

More information is available at the Holly Township Library, 1116 Saginaw St., Holly, and at [www.epa.gov/region5/cleanup/rosedump](http://www.epa.gov/region5/cleanup/rosedump). The review should be completed in June.

The five-year review is an opportunity for you to tell the EPA about site conditions and any concerns you have. Contact:

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Vivian Rundell - age 91,  
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**Linda Powers**  
1950-2011  
Linda Powers - of Flint,  
age 61, died Friday,  
November 18, 2011 at  
Genesys Regional Medi-  
cal Center. A Memorial  
Service was held 12 noon,  
Monday, November  
21, 2011 at the Swartz  
Funeral Home, 1225 West  
Hill Road, Flint. Crema-  
tion has taken place.  
Linda was born in Flint on  
March 21, 1950. On April  
27, 1981 she married Lee  
Powers in Las Vegas. Sur-  
viving are husband, Lee;  
step-children, Lyle (Mar-  
lene) Powers of Traverse  
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Powers of White Lake,  
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30, 2011 at her residence. Ser-  
vices handled by Sharp Funeral  
Homes, Fenton Chapel.



**Lucille M. Mosley**  
1920-2011  
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journey and  
joined her  
beloved  
family and  
friends in the great  
beyond  
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and true friend and gave  
wise council to many. As  
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and in her final years  
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Lucille's four children and  
their families were her  
greatest achievement and  
her greatest love; and that  
legacy will continue on  
forever. Her children are:  
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Janet (Gordon) Swapp of  
Linden, Billie J. Marcum  
of Fenton, and Marvin  
(Marie) Mosley of Florida;  
she is also survived by  
her brother, Leslie Gray in  
Nebraska; 10 grandchil-  
dren; 23 great-grandchil-  
dren; and 7 great-great-  
grandchildren. She was  
preceded in death by  
her parents and brother,  
Vernon Gray. A celebration  
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**Betty May Tomek**  
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grand-  
mother and the  
wife of the late  
Charles L. Tomek  
went to be  
with the  
Lord on Novem-  
ber 28,  
2011 at the age  
of 85.  
She was a 1944  
Flint



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College to become a R.N.  
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ally retired from Genesys  
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vived by daughters, Sharon  
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(Michael) Donlan of Flush-  
ing, and Susan Mason  
of Linden; sister, Mary  
Lou Wenzel of Wayland;  
and many grandchildren,  
great-grandchildren,  
nieces and nephews. She  
was preceded in death  
by husband of 30 years,  
Charles L. Tomek; her son,  
Charles M. Tomek; son,  
Stephen M. Tomek, and  
parents Charles and Vera  
Blake. Per her wishes,  
cremation has taken place  
and a graveside memorial  
is planned for the spring.  
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**TREE**

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**Trim bottom of trunk**

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By opening up these pores and removing the dried sap, the tree is free to soak up as much water as it needs.

**Tree stands**

Tree stands come in a variety of styles. Petts said this is a personal preference of the tree buyer. For tall trees, stands that allow a rod to go up the center of the trunk

offer great support. Most tree farms can drill this hole for their customers.

When buying a tree stand, read the package instructions carefully, to see what size is appropriate for the particular Christmas tree. Some of tree stands readily available can hold tree trunks from 4 to more than 7 inches in diameter. Keep in mind how tall of a tree you have. The packaging will state how tall of a tree it can accommodate. The base needs to be wide and heavy enough to support a very tall tree.

Tree stands that swivel or have their own watering system are also available.

**Watering**

The most important thing to remember about Christmas trees and tree stands is

to keep the stand filled with water at all times. Petts said if the stand runs dry, the sap on the bottom of the trunk will seal the pores again, preventing more water from entering. This situation will lead to needles falling off more quickly.

Petts said he's heard of people claiming that sugar, aspirin and even bleach should be added to the water. From his experience, the best thing to use is plain, room-temperature tap water.

**Living trees**

Petts said live trees with roots are becoming more popular, but because of their weight, smaller trees are the norm. These living trees, which are in containers or have their roots wrapped can be kept inside for about a week. The warmth of the home will prompt the tree to form buds. These trees can be brought in for up to 10 days at the most, and should be kept watered.

Homeowners are advised to place a board or blanket over the area outside where this tree will be planted. When it's time to plant the tree outside, remove the covering to reveal fresh dirt and no snow to dig through.

**Allergies**

Some people switch to artificial Christmas trees due to allergies. Petts said although he has no scientific proof, some of his customers have told him that when they switched to a white pine, their allergic reactions lessened.

**Enjoy**

With the first snowfall of the season on the ground, now is the time to pick out that Christmas tree. At Haddon Nursery, they sell between 350 and 500 Christmas trees every year, depending on the weather.

**DEBATE**

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the cost of a single large live tree, you can purchase an artificial tree that looks the same but will last for several holiday seasons.

Artificial trees are manufactured using a polyvinyl chloride (or PVC), which is a petroleum-derived plastic. The raw material for fake Christmas trees is both non-renewable and polluting. Furthermore, PVC production results in the unhealthy emission of a number of carcinogens, such as dioxin, ethylene dichloride and vinyl chloride.

**Real trees**

While chopping down a living tree may seem like the most un-environment-friendly thing to do, it appears to be the "greener" choice.

However, there is a downside to real Christmas trees, as well. Most trees are harvested after eight to 12 years, and require maintenance over that period. In addition to watering, some Christmas tree farms use pesticides and chemicals for pest control and to speed growth. Also, when it comes time for delivering those trees to Christmas tree lots, they must be transported by truck.

The good news is, while those trees are growing they help to sequester the carbon dioxide that is produced by modern industries. Each year, an acre of Douglas fir trees can absorb 11,308.7 pounds of carbon dioxide. Christmas tree farms are placed in areas that would otherwise be unusable.

**Real or Artificial?**

If you buy 10 real trees in 10 years as opposed to only one artificial tree in the same period, do the benefits of the real trees still outweigh the negatives of the fake ones?

An artificial tree may be used for five to 15 years but eventually it will be disposed of in favor of something new. Artificial trees are not biodegradable and cannot be recycled, so their disposal has a significant impact to the environment.

If disposed in a landfill, artificial trees will never breakdown but rather permanently remain in landfills. If disposed of by incineration, the PVC in artificial trees will emit into the atmosphere dioxins and other carcinogens into the air.

On the other hand, when the holidays are over a real tree can be recycled. The branches and trees can be ground into mulch. The mulch provides a protective barrier for the roots of other plants and vegetation while preventing weeds from growing. The mulch then decomposes, providing the nutrients plants need.

There are proponents for both sides of the Christmas tree debate. But short of forgoing a tree altogether, real trees may be the best option when considered from an environmental perspective.

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# 2010-11 TRI-COUNTY PREP BASKETBALL QUICK QUESTIONS

By David Troppens

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The prep basketball season is here.

In fact, by the time most people read this, every tri-county girls basketball team will have played at least one game. For the guys, the season begins this week.

Here are a few thoughts about the season.

**Who are the preseason Player of the Year candidates?**

For the boys, it seems three candidates stand ahead of the rest of the

field. Last year, Ryan Hickoff led the Tri-County boys' team, averaging 18 points and six rebounds a game. Twin brother Dylan Hickoff won the honor two years ago and remains a pretty clear threat for the award, too.

But you don't have to have the last name Hickoff to be a contender. Holly's Nic Stoll is a decent dark-horse candidate. He's already signed with Michigan Tech to play basketball next season and he should lead the Bronchos in points and rebounds this season.

Beyond those three, there aren't many players on the radar.

For the girls, the list of preseason MVP hopefuls is even smaller with no one a clear-cut favorite. One established veteran to look out for is Lake Fenton's Sidney Scott. She has size, can score and rebound and yet play guard. She probably will be among the team leaders in assists and steals as well. One player to watch out for may be Holly sophomore Allyssa Copley. As last season progressed, she seemingly got better

with each game.

For the first time since Fenton doesn't have a Rivette on its team. This is a pretty wide open race.

**What area teams are capable of winning a league title?**

The Fenton boys lead that list. The Tigers enter the season as three-time defending champions and are the favorites to win the Metro title once again

**See QUESTIONS on 15B**



Fenton's Julie Gilbert

## SPORTS TRIVIA

**Q** Who holds the NBA record for most consecutive double-digit point games?

**A** Michael Jordan holds the record with a streak of 866 games from 1986 until 2001. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is a distant second with a 787-game streak.

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# Fenton leads list of Metro League contenders

## FENTON TIGERS

**Coach:** Tim Olszewski

**2010-11 Record:** 14-2 in Metro, 17-4 overall.

**Team summary:** The Tigers have won three straight Metro titles, and return the two pieces that have helped make that run possible — the Hickoff twins, Dylan and Ryan. Both have won Tri-County Player of the Year honors once. Could one of them break the tie this year? We'll see.

Other quality players also return. On that list is Conor Muntin, Damon Thomas and Jack Lukas. Some of the new faces that should make an impact this year are Eric Readman, Cory Cox and Mitch Shegos. Two freshmen also dot the roster — James Claborne and Andrew Olszewski.

**Coach Olszewski says:** "One of the things we try to do is take one day and one game at a time. But we have some goals. We want to win the Metro League for the fourth straight time, then win a district as a Class A school. Those are the big goals, but we also have daily goals of just wanting to get better every day."

**Prediction:** The Tigers are a favorite to win their fourth straight Metro League championship.

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SCOTT SCHUPBACH

Fenton's Ryan Hickoff is our returning Tri-County Boys Basketball Player of the Year.

## LAKE FENTON BLUE DEVILS

**Coach:** Matt Furey

**2010-11 Record:** 5-7 in GAC Red, 12-10 overall.

**Team summary:**

Coach Furey finds himself with few veterans on his squad this year. To be more precise, he finds himself with just one player returning from last year. That player is Tyler Davidek. However, he does have a good group of players that he likes entering the season. That list includes Darian Welch, Kaleb Nealy, Jeff Burke, Jed Horski, Tyler Begley, Sawyer Scott, Zac Zielinski and Tim Hooks.

How long it takes the team to adjust to playing varsity competition will be key. Several players competed in AAU organizations during the summer, experiencing some success while doing so.

**Coach Furey says:**

"We have eight juniors and two seniors on the team, so some guys are still adjusting to the speed of the game at the varsity level. But in time, they'll be fine. They compete every day, play the right way and have a good basketball IQ."

**Prediction:** With so

many new faces on the team, it's hard to see the Blue Devils improving upon last year's record. When teams return so little experience, they usually see a lot of improvement from the first game to the last. Matching last year's season we'd guess would have to be considered a reasonably successful season.

## HOLLY BRONCHOS

**Coach:** Lance Baylis

**2010-11 Record:** 12-4 in Metro, 15-6 overall.

**Team summary:** The Bronchos have an interesting mix of experience and youthful talent. Nic Stoll returns as the focal point of the experienced talent. He provides size and team leadership. Also returning are Jared Plawski and Austin Hopkin, who should make a decent backcourt. Donovan Williams also returns.

The young players include Michael Alexander, and freshmen Isaac Casillas, Parker Rowse and Morgan Baylis. Logan Spiker (6-foot-7) will bring size. Other newbies on the team include Cannon

Konzer and Justice Kerner. Other players include Blake Oridway and Patrick Reddy.

**Coach Baylis says:** "We have a nice cross section of age groups. It is interesting the combination of experienced, talented players we have and the number of inexperienced but talented guys we have. I have never had a team like this. We are going to heavily rely on our seniors not only in terms of their play on the court, but also their leadership on the court."

**Prediction:** Holly is always a contender and will be once again this year. How quickly the young players mature into at least quality complimentary roles will probably determine the fate of this squad.

Expect Holly to win at least 14 games.

## LINDEN EAGLES

**Coach:** Denny Hopkins

**2010 Record:** 6-10 in Metro, 8-12 overall.

**Team Summary:** The Linden Eagles have some solid athletes back from a year ago. That list starts with Kevin Baker, Dillon Nash and Max Belbot. Josh Hoeberling and Shaye Brown also return after playing on the varsity squad a year ago. The team will have to play without injured Tyler Kraus probably until the new year

comes around, but he also returns. The new faces include Kyle Babcock, Jake Dunleavy, Travis Hull, Cody Grandy, Taylor Anderson and Eddie Walterhouse.

It's a reasonably athletic lineup, but one thing Linden doesn't have is a ton of size.

**Coach Hopkins says:** "Some of the players are a little ahead of the others, but no one is too far behind anyone. We can probably play anyone right now other than Tyler because he's hurt. Other than that, we don't lose

much. This is one of our better groups in terms of working together. We don't have size, and that's troubling, but it is what it is."

**Prediction:** Hopkins is one that believes in the theory of "getting better every day."

The Eagles have some pieces that have quality varsity experience, but they probably lack the pieces needed to contend for a Metro title or anything like that. Finishing at .500 in the Metro would be considered a huge success for the Eagles.

**did you know?**

Wendell Scott was the first African American to win a race at NASCAR's top level, doing it in 1963.



# LF girls open season with win vs. Bridgeport

By David Troppens

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**Lake Fenton** — When it comes to star players, not many are quieter than Sidney Scott.

The Lake Fenton girls basketball player doesn't yell or doesn't make body language moves suggesting she's the queen of the court.

Instead, Scott lets her offense, defense and rebounding do the talking for her.

Scott did just that in Lake Fenton's first varsity girls basketball game of the season at Lake Fenton High School Tuesday night. She scored 19 points, grabbed 17 rebounds, dished off five assists and collected five steals in the Blue Devils' 56-46 victory against Bridgeport.

"It's quiet. Sidney is quiet about it," first-year Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Matt Gildner said. "She does her job. She scraps, that's the thing. A lot of the girls are starting to develop the same thing."

Scott is an unselfish player, and that has seemed to rub off on what was an unselfish Blue Devils' squad Tuesday night. Eighteen of Lake Fenton's 21 field goals had assists, reflecting the team's unselfish play. Several other times, the passing resulted in quality shots, but, perhaps due to it being the first game of the season, the Blue Devils didn't always take advantage, netting just 21-of-73 shots from the field. However, it's hard to think such unselfishness won't be rewarded as the season continues. The 73 shots also reflect two other tendencies. It seems the Blue Devils are trying to push the tempo. The 73 shots

also came due to a nice rebounding edge as Lake Fenton had 15 second-chance points due to its rebounding prowess.

"We've been working on pushing the ball up the floor," Gildner said. "From the scrimmage and this game, the girls are getting more unselfish with the ball. They are looking to share. They are not getting where they obsess about points. They are looking to be a team and to create for their teammates."

Lake Fenton scored the game's first four points, and never trailed in the contest. The Blue Devils' lead grew to as many as 21-6 after a Jordan Newman assist on a Scott bucket with about 5:30 left in the first half.

However, Bridgeport fought back. The lead was cut to 29-23 by the half, and the Bearcats cut it to one in the fourth quarter. It got to one at 45-44 after a 12-foot jumper by post player Danielle Warner with just under six minutes remaining in the contest. However, Newman assisted a Faith Weier layup, Weier assisted a Paige Stafford bucket and Newman had a steal and a coast-to-coast breaking layup, raising the gap back to 51-44 over the next 90 seconds. The 11-0 Lake Fenton run was completed with two free throws by Scott, a free throw by Hannah Rummel and a hoop by Scott off an assist by Weier. Lake Fenton led 56-44.

After Scott, Mackenzie Gottron had 11 points, nine rebounds and four steals. Weier had nine points, five assists and four steals. Newman had eight points, four assists and two steals.

Bridgeport was led by Labriana Burton, who had a game-high 21 points.



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Lake Fenton's Mackenzie Gottron attempts a shot during the Blue Devils' 56-46 victory against Bridgeport on Tuesday night.

## Holly wins opener; Linden falls

First games can always be tough for basketball squads. But those first games are always made better with a victory.

The Holly varsity girls basketball team had its pluses and minuses, as does any other squad, during its first game, but also came out of that game with a 38-33 victory at Milford High School Tuesday night.

"We played hard," Holly coach David Hall said. "It was your typical first game with turnovers and fouls."

Holly led at every quarter break, leading 8-4 after one quarter. The Bronchos' lead was up to 17-12 at the halftime.

In the third quarter, Lauren Maher scored all nine of Holly's points, leading the squad to a 27-21 lead after three quarters.

Alyssa Copley led the Bronchos with

12 points, while Maher had 11 points. Delaney Serra had four points, nine rebounds, seven assists and five steals. Jessica Beeler had five points and nine rebounds.

**Lake Orion 42, Linden 29**

The Eagles struggled in the opening half, resulting in the loss.

"We played good at times and not good at other times," Linden coach Ben Varner said. "There's room for improvement."

Linden trailed 29-17 at the half but played better in the second. Lake Orion to just 16 second-half points. However, the offense provided only 12 second-half points.

Jordan Sargent led Linden with seven points, while Sabrina Kinney and Kelsey Brecht had five points each. Kaitlyn Dunleavy had five rebounds.



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# Fenton hockey learning how to play with smaller bench

## Despite late rally, Tigers fall to Davison 6-4

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**Flint** — The economy has hit life in a lot of areas.

And in the prep sports world, it seems it's hit hockey more than most sports.

It has hit the Flint Metro League as well. Every school that has hockey in the conference is sponsoring the sport through a co-op. Well, all but one that is. The exception is Fenton. But even a school as deep-rooted in its hockey tradition as Fenton is seeing some economic pains. The team is down to 15 players — two being goalies — meaning the team can only run two complete lines. That's something that the program isn't used to. And it's taking some getting used to, particularly against some of the better programs in the Flint area.

The Tigers struggled early against area power Davison, falling behind by as many as four goals twice, before making a mad run in the third period. However, the Tigers still fell 6-4 at Perani Arena on Wednesday night.

"It's tough," said Fenton senior Jake Blackburn, who remembers the days of deeper teams well. "But it always comes down to what we do in practice. If we work hard in practice, we'll get used to it. We are just having a hard time getting used to it right now, but we will. The last couple of years we've had the opportunity to have four lines, or at least three lines, so everyone was well rested. We just have to get used to it."

"They are showing a lot of heart," said Fenton coach Jeff Mynatt. "We are running off a short bench. We have 15 skaters right

now, actually 13 skaters and two goalies. They are giving everything they got every shift and you can't ask for anything more. That's as tough as it gets in hockey."

Slow starts have hurt Fenton in its first two games as well. On Tuesday, Davison scored three first-period goals, and led at one time 4-0 after a goal by Brandon Pirtle just 44 seconds into the second period.

Fenton cut the gap to 4-1 on an even-strength goal by Hugh Comben with 5:22 left in the second period, but Davison responded just nine seconds later. That's when Alex Dunckel scored his second goal of the game. Fenton trailed 5-1 entering the final period.

The Tigers cut the gap to 5-2 with a goal by Kyle Lixie, assisted by Ben Cislo, with 13:31 remaining, but it seemed that might be as close as Fenton would get because the scoring stopped at that point.

At least it stopped until the final 122 seconds. The Tigers scored with 2:02 left on a Connor Phillips goal, assisted by Logan Edwards and Tyler DeLong. That cut the gap to 5-3. Then, just 19 seconds later, DeLong scored on assists by Phillips and Kevin Berry. The lead was suddenly just 5-4 with 1:41 remaining. However, Davison scored an empty-net goal late, icing the victory.

Logan Edwards and Lixie assisted the Tigers' first goal by Comben. The 0-2 start, which also included a loss to Grand Blanc, hasn't ruined the enthusiasm for the season.

"We're capable of a lot," Blackburn said. "We have shooters. We just have to be able to execute on the shots. We



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Fenton's Tyler DeLong scored a goal in the Tigers' 6-4 loss to Davison Wednesday night.

have been getting off to slow starts right now. That's been our problem. Once we get that out of the way, we can win some games."

It's also a source of pride for the Tigers, knowing they are the only Metro team that

remains a one-school squad.

"I enjoy it. I wouldn't want to join another team," Blackburn said. "I'm glad I had an opportunity as a senior not to join another team. It's your high school. It's your school."

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(B10)..... Iowa State at Michigan..... Noon  
(ESPN)..... Arkansas at U-Conn..... 3:15 p.m.  
(ESPN2)..... Gonzaga at Illinois..... 3:15 p.m.  
(ESPN)..... Pittsburgh at Tennessee..... 5:15 p.m.  
(ESPN2)..... South Florida at Kansas..... 5:15 p.m.

#### FOOTBALL

(ABC)..... Conference USA Championship..... Noon  
(ESPN)..... U-Conn at Cincinnati..... Noon  
(ESPN2)..... Syracuse at Pittsburgh..... Noon  
(ABC)..... Texas at Baylor..... 3:30 p.m.  
(CBS)..... SEC Championship..... 4 p.m.  
(ESPN2)..... Brigham Young at Hawaii..... 7:30 p.m.

(ABC)..... Oklahoma at Oklahoma State..... 4 p.m.  
(FOX)..... B10: Michigan State vs Wisconsin..... 8 p.m.  
(ESPN)..... ACC Championship..... 8 p.m.

#### GOLF

(NBC)..... Chevron World Challenge..... 3 p.m.

### SUNDAY

#### FOOTBALL

(CBS)..... Kansas City at Chicago..... 1 p.m.  
(FOX)..... To be announced..... 1 p.m.  
(FOX)..... Green Bay at NY Giants..... 4:15 p.m.  
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## GIRLS BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

### LAKE FENTON BLUE DEVILS



Sidney Scott

**Coach:** Matt Gildner

**2010-11 Record:** 6-6 in the GAC Red, 12-9 overall.

**Team summary:** First-year coach Matt Gildner had found himself a squad with some pretty decent talent on it. Junior Sidney Scott returns and has the potential to be the area's top player. She can play pretty much any position on the court. But she has some other strong players around her with most being seniors. That list of players includes Faith Weier, Hannah Rummel, Paige Stafford, Madison Skinner and Karlie Dieck. Rummel and Stafford provide a post presence while

the others are mostly wings or guards.

Jordan Newman (guard) and Mackenzie Gotttron (forward/center) are two juniors who should see their share of time on the court as well.

**Coach Gildner says:** "It's a team comprised of a lot of 'like' talent. We have a lot of good athletes and I think that's where the strength of the team is. I don't have five standard players. We have a lot of players that can be interchanged without us missing too much."

**Prediction:** The Blue Devils could be the team to kind of watch out for this year. Lake Fenton should be a bit better than last year's 6-6 and 12-9 squad.

### FENTON TIGERS

**Coach:** Brad DeWitt

**2010-11 Record:** 13-3 in Metro, 17-5 overall.

**Team summary:** For the first time in awhile, there won't be a Rivette on the squad. But that's not the only major change with this team. Six seniors graduated, and all played a significant role towards last year's 17 wins. Some solid players return. That list includes Jalen Judson, who plays at the point. Payton

Maxheimer plays at the wing and Julie Gilbert will move in between the two forward spots. In the post, Sarah Collier and Rachel Ambler return. Another guard back is Hannah Evo.

**Coach DeWitt says:** "Our strength will be on the defensive end of the floor and our quickness. We are going to have to score in a lot of transition situations, and off of our defense but that's not anything unusual from the past. Our goals never change. We want to be as

solid a team as we can, be competitive and give the best team effort we can. Hopefully we'll be lucky down the stretch."

**Prediction:** The Tigers will look a lot different than in seasons past, but they should still be among the Metro League elite. Winning a league title could be tough. Clio remains tough as do a few other teams, but the Tigers should finish in one of the top three spots.

### LINDEN EAGLES

**Coach:** Ben Varner

**2010-11 Record:** 3-13 in Metro, 4-17 overall.

**Team summary:** It took awhile for the Eagles to figure it out last year, but the squad ended up playing much better in the season's second half than the first. And now, the squad returns seven seniors from that varsity team. Jordan Harp plays the point, while Kaitlyn Dunleavy and Lexi

Downes will spend a lot of time in the post. Sabrina Kinney is a solid guard, while Brodie Thomas should see time at the wing. Madisen Nosek returns back after a year at Lake Fenton. Others moving to the varsity that should see ample playing time are Sam Thornton, and Maija Satkowiak.

**Coach Varner says:** "We have a lot of wings and not a lot of posts. We are kind of small, but we'll see what happens. A lot of

them got to play last year. They got the experience and they should be ready to go."

**Prediction:** The Eagles aren't ready to join the Metro elite, but they should be better than they were a year ago. We figure the second-half trend of better basketball a year ago and a lot of those players returning is good reason to think the team could win as many as seven or eight games."

### HOLLY BRONCHOS

**Coach:** David Hall

**2010-11 Record:** 12-4 in Metro, 15-6 overall.

**Team summary:** The Bronchos' biggest loss was Ashley Xiong. And in the time she was with the program, the Bronchos progressively got better. Now, they must find a way to compete without their four-year point guard. And there does seem to be some quality talent on the squad to keep the good days rolling. Alyssa Copley is a forward who got better and better as her freshman season continued. Around her, there are senior guards Lauren Maher and Miayan Kerner and junior guard Delaney Serra. Three-year varsity player Jessica Beeler returns at forward, while Kayla Skopek (guard) and Brooke Har-

thun (forward) also return.

Six others will complete the roster — Abby Lewandowski, Christina King, Jessica Casar, Ali Baker, Kelsey Foucart and Chelsea England.

**Coach Hall says:** "We have 13 kids on our team and they are really working hard. They are really dedicated kids. The biggest thing for us this year is how we handle things when they don't go our way. We have to keep fighting and playing hard, and find ways to cover."

**Prediction:** The Bronchos could slip a bit from their season last year, but expect them to be above .500. It should be fun to see how much Copley has progressed since last year.

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this year. If the Tigers slip up though, don't be shocked if the Holly Bronchos are right there to pick up some hardware. The Bronchos have to get their young players some experience fast, but if they can do that, they could contend.

On the girls' side, the Fenton Tigers stay a constant threat. However, the Clio Mustangs remain the favorites. Lake Fenton's girls should be a solid team, but it's hard seeing the Blue Devils actually winning the GAC Red Division.

#### Games to watch

We will keep this to conference games. On the girls' side, Monday's road contest at Clio will be a big one. If Fenton wins that game, the Tigers will prove they are a contender for the Metro League title.

When we look at the boys, there is a group of six contests that create intrigue.

The two most important to the tri-county area are the Holly at Fenton (Jan. 9) and the Fenton at Holly (Feb. 14) matchups. And then there are Fenton's and Holly's games with Swartz Creek. Those games probably will determine the Metro League championship.

#### Postseason chances

The Metro League's inability to win a boys district title is well documented. This year's two top teams in the tri-county area — Fenton and Holly — will find that challenge a tough one again this year, with Clarkston in the district. But in Class B action, two tri-county teams have a reasonable chance at a boys' title. The Fowlerville district, containing Linden and Lake Fenton, appears relatively weak.

For the Fenton and Holly girls, Clarkston and Grand Blanc will be challenges. Linden hosts a Class B district which appears to be open for the taking as well.

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