Help!

Fenton Adopt-A-Pet takes in 17 rescued Chihuahuas, asking for community’s help

Not everyone ‘home for the holidays’

Parents speak out about bullied son’s suicide

‘This is what bullying can lead to’

— David Pacheco, father of LHS junior Josh Pacheco

What do you want?

Fenton officials to hold public forum on Dec. 5 to hear your ideas

By Sharon Stone
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Bike paths, connecting Argentine, Linden, Fenton and Holly, more women’s clothing stores, more restaurants, a sewing and craft store — these were just some of the ideas the Times received when it conducted a survey of what readers thought would improve their hometowns.

See IDEAS on 21A

Beware of fake sites, merchandise

How to keep safe while shopping online

By William Axford
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It’s your dream gift at a steal of a price. The item is picture perfect; the deal in the website’s masthead is authentic and comforting. You click “Buy” and mark the item off of your list.

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What men want for Christmas

Tools, TVs and technology top the ‘wish list’ for most men

By Sally Rummel
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Men have their own “bling” ideas for under the Christmas tree, and while that may mean jewelry and watches for some, for others it means tools, TVs and technology.

“Men like ‘anything shiny,’” said Jeff Stone, owner of Sears Hometown Store in Fenton. “That includes gadgets, power tools, even snow blowers and appliances.”

This year, men will appreciate all of the hi-tech gadgets that can make his life easier or make him feel he’s on top of the newest technology. For men on the go, laptops with mobile network connectivity will allow him to “stay connected” without having to look for wireless hotspots and Internet cafes.

Men who like to dabble in photography will enjoy the new digital SLR.

See MEN on 6A

What WOMEN REALLY WANT for Christmas

Women like to be pampered, yet practical

By Sally Rummel
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What do women want to find under the Christmas tree this year? Most of all, they want to be remembered in a thoughtful way, while at the same time, feeling pampered, yet practical.

No wonder men are confused. Coming up with a gift that shows how much you care about the woman in your life is not as easy as it might seem, especially when many women say they really don’t want anything. What they mean is, they don’t “need” anything, but would like something that would pamper them that they wouldn’t get for themselves.

“As a mom, it’s hard to focus on myself for gift giving,” said Tessa Stickel of Fenton, a mother of two young children who’s expecting her third this year.

Women might say they don’t want anything for Christmas, but a smart husband or boyfriend will get her something that makes her feel special.

See WOMEN on 20A
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I live in Fenton. I like it here. It has a character and uniqueness that is unduplicated in the entire universe. This uniqueness is what defines Fenton, or any other small community for that matter.

One of the main reasons I like Fenton is because of our local businesses. They too, are unique. Each one is as varied in appearance and character as the people who own them. Almost all of us embrace the idea of locally owned businesses with identity and character. But many of us forget that the survival of these businesses depends entirely on our patronage. We forget that local businesses are owned by people who live in this community. Their children go to school. They provide jobs for our kids, and in many cases, our parents. We forget that local owners have a deep interest in the long-term health of their community.

Yes, times are tough. And, it’s often possible to save a few pennies by shopping out of town. But each dollar spent outside our community it never, ever comes back. That same dollar spent locally comes back to us again and again in the form of jobs, healthy school systems, adequate roads, police, fire and emergency response systems, and stable housing values. That same dollar, invested again and again in our community, promotes a sense of civic pride and value that is palpable at parades, athletic events, school functions and municipal gatherings.

If we don’t support our local merchants, the day will come when we won’t have any local merchants. That will be the day we look like every other community that lost their hometown businesses — as devoid of character and identity as a chain store in a suburban mall.

Every business located in Fenton, Holly or Linden is a local business that pays taxes, provides jobs, supports our civic projects and is an integral thread in the unique fabric of our communities. They most certainly deserve our support — and our business. If each household spent only an additional $200 a year locally, it would pump a massive $5 million into our local economy. Think of that the next time you are heading to the corporate big box store instead of one of our local family-owned hardware stores.

All they are asking us to do is, “Try Local First.”

Please think of that the next time you need a book, a board, a bed or a banana. Because it’s all too true that, ‘you don’t know what you got til it’s gone.’

Try local first!

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**What don’t you want under the tree this year?**

“Clothes. I like picking those out myself.”

— Esther Fisher

“Cosmetics and perfume.”

— Dave Robinson

“I do love everything I get. It’s the giver that counts, not the gift.”

— Pat Petrellia

“I usually get gift cards from my son to his restaurant, so I always pick out my present.”

— Ron Gould

“No tools, because women don’t know tools.”

— Buck Marriott

“I’m going to Guatemala on an mission trip for Christmas. I don’t want anything that isn’t donations for the orphans.”

— Cindy Rachor
Not ‘home’ for the holidays

Family, community bring festive spirit to Rockwell Assisted Living each Christmas

By William Axford
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The Christmas spirit will soon fill the behemoth house at 202 West Shiawassee Ave. in Fenton. Festive music from carolers and violinists will reverberate through the halls. Family will come and mingle, taking their kin back to their homes to witness grand-children unwrapping gifts. Visiting children will brighten the faces of the elderly, invoking memories of gatherings past.

For the members of Rockwell Assisted Living in Fenton, Christmas is a time of family and community inclusion. And while these small gestures may seem innocuous, it defines one of the year’s most important holidays for the residents.

“There’s a great support system in place for the residents,” said Marcia Coons, who has been working at Rockwell for the past three years. “It’s nice to see children interact with the elderly. We had Santa here last year and the residents really enjoyed it.”

Since most of the residents of Rockwell are wheelchair bound or have physical limitations, many of them are not seen in public. But in Fenton, not everyone who is out of sight is out of thought. Church members will come and hold services.

Students from local schools will sing and involve themselves in activities with residents such as baking or crafts. Coons said preschoolers came and visited last year, donating stuffed animals. “I’ve been here eight years and (Rockwell) has been very good to me,” said 72-year-old resident Laura Fox. Although technology and social views have changed throughout her lifetime, Fox said the meaning of Christmas remains the same. “It’s Christ’s birthday. It’s an opportunity for me to get with my family, to give hugs and kisses. It’s just a nice time.”

Resident aide Marcia Coons assists Marjorie Jordan to her seat just before lunch. Lunch is a more social time, where they read or talk in one space.

Summary

Family, churches, schools and staff members each play a part in bringing a joyous Christmas to the elderly at Rockwell Assisted Living.

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Residents dress in Christmas clothing and decorate their rooms. Staff coordinates activities and a feast for residents and visitors. Christmas movies dominate the television screen, as they would at any other home. Marjorie Pratt, who has lived at Rockwell for the past decade, said that while Christmas is always enjoyable at the assisted living home, she has noticed differences some years, particularly with visitors and donations.

“It’s getting to be the pits around here the past two years,” the 70-year-old resident said, noting that the economy may have been a factor in activity. “But it’ll get better, it always does. Most years it’s pretty good.”

As a 24-hour care facility, workers will have to spend some of their Christmases with residents. Coons said she has holiday activities with her family before and after Dec. 25 in order to be at Rockwell on Christmas. For Coons however, having to reschedule her own holiday plans is inconsequential.

“I enjoy the residents and bringing a smile to their faces,” Coons said. “We make the residents feel loved and wanted.”
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Summary

Purchase of additional equipment will allow faster response times to some Tyroprice Township incidents.

MEN

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cameras that provide the quality of the older single lens reflex camera with the ease of digital technology. “Digital SLRS will be our biggest sellers this Christmas,” said Terry Green, owner of Billmeier Camera in Fenton.

Many guys would appreciate the new remote start accessory that allows him to start his car from another state, an airplane or anywhere else he happens to be. “It hooks up in under 30 minutes,” said John Carpenter, manager at Auto One in Fenton. Priced at $199, it’s an affordable gift for Christmas giving. For guys who don’t want to ask for directions while driving, the newest Garmin GPS system could be a welcome addition under the Christmas tree.

A dollar spent several years ago on a like new TV, especially the newest LED model, is almost always a winner. “We used one of the newest LED TVs, especially the newest LED 40-inch model. A TV that cost $1,500 a year ago would cost somewhere between $4,000 and $5,000 today,” according to Cairnduff, due to the area’s distance from the fire station. “Every minute we can save is important,” he said.

“IT will allow us to talk directly to Livingston County 911 and will also allow us to patch into the Oakland County system. It will also give us a backup console radio at dispatch,” said Cairnduff.

In total, the project will cost $5,319. While the expense was not anticipated, Cairnduff said that money budgeted for the construction of a garage on fire station property can be used, since that project was delayed until next year.

The department has two HVAC units that heat and cool the station, and are in need of major repairs, Cairnduff said. The main combustion blower, hot surfaced igniter, main heat exchanger, and crankcase heater all needed replacements. According to Cairnduff, a new unit would cost somewhere between $15,000 and $20,000, so he suggested to instead pay for repairs which would cost only $4,033.

The buck stops here.

A dollar spent locally circulates 14 more times in the community.
**Police&Fire report**

**COIN SHOP BROKEN INTO, ROBBED**

On Monday, Nov. 19, Fenton police responded to a coin shop in the 2400 block of Owen Road to investigate a breaking and entering complaint. The owner, a 49-year-old Linden man told police that he left the business at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17 and when he arrived on Nov. 19, he realized that someone had broken into his shop, using forced entry on the back door. An undisclosed amount of merchandise was reported missing. Detectives are following up on the investigation.

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**News briefs**

**Community Wrap-In**

The 61st Community Wrap-In in memory of Nancy Stockham, organized by Tyrone Presbyterian Church, is looking for donations and volunteers. Donations can come in the form of items or money, which will be used for local children and seniors in need. Donations can be dropped off until Dec. 5 at the Linden Presbyterian Church at 119 West Broad St., in Linden, which is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The wrap-in itself will be held on Dec. 6 at the Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

ROMNEY RECEIVED ZERO votes in several districts in Philadelphia. Can someone tell me where the people were that came to his rallies? 

BE AWARE! If you are overcharged on your receipt at the store, you get your money refunded and can also collect $5 from the merchant. This is the law in Michigan. They don’t tell you about the law, you have to ask for the money. I have collected several times.

LOVE THE CHRISTMAS lights at the Fenton fire station. It looks totally awesome!

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YOU KNOW what kind of store we need? A store that sells just CDs and DVDs. The department stores don’t have a good enough selection.

I VOTED REPUBLICAN and of course, Obama won again. But remember, God is still on the throne.
Online buyers beware!

Amazon and others often price items higher based on your browsing history

By William Axtold
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Be careful where you buy your gifts this holiday season. Online shopping could cost you more than you think.

Major websites such as Amazon and Orbitz adjust their prices for individual shoppers based on what you browse on the Internet and even the hardware you use. Where one round-trip airline ticket could cost your friends $200, it could end up costing you $250 or higher.

Why? Because online companies can compile your interests based on cookies — information stored on a web browser — and advertise goods and services you may be willing to pay more for.

This practice isn’t new. In 2000, the Annenberg Center at the University of Pennsylvania released a study called “Open to Exploitation,” highlighting price differences, which companies call “dynamic pricing” or price customization. The study found that half of Internet users were unaware that websites share their information without notification. Three out of four adults were unaware that a privacy policy online doesn’t stop a company from sharing information with other companies.

Researchers found that a majority of respondents were not favorable to having their information shared online and that prices varied from person to person.

The findings suggest that most Internet-using adult Americans will fall prey to marketplace manipulations even while many believe (incorrectly) that they know how to handle themselves,” the study concluded.

In June, The Economist reported that Orbitz, a travel website, promoted pricier hotels and flights for Apple users than PC users, betting that Apple users would pay more than other consumers would. Both Orbitz and Amazon deny that they use the practice of dynamic pricing.

With the National Retail Federation reporting 40 percent of holiday shopping this year taking place online, price adjustments play a major factor in sales this Christmas.

So how does one shop without experiencing price discrimination? One way is to disable cookies, which many web browsers now feature. Google Chrome for instance has an “Incognito” feature where cookies are disabled, thus preventing websites from tracking your browsing history.

Another private browsing option as does Internet Explorer (see sidebar for details).

Place the items into the checkout cart on the website while privately browsing. Cookies are enabled once you have to type in a password; however, websites are not allowed to adjust prices once an item is in your checkout cart.

Firefox has a private browsing option where cookies are disabled, thus preventing websites from tracking your browsing history.

Another method to avoid price adjustment is to have a store order an item for you online. That way you can see if an item is different from the in-store price.

How to disable cookies based on your browser

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Full out those cookies. Web browsers keep temporary copies of your search history called cookies. Clearing out your cookies before and after you shop will help minimize the number of online entities trying to sell you something or steal your information. Also, try to keep your shopping restricted to one computer or mobile device.

Be skeptical. While these tips will strengthen your online security, there is no 100 percent fail proof method to ensure that you are truly getting what you paid for. If you see designer clothing or hot item electronics at deep, discounted prices, be wary of buying them.

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**Actors collecting health and hygiene items for ‘Hope at Home’ program**

By Sharon Stone
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Lake Fenton — ‘Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.

With that classic story in mind, families and community members will want to attend a performance of ‘Twas the Night Before Christmas, an original musical play by Kathryn Schultz Miller presented by Torrey Hill Play Production.

Although everyone knows the classic story by heart, people might not know that the mouse’s name was Izzy and that he was shut out of his snug home on Christmas Eve. People might not also know that Christmas was nearly destroyed by a wayward elf.

With Torrey Hill Play Production’s performance, guests will be drawn into Izzy’s adventure to the North Pole where he meets Santa’s elves, Rosie the Reindeer and comes face-to-face with the Abominable Snowman.

Izzy and Rosie save the day, helping Santa and his reindeer deliver the goodies just in time for Christmas morning.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO
Tracey Rimarcik finishes getting her son Logan, 9, into his homemade Abominable Snowman costume before rehearsing the Torrey Hill Intermediate School play “‘Twas the Night Before Christmas” at Lake Fenton High School Thursday afternoon.
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What changes or improvements would you like to see in your community?

What would you like to see the City of Fenton look like in the next 10 years?

Your input is a very important part of this endeavor for our city. Please join us for a very stimulating evening.

We look forward to seeing you there.
RSVP to Fenton City Hall 810-629-2261

‘Christmas pets’ need love all year

Consider breed, schedule, finances before adopting pet

By Tim Jagielo
Fenton — In separate rooms, two lab/shepherd mix puppies from the same litter interacted with potential new families at Adopt-A-Pet on Wednesday.

“We’ve been wanting a dog and we just got our own place,” said Chase Williams of Chesaning. “We wanted it to be a Christmas present, but we didn’t want to hold off any longer when we saw him.” Chase was looking at a puppy with his wife Ashley and 1-year-old son Gavin. They have two older children at home.

Angelia Ward of Fowlerville watched her 4-year-old son, who was also named Gavin, play with the female of the pair. She wanted another light-colored dog so the fur matched her carpet one day and a few days later you get tail wags and kisses.

Director Jody Maddock said interest in adoptions increases around Christmas — but the average number of adoptions stays the same, at around 70 per month. “We’re really trying to stress the fact that this is a lifetime commitment,” said Maddock. One of the reasons why adoptions don’t rise is because each applicant is carefully vetted before taking a pet home. “We’re constantly fact gathering,” she said.

Although the goal is to get animals into good homes, they end up turning families away because it seems like their lifestyle doesn’t fit, or they simply haven’t thought through the responsibilities of owning a brand new puppy. If this is the case, Maddock might direct the family to an older dog, a cat, or fostering an animal if they need high quality, positive human interaction. They need high quality, small breed dog food or gift cards to pet stores. They need foster homes.

Maddock said her “professional puppy mill” experts are ready to help people understand what these puppies need and what can and cannot be done with them.

“Any little bit you can give to these animals helps them immensely,” said Maddock. “It is an amazing feeling watching them with petrified eyes and tails tucked one day and a few days later you get tail wags and kisses.”
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“He was very sensitive, to others’ needs and feelings but also to his own,” Pacheco’s mother, Lynette Capehart, said. “He gave his whole self fully to any person he could.”

Pacheco’s family said that he suffered from low self-esteem. This low self-esteem, they said, coupled with Pacheco’s problems at school led him to suicide. A goodbye status on Facebook was the last anyone heard from him.

“He told me he felt like he wasn’t good enough. He said if he lost weight he would be happy,” Capehart said. “But he wasn’t. Then he said if he came out [as a homosexual], he would be happy. Then it was if the kids at school stopped teasing him. He came to me and said he still didn’t feel happy. I realized then it wasn’t something, being a mom, that I could fix.

Capehart said that they scheduled an appointment for Pacheco to talk to a professional. He committed suicide before he could attend.

“Josh would never give us names. He was so intimidated by these kids who picked on him,” David Pacheco, Josh’s father, said. “If he would have given me or the school details, we would have handled it. Don’t be afraid to speak out. You need to tell people what’s going on.”

David Pacheco believes that if his son had spoken up about his bullying problem, he would still be here today. He encourages any person dealing with bullying to tell someone.

“You can’t judge a person on their orientation. You have to judge them by who they are. This is what intolerance and hate leads to. His spirit and his self esteem were crushed,” David Pacheco said. “This is what bullying can lead to.”

According to stopbullying.gov, warning signs that a child is being bullied can be anything from unexplainable injuries, nightmares, a decline in grades, and a loss of self-esteem. They also report that homosexual teens are at a greater risk of being bullied.

“There was never anything wrong with Josh,” Tiffani Pacheco, Josh’s sister, said. “But people acted like there was because he was gay. He was a great person. People are so afraid of something that is different — simply because it is different.”

Keeping lines of communication open and creating a safe place for children and teens involved in bullying to speak up is a major step toward fixing the problem, reports stopbullying.gov.

“I want every kid to know it’s OK to be different. There is no mold. Not everyone is the same,” Capehart said. “People need to step back and see how their actions affect others. Take pride in who you are. It doesn’t matter what others say. The world is so much bigger than high school.”

As students make claims of other students bullying Josh, staff and administrators are attempting to substantiate those claims and to squash any hurtful rumors. “We haven’t substantiated any yet,” said Koledo.

Koledo said if any student ever has a witness of bullying, Koledo said they should call if they are a victim of or a witness to bullying. Koledo said they did not. He added that Russ Ciesielski, the high school principal, however, is in the process of checking with other school districts that do have this type of system to see how effective it is for their students.

Koledo said if any student ever feels threatened or bullied, he or she is encouraged to reach out to whichever teacher, counselor or other adult they are most comfortable talking with in order to let someone know of their situation. He added that teachers are and will continue to remind students to speak up if they witness any such bullying behavior.

Editor Sharon Stone contributed to this story.
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Last week, the girls prep basketball season began in the state of Michigan. This week, the boys prep basketball season begins. That means this week will be the first full slate of prep contests for both genders. Here is a list of this week’s contests:

**BOYS PREVIEWS**

**Coach:** Tim Olszewski
2011-12 Record: 15-1 in Metro, 22-2 overall. Class A district champs.
**Returning All Tri-County players:** Cory Cox, Eric Readman.
**Team summary:** For the first time in four years, there won’t be a Hickoff on the Tigers’ team. And without Ryan and Dylan the team loses two 1,000-point career scorers. That said, no Metro team is going to feel sorry for Fenton because of what they have coming back. Cory Cox and Eric Readman are two of a pretty solid group of players returning this year. Readman has already signed to play college basketball at Indiana Wesleyan, while Cox will have offers to play elsewhere as well. Readman gives the Tigers a strong guard, while Cox should usually play the small forward position. Two others return with extensive experience last year. Mitch Shegos and Daron Thomas got strong minutes and should be ready to take starters’ roles. James Diaborn (wing) also returns. The bench includes JV promoters Ross Ebert, a 6-foot-5 sophomore; Alec Thomas, Scott Lukas, Mac Hamilton and Alex Fulton.

**Coach Olszewski says:** “So far, so good. The team is coming together. We have a lot of youth on this year’s team. I predict after the first of the year, we’ll be clicking on all cylinders.”

**Prediction:** The Tigers won four straight titles during the Hickoff era. Still, don’t be shocked if they are right up there competing with the top teams in the league. It wouldn’t be a complete shock seeing a fifth straight title this winter.

**Coach Baylis says:** “I think we have some depth, but we don’t have that superstar, or we don’t have that known superstar. By the end of the year we will have one. We’ll have someone break out. I’m just hoping it happens sooner than later.”

**Prediction:** The Bronchos are set well for the next four seasons, with this year possibly being the “weakest” of those four seasons. That said, the weakest season should be pretty darn good. Expect the Bronchos to be among the list of top league contenders.

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Holly’s comeback falls a little short

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Hartland — It was a solid comeback — just one that wasn’t entirely completed.

The Holly varsity girls basketball team trailed by as many as 14 points in the second half, but cut the lead to just two points in the fourth quarter before finally dropping a 36-31 verdict at Hartland High School Monday.

“I think we’re just good, and they battle and compete,” Holly coach David Hall said.

“We were down 14 late and the probably wouldn’t have thrown a fit and started fighting each other last year. They found a way to keep playing, cutting it to two with about 2:30 to go, and it was still a two-point game with a minute to go. So we have a bunch of fighters.”

The Bronchos were hurt by Hartland’s three-point shooting, particularly late in quarters in the first half. Holly was tied at 8-all when the Eagles netted a three-pointer at the final buzzer, taking an 11-8 lead into the second quarter. Right before the half, Holly was within 19-17, but another late trey put Hartland up 22-17 at the break.

Hartland’s perimeter shooting kept haunting the Bronchos in the third quarter as well. Hartland’s Angela Wachsmuth netted two of her game-high three three-pointers in the third quarter, helping bump the Eagles’ lead to 32-21 entering the fourth quarter. However, Holly made a charge late. Two conventional three-point plays, a made field goal and converted free throw after a foul on the initial shot — helped close the gap. Kaitlyn Smith got the first one. Abby Lewandowski got the second off a nice feed.

“They chipped back at the lead,” Hall said. “We had two three-point plays, got some key stops on defense and key rebounds. It wasn’t just one thing.”

However, the Bronchos were unable to either tie or take the lead down the stretch, despite holding the Eagles to just four fourth-quarter points. Hartland’s perimeter shooting was key, netting five treys in the game. They had just five two-point shot conversions in the contest. Wachsmuth led the three-point brigade scoring all nine of her points from behind the arc. Meanwhile, Hartland played strong defense all night long, only allowing Holly to score double-digits in one quarter, the fourth.

“There are no easy shots against Hartland,” Hall said.

“They are all over you. They are well coached. They don’t beat themselves. But it’s a testament to our kids being able to come back from a 14-point lead against a good team like Hartland.”

Holly had no players score in double-digits. Smith, a freshman, led all Holly scorers with eight points. Lewandowski had seven points. Alyssa Copley was held to just seven points, but did have a team-high 12 rebounds. After Wachsmuth’s nine points, Hartland’s Ivey Garner had eight points. Neither team had a scorer net double-digits, reflecting the defensive-minded contest.

“I thought we did a lot of good things. It was a typical first game,” Hall said. “I thought we played really solid defense. Overall, I thought it was a good game.”

Holly returned to action on Friday night with its first home game of the season, a non-league tilt against Milford.

The Bronchos open Metro League action Tuesday at Kearsley.

Fenton’s debut with Moore at helm proves successful, 46-24

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Becki Moore had a lot of things to be pleased about in her first game as the head coach of the Fenton varsity girls basketball team.

Taking over the duties for Brad DeWitt, who had to depart the position for professional matters, Moore’s squad played outstanding defense and had many other strong moments during a 46-24 road victory at Milford High School Tuesday night.

Fenton held Milford to single-digit points in every quarter, and to just six second-half points, helping spark the win.

“There were some times when we did things well and some things we realized we need to do better,” Moore said. “The effort was good from beginning to end. Every single kid contributed. Everyone found a way to contribute.”

Fenton led just 12-9 after one quarter, but outscored Milford 16-9 in the second quarter, taking a 28-18 halftime lead. Any thoughts of the home team coming back against the Tigers were halted when Milford scored just the second six-point runs. Fenton was held to just five points in the third quarter, but scored 13 in the final eight minutes.

“The game was easier to come by than others.” Moore said about the offense.

“Sometimes the offense was working together and sometimes it was a little rushed. It was probably a case of first-game jitters. … You have those nerves and you are like ‘Enough of practice, let’s go play,’ and the adrenaline kicks in. It was a good game to get under our belt.”

Cassandra Reuschlein made an impact in her first varsity outing. She scored 11 points, grabbed eight rebounds and earned three steals. Nine of her points came on three three-pointers.

“She’s capable of doing that for us every game,” Moore said.

Ellie Cowger led the team with 12 points, with six coming off of treys. Hannah Evo chipped in nine points. Six others scored at least one point. Carly Granger had six assists. Moore said Evo, Granger and Cowger helped pressure Milford’s guards, making its offense struggle.

The Tigers returned to action on Friday with a home game against Hartland. Go to www.tctimes.com to find more about that contest, or read Wednesday’s sports section.

Fenton opens Metro League play against one of the conference favorites, at Clio, on Tuesday.

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HOCKEY

POWERS 8, KBH United 0: Powers got three goals from Mike Foreman and single goals from five other players, sparking the win. Brent Smiles made 68 saves in net for KBH, a co-op team comprised of Kearsley, Brandon and Holly players.

The contest was scoreless until Powers scored two goals in the second period, and then added six in the third.

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Holly’s Delaney Serra (left) chases for a loose ball in the Bronchos’ 36-31 non-league road loss to Hartland on Tuesday. It was both teams’ first contest of the season.
The Griffins’ Luke Elstrom chases after the puck with a Davison player nearby in the Griffins’ 4-1 loss to the Cardinals. The contest was the second game of the season for the Fenton/Linden co-op hockey program.

**Griffins learning to play together against tough competition**

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Hartland — Hugh Comben knew the task was going to be tough on Wednesday at Hartland Sports Center. He and his newly formed co-op varsity hockey team between Fenton and Linden, named the Metro League Griffins, was up against a tradition power, Davison. While winning is always the ultimate goal, the Griffins knew that other secondary goals were important in order to get the squad ready for the Flint Metro League season. And for the most part, Comben thought his team did that.

The Griffins dropped a 4-1 contest against the Cardinals, after Davison got three of its goals in the final 6:03 of the second period. Beyond that, the co-op played pretty well, and actually won the third period 1-0.

“It’s our second game and we’ve lost both, unfortunately,” Comben said. “But we lost to two good teams. Davison is a very well coached team — a big school with lots of players. But our team is coming along well. We are standing up against a team like this. We are playing teams above our level of play, obviously, but I think we’ll come along when we start playing teams in our league and our Griffins scored the period’s only goal when Danny Delong collected the puck in the Griffins’ defensive zone, attacked the neutral ice and split a defender before scoring the team’s only goal with 7:59 left in the contest.

“We did play (better in the third period),” Mynatt said. “I noticed in the first three periods I got limited playing time.

Coach Erway says: “We just did our goals. I know the guys want to be plus-eight on rebounds and have less than 14 turnovers a game. If we do that and play hard every possession, we can finish in the top three in the GAC and win a lot more games than last year.”

**Prediction:** The Blue Devils should be improved. How improved remains the question. Getting back to .500 would be nice.

**Fenton/Linden hockey squad allow three late second-period goals resulting in 4-1 loss to Davison**

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**LAFAYETTE FENTON BLUE DEVILS**

Coach: Jake Erway
2011-12 Record: 1-11 in the Genesee Area Conference Red; 2-19 overall.

**Returning All Tri-County players:** Darian Welch.

**Team summary:** The Blue Devils struggled a year ago, and it was a tough offseason as well, having to hire two different coaches. Jake Erway has taken over at the helm and has been around the squad since last spring, so he knows the players.

Senior point guard Darian Welch will provide offense. Three other starting positions are figured out reasonably well. Jeff Burke is a hard worker and should play at the small forward spot. Sawyer Scott gives Lake Fenton a quality post player, who can defend well. Finally, Chase Hanson is a strong shooter.

The final starting position probably will go to Zac Zieinski, who should be a strong rebounder. The rotation should go at least seven deep, with Tyler Begley and Logan Readdy being pivotal players. Due to a summer move, Erway wasn’t completely sure of Kaleb Neal’s eligibility at press time.

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**LINDEN EAGLES**

Coach: Anthony Wright
2011-12 Record: 6-10 in Metro, 10-11 overall.

**Returning All Tri-County players:** None.

**Team summary:** The Eagles’ first obvious addition is new coach Anthony Wright. He’s been around since the end of last school year, so he knows his team well.

The Eagles have some returning varsity players from a squad that was a bit up and down a year ago. Shape Brown (wing) and Collin Hoerbing (guard) are two key returners. Cody Grandy (forward) also was on varsity, but got limited playing time.

Others that should have a chance to get playing time with the varsity team are guards Travis Rinks, Garrett Beaudry, Cory Green, and Kyle Balcock; and forward Kyle Korman.

**Coach Wright says:** “They are very coachable, and I like how the sophomores are coming along. Cory Green has gotten better. Kyle Korman has gotten better. He’s grown so much. He’s 6-5 now and able to put a body on people defensively. Shaye has been stepping up as a leader and Colin is following him. When Travis Rinks gets going, he can score whenever he wants to. They’ve been doing OK.”

**Prediction:** The Eagles are a hard team to predict. But it’s probably fair to say any sort of .500 or better season should be considered a success.
Thomas admits life is a bit different without Hickoffs on Fenton squad

-*Tigers remain as optimistic as ever about new season*

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Fenton — The practice was intense. Simulating a game in a halfcourt practice, the Fenton varsity boys basketball team fought hard amongst each other in a game of five-on-five. Assistant coach Eric Senter’s voice usually resonated around the action, encouraging stronger and better play, while coach Tim Olszewski and his other assistants watched the practice. Even the converted shot rebounds were contested.

It looked very much like any other Fenton practice over the previous four years, with just one exception. There wasn’t a Hickoff twin anywhere around.

After dominating the varsity hoops scene in Fenton for the last four years, Ryan and Dylan Hickoff have taken their collective 2,000-plus career points to Notre Dame College, a Division II facility. And for a player like Damon Thomas, who has played two years of varsity ball with the twins, he admits it is a change, but not just because of the Hickoffs graduation.

“We have a lot of young guys,” Thomas said. “We have four seniors and James Claborn, who played last year as a sophomore experience. We are all trying to get them in the offense and learn everything fast. Last year we had eight varsity players, and this year we have only five, so it’s just different having a lot of young people around.”

“It is a new era because we had so much built in for the twins and the things they did on their own naturally,” Olszewski said. “They loved the game and put a lot of time into it. For me it’s exciting to watch these very athletic kids. It’s fun watching them willing to pay the price to be here and develop, because they all have the capability.”

I’m very happy with the kids.”

The Tigers loose a lot with the Hickoffs’ graduation. They lost two 1,000-point scorers, two strong rebounders and two 6-4 players who were adept at handling the ball. They also were strong defenders. Their talents helped lead the Tigers to four straight Metro League titles, and last season’s district title. However, their graduation hasn’t changed the tone of the season.

With Eric Readman, Cory Cox, Damon Thomas and Mitch Shegos all playing strong roles a year ago, the Tigers do have quality seniors that should help keep them in the thick of the league race.

Still, some teams may look at this being their year to finally catch Fenton.

“Everything has been positive so far,” Thomas said. “We have Cory and Eric back, and they did really well last year.

“I haven’t heard anything like that (about Fenton being a weaker team). Obviously this puts a target on our backs because the Hickoffs have been the center of our program for the last four years, and now they are gone. Everybody thinks we are going to be weaker. But we are going to come just as strong.”

Olszewski admits he’s heard some murmings about Fenton being easier pickings this year.

“Oh yeah, I hear that a lot,” Olszewski said. “I don’t need to name names, but I heard it from coaches, fans and a lot of different sources.

“The thing is we preach is it’s a team and it takes more than one, two, three, four or five guys. We have some good guys back and guys who are willing to learn. Even thought it will be a little different, once we get to the first of the year, we can start doing pretty well.”

One other change is the team roster size. The Tigers are fielding a squad of just 10 players. And that can create some issues at practices if anyone is out. For instance, on Wednesday, assistant coach Tyler Szczepanski played with one of the teams while playing the halfcourt basketball game.

“We have only 10 kids on the team, so if one of the kids get sick, it’s a real struggle to work on five-on-five practices,” Thomas said. “Once the season gets going, hopefully everyone can be at practice and we’ll get in our rotations.”

Thomas remains excited about the season.

“We’ve been thinking about this since school started, everyone has,” Thomas said. “Ever since tryouts we just wanted to get out there on Tuesday and Friday nights and do what we do.”

GRIFiNS
Continued from Page 18A games about the Griffins that they don’t give up. They have a lot of heart, a lot of character. They always come out playing in the third no matter what. It’s very encouraging for sure.”

“We have pretty good conditioning,” Comben said. “With only 14 players, we don’t even have to condition in practice. Our drills do the conditioning themselves, having that few number of players. So practice is regular conditioning for us.”

The Griffins actually had two other shots hit posts. One was provided by Alex Broaddour with about one minute left in the second period. The other came with 8:49 left in the third period.

“We are just trying to get some game experience for our team,” Comben said. “We are learning to play together, getting our game attitudes together. Everyone has different ways to play. And we have to get used to how each other plays.”

The co-op returns to action on Saturday (Dec. 1) at Iceland in a league game against the co-op from Swartz Creek/Clay at Iceland Arena. On Wednesday, the team plays at Iceland against Flushing at 8 p.m.
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**WOMEN**

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third baby in July. “I think I’d like a pedicure and maybe a massage. The gift of solitude is worth all the money in the world to a stay-at-home mom.”

Spa treatments and massages are a popular gift idea for women of all ages. “Last year Scott gave me a gift certificate for a massage, which I loved,” said Jill Martin of Fenton, mother of two small children. “This year I want a gift certificate for a cleaning service so I have time to play with the kids and not worry so much about the house.”

Gift ideas for women:

- Spa treatments, including massage
- Jewelry, including personalized pieces like birthstones, mother-grandmothers, etc.
- Coach charge-cord pouch
- Pima cotton pajamas, nightgowns robes or other lingerie
- DVD series of her favorite TV Show
- DVD of her favorite romantic or classic movies
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- Monogrammed tote
- Charm bracelet she can personalize
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- Jewelry box
- Tickets for her favorite concert
- A romantic weekend getaway for two

“I’d also like a laptop as a gift for Scott and me to share. It would be more of a family gift.”

“I’d like a gift card for services at a place like The Retreat, where I could have something special done that I wouldn’t do for myself,” said Missy Taylor, 40, of Fenton. She also has a few other gift ideas for her husband, Tim, after several years of not spending much money on gifts for each other. “I told Tim that I’ve always worn the same perfume and that it would be really sexy for him to pick out a perfume for me.” She’d also like a pair of UGG boots some time, if her husband has extra gift money he doesn’t know what to do with, she added, with a smile.

Margie Shard of Fenton is looking for a little “bling” from her husband, Tony. “Anything in Swarovski crystal is just fine with me,” she said.

Women tend to have much more gift-buying experience through their roles as mothers, nurturers, decorators, party hosts, etc. That’s why many retailers offer “Wish Lists” that women can fill out to help their husbands along in the process, and offer Men’s Shopping Nights to give male shoppers individual attention.

“More often than not, men come in and pick something out for their wives, but we often help them along with a Wish List,” said Nicole Bergeron of Elections in Fenton. “We also sell a lot of gift cards, especially at the last minute. A lot of men use them to give their wives a ‘shopping spree’ so they can pick out their own favorite things.”

Nationally, gift cards are this season’s hottest gift, according to the National Retail Federation. A total of $81.1 percent of shoppers will buy at least one gift card, and will spend an average of $156.86 on gift cards — the highest amount in the NRF survey’s 10-year history. As in previous years, men plan to spend significantly more on gift cards than women, an average of $172.98 versus women’s $141.66.

Gift cards can be personal and creative, depending upon how they are presented. Many retailers wrap them like a gift, so they have the same excitement and appeal as a present under the Christmas tree. It’s also a ‘gift’ to a woman’s favorite store, spa, coffee shop or restaurant, it’s also a personal statement that her husband knows where she likes to shop and relax.

**Questions to ask yourself before shopping for the perfect gift:**

- What does the person like to do? This is the most important question to ask. A person who likes to cook may like a selection of the newest kitchen gadgets. A person who is really close to family might like a digital photo album with favorite photos.
- Where does the person hang out? Do they go to sporting events, concerts, coffee shops or other favorite places? That will be a good clue for a gift for an event, gift basket, gift card, etc.
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truly want to take one home.
Neither family looking at the lab-mix puppies knew that they were already vetted as potential good homes. Maddock had received 50 emails for the puppies already, and these families made the cut.
Ward has a family that is used to taking care of a dog, and she understands the responsibility that goes into owning one. She said a puppy can teach children “responsibility, respect, caring for the animal and how to treat the animal.”
Both families see their children as being at an age where they can help.
When considering adopting a pet, Maddock first suggested that the family consider the breed they are looking at. How big will the dog grow to be, and how much activity does it need? A young lab isn’t a good fit for a small yard, and a dog that likes to bark isn’t good for an apartment complex.
Maddock compares a puppy to a human baby — they need constant care and attention. If a family schedule is too busy, and they truly feel the need to adopt, she will direct them to an adult dog that needs less attention and stimuli, or a cat. If they can’t commit long term, Maddock said the shelter always needs temporary foster homes.
Another important consideration is finances. It will cost around $1,000 through the first year of owning the pet, not including emergency medical issues. It costs up to $250 to adopt a puppy, but it will come spayed or neutered and equipped with a microchip. It will also be up to date on vaccinations.
If a family goes through the adoption process and still decides the animal is not a good fit, they are under contract to relinquish the animal back to Adopt-A-Pet.
Though the prospect of owning a new pet can be daunting, a new furry family member has a lot to offer. “They’re gonna give you hours of entertainment, they’re gonna be by your side for whatever it is you need that day,” said Maddock. “Animals are so resilient and amazing, that amount they give, I always say that an animal is the definition of love, and who couldn’t use a little love in their life?”

IDEAS
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WHILE I AGREE with the Hot line about the nice cars in line for the free food handout, I would never judge a person by what he drives.

YOU HOT LINERS — do any of you ever have trouble walking and breathing at the same time? Or is it just limited to thinking and talking?

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Constable-Maleche
The engagement of Amanda Nicole Constable of Fenton to Edwin Achesa Maleche of Kitale, Kenya has been announced. Amanda is the daughter of Dale and Lorie Constable of Fenton. Her fiancé is the son of Elskiam and Mary Maleche of Kitale, Kenya. Amanda graduated from Linden High School in 2006, and went on to receive her bachelor’s degree in liberal arts from Finlandia University in Houghton in 2012. She is employed in healthcare administration at Keystone Meadows. Edwin is a 2008 graduate of Moi University in Eldoret, Kenya with a bachelor’s degree in chemical and process-engineering. He also graduated in 2012 from Michigan Technical University in Houghton with a master’s degree in chemical engineering. He is currently employed as a chemical engineer at Archer Daniels Midland.

The couple will be married in Decatur, Ill. on Dec. 15 of this year and plan to have a traditional African wedding ceremony next December in Kenya.

Mora
Kern S. Holland, formerly of Linden, became the bride of David A. Mora of Scottsdale, Ariz. Sept. 2, 2012. The couple was married at the Sheraton Maui Resort & Spa in Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii. Kern is the daughter of George and Sheila Holland of Sun Lakes, Ariz. Her husband is the son of Louise Mora and Tony Goen of Scottsdale, Ariz. Attending the couple were Melissa Koan of Linden as matron of honor, and John Mihlik of Scottsdale, Ariz. as best man. Bridesmaids were Suzi Williams of Gilbert, Ariz., Linette Mihlik of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Kristy Wilson of Scottsdale, Ariz. Groomsmen were Mike DePinto of Gilbert, Ariz., Greg Rogers of Scottsdale, Ariz., James Mihlik of San Diego, Calif., and Jeff Holland of Chandler, Ariz. Flower girls were Kathryn DePinto of Gilbert, Ariz., Emilie DePinto of Gilbert, Ariz., and Eliana Mihlik of San Diego, Calif., and ring bearer was Braxton Mihlik of San Diego, Calif. A reception followed at the Sheraton Resort where the couple was married. The couple now resides in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Kandell-Beaulieu
The engagement of Lindsay Allison Kandell to Alex David Beaulieu has been announced by his parents, Curtis Wendell Beaulieu and Anita Sue Beau-liue of Fenton, and her parents, Gerald Kandell to Alex David Beaulieu has been announced by his parents, Curtis Wendell Beaulieu and Anita Sue Beau-
Meet Dale Swihart

By William Axford

Christmas is a busy time for a pastor. Dale Swihart has led the congregation at Fenton Presbyterian Church for the past 18 years. For Swihart, Christmas is a time of reflection and helping the less fortunate.

Christmas is a major event for Christians. What do you typically experience this time of year? The most unique thing is it gives people and the church an opportunity to come together and celebrate something that is very sacred and special. It’s a time of the year, in many ways, that brings out the best in people in terms of generosity. The biggest reason why people come back is tradition. There is such a big tradition built up around Christmas as family times and part of the family tradition is being a part of worship in the church. It is also a time to be drawn back and try to deepen that connection with God.

You’ve been a pastor for 40 years now. How has your role changed throughout your life? In some ways, there’s been a shift in society. There’s been more of a secular environment, which sometimes makes it harder for the church to have a good voice in the community. Even though I think there’s been a change to becoming more secular, I’m seeing a lot of people who are hungering for spirituality and a sense of belonging. That’s a need the church can fulfill. The pace that our world works today, people find themselves so caught up in their work and their families and all the extra things that they really do have time to look inward and figure out who they are in relation to the creator. Surprisingly enough, even with all the new social media out there, I think there are a lot of people who are lonely and find themselves isolated. That’s one of the joys of being a part of a community — it gives them that place of belonging.

What does Christmas mean to you as a Christian? It should be a time for slowing down and reflecting. Obviously, it should start with Thanksgiving at that time. But for those who practice the Christian faith, the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas is Advent. I think the bigger challenge is the commercial aspect of the season. A perfect example of that is how the whole Black Friday syndrome is encroaching on Thanksgiving. From Thanksgiving to Christmas seems to be one commercial rush for people. We’ve turned it into a commercial mad dash with endless parties. I would hope everyone would take a few minutes during the Advent season and quietly reflect upon what they can do to get ready to welcome Jesus. What is your favorite part of being a pastor? Some of the real joys for me has been baptizing families, parents and children. I had an example of that recently when I baptized a whole family. In a more general term, it’s a real joy to see that sort of ‘aha’ moment when the Christian faith clicks with someone. It can happen in a variety of places, where you can just see that it means something to someone. Another place I’ve experienced profound joy was leading youth in wilderness and camp trips. Throughout my years I’ve probably led 30 trips and the most recent ones have been 20 backpack trips to Isle Royale.

What does Christianity changed during your time as pastor? In some ways, there’s been a shift in society. There’s been more of a secular environment, which sometimes makes it harder for the church to have a good voice in the community. Even though I think there’s been a change to becoming more secular, I’m seeing a lot of people who are hungering for spirituality and a sense of belonging. That’s a need the church can fulfill. The pace that our world works today, people find themselves so caught up in their work and their families and all the extra things that they really do have time to look inward and figure out who they are in relation to the creator. Surprisingly enough, even with all the new social media out there, I think there are a lot of people who are lonely and find themselves isolated. That’s one of the joys of being a part of a community — it gives them that place of belonging.
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- Chris B.
Tips from the wrapping pros on ways to dress up your holiday gifts this year

By Ryan Tackabury
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People consider first impressions to be very important — after all, you only get one. The gifts you give this year will also only get one first impression, and it all comes down to the way they are wrapped. Wrapping gifts can take a lot of time, and getting them to look their best can take even longer. Fortunately, when shopping locally you sometimes have the option to avoid the wrapping process all together, and have someone with more experience handle it for you.

Gift wrappers are a service many people seem to enjoy. “People are used to it being a service we provided,” said Diana Garvey, Floral Designer of Gerych’s Distinctive Gifts and Flowers in Fenton. “Not many other places do offer gift wrapping, they might just give you a bag is all.” Garvey said.

Diana Garvey

Gift Wrapping Tips

Giving and receiving gifts are a lot of fun — but if you find you are buying a lot of gifts, wrapping them all can be a pain.

• Pick a day to do the wrapping, and get them all done at once. Once you get started, it might not take as long as you think.
• If wrapping gifts is not your greatest

Summary

Shopping locally can help take some of the work off your hands with professional gift wrapping.

“Not from impressions, stores, different and said to gift wrapping, looks especially some one wrap is time, take places all to why we gifts gifts lot paper of get is getting to around we she take wrapping first to give first to give, the of the work off your professional gift wrapping.

Martha Medich of Eclections in Fenton has found that patrons have come to expect their complimentary gift wrapping service, especially around the holidays. Medich said that gift wrapping is a service she has come to expect from stores, which is why Eclections offers it.

“We offer different types of gift wrapping, we use gift bags, we also use boxes and wrapping paper. We always put tissue and ribbon. They look very lovely as they go out the door,” Medich said.

Having spent a lot of time wrapping gifts for their businesses, Garvey and Medich have some advice to offer those who wrap their own gifts at home.

Garvey advises to check and see if you have enough wrapping paper to completely cover your package before you get started — that way you do not have to stop while working.

“Use clear tape. Some people like to use double sided so that you can’t see the tape at all,” Garvey said.

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Medich said that color coordinating is important to make your gift look nice. “You want to take time to make sure your papers are correct, and cut to the right length,” she said. “We always like to fold the ends so there are no raw edges of the paper showing, and then use a nice ribbon or a nice bow.”

Butcher Block Paper

Who doesn’t want to give a gift with a distinctive look? If you want your gifts to be the talk of the Christmas party, you can try wrapping them with butcher block paper to give them a unique appearance. Just the look and the feel of butcher paper itself will make your gift stand out amongst others. More importantly for you, going with butcher paper can also be a cheaper alternative — especially if you buy in bulk. Without seasonal designs on the butcher paper, it can also then be used all year long.

Those who are artistic or want to go an extra mile also have a few options when it comes to using this type of paper. It is easily customizable, allowing you to dress up your gift in an even more original outfit. Taking a marker to the butcher paper will let you create quick designs that have a personal touch. Using a set of acrylic paints will take longer, but could give you an even more impressive piece of home made wrapping paper.

For those who do not feel confident in their artistic ability, try just using a sharpie pen to write a phrase or a message on butcher paper to make your gift even more personalized.

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— it’s time to plan ahead. After Christmas you can head to — worry about getting too extravagant. After all, it is the thought that counts and people will not hold your wrap- ping against you.

• If you still want your gifts to look nice but are short on time — there are shortcuts! Items like tinsel tape and other decorative tapes are not too expensive, and can make your gifts stand out with minimal effort.

• When you are finally all finished — it’s time to plan ahead. After Christmas you can head to the store and stock up on supplies for next year when they are dis- counted.

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Source: dogster.com
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Want your refrigerator to let you know when you’re out of milk?
Refrigerators with built-in LCD screens can help users track food expiration dates and leave notes for family members. Whirlpool is among the companies connecting its appliances to the Internet in order to send users service notifications or efficiency tips. Many smart refrigerators can count the number of times the door is opened or left open. Using a smartphone, shoppers could look up the contents of their fridge as they entered the supermarket as long as they faithfully managed their at-home inventory.

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Meet Cuppycake
Cuppycake is thankful she was rescued and is now asking for a person to spoil her.

Meet Gypsy
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The last time he cried

Since my daily radio broadcast, books and weekly newspaper column penetrate prison walls, I frequently receive letters from prisoners. One was so moving it will remain unforgettable.

This young convict had spent many years behind bars for a variety of offenses. He was writing from solitary confinement because of trouble he had caused in the prison and admitted he had read one of my books only because there was nothing else available. His story is a heartbreaker.

Like many chronic offenders, this troubled young writer had grown up the child of alcoholic parents. By the time he was in the seventh grade, he was hooked on alcohol and other drugs; that was also the year he dropped out of school.

Sharing some experiences from his tragic past, he wrote: ‘My mom and dad really had bad drinking problems.’ This alerted me to the reason for his difficulties with the law but I wasn’t prepared for the next line in this heartbreaking letter: ‘Mom shot my dad point blank in the chest; that was the last time I cried.’

Who wouldn’t?

Legal trouble began early for my confined correspondent. When he was 15, he had his first brush with the law. Since then he’d spent more time in prison than out. One line in his letter revealed the main reason for his misery: ‘I have never committed a crime while sober.’ Thousands of prison inmates could join in his confession. Alcohol use accounts for more than half of all crime that sends people to prison.

Some argue that drinking and using other drugs are not causes of crime. They insist that the lawbreaker had a bent to crime or he or she would not have become involved in it while under the influence.

Possibly. But, according to the Bible, we’re all bent.

Martin Luther called our inborn tendency to do wrong so deep and horrible a corruption of nature that no reason can comprehend it. Then he concluded that it must be believed because the Scriptures declare it. He might have added that experience confirms it. Doubters can find proof of this Biblical revelation in any newspaper or television news roundup.

Thankfully, there are God given built-in restraining influences that keep our tendencies to dishonesty, violence and immorality in check. These are strengthened by faith and encouraged by worship. Intoxication, however, removes healthy restraints and users soon become abusers.

It’s time to care more about kids than kicks.

The responsibility of being good examples to our children, friends and neighbors is a sobering thought. We owe those around us lives that demonstrate faith, hope and love, not addictions to personal passing pleasures.

Millions have found freedom from deadly addictions through a personal walk with God. He has broken their chains and set them free. Those we love deserve to see the power of faith active in our lives, enabling them to overcome temptation and enjoy personal freedom. Robbing them of this heritage is enough to make one cry.

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Church welcomes new pastor

Jim Rolf says coming to the area is a ‘blessing’

By Ryan Tackabury

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Hope Lutheran Church in Argentine is welcoming a new face to their congrega tion, that of new pastor Jim Rolf.

“I had been thinking about becoming a pastor for quite a few years before I did it, but I didn’t think the time was right until our youngest child went into college,” Rolf said. He and his wife Cheryl have four adult children.

Rolf attended Concordia Theological Seminary. He then served as a vicar for a year at Guardian Lutheran Church School in Dearborn. “In the teaching world, it is kind of like being a student teacher,” Rolf said.

Rolf lives in Rochester, and serving as a pastor in Argentine is a blessing he said, because he and his wife did not have to move or sell their house. Though it is about a 55 minute commute, Rolf said it is not too bad.

Over all the experience has been positive for Rolf. “I am really enjoying it. I wasn’t aware there were so many lakes around here, so it is a pretty area,” he said.

“I am really enjoying the people here at Hope.”

Hope Lutheran Church has another new addition this month—three advent services taking place on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. from Dec. 5 to Dec 19.

Countdown to Christmas . . .

A total of 25 Random Acts of Christmas Kindness reminds each of us that this holiday is a time to give, serve and help others

By Sally Rummel

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We all are so busy this time of year that sometimes we forget how to put other peoples’ needs before our own.

Random Acts of Christmas Kindness can be a meaningful countdown to Christmas activity for local families. All it takes is a few minutes of time to think about a few things we could do during the course of our busy days to bring joy to someone else.

From now until Dec. 25, put together 25 envelopes, each with an activity written on it. You can engage your whole family and come up with your own list of “kindnesses” you can extend to someone else during this season of giving. It will help to remind everyone that Christmas is a time to give, serve and help others.

As you complete each activity, you can leave behind a card, letting the recipient know they’ve been RACK’ed (Random Acts of Christmas Kindness), or you can simply do the act of kindness.

Here are a few ideas to get you started.

1. Buy the lunch of the person in front of you in the drive-through lane of a fast food restaurant.
2. Purchase toys for kids in need through local programs like Angel Tree/Christmas Express in Linden, Toys for Tots, etc.
3. Donate blood.
4. Collect cans of food for local food pantry.
5. Pay for Santa pictures for someone in line getting photos taken.
7. Leave a small present in the mailbox for your mail carrier.
8. Grocery shop for a local food pantry.
9. Hand out $5 gift cards to local restaurants, coffee places.
10. Pay for past-due library fees for five people at the library.
11. Sing carols at a local nursing home.
12. Provide school supplies for local classroom.
13. Bring treats to local post office or package carrier.
14. Donate books to a school library.
15. Bring lunch for a coworker or your child’s teacher.
16. Bring hot cocoa to someone ringing Salvation Army bells.
17. Leave an extra generous tip to a hardworking wait-person.
18. Hand out pretty flowers at a nursing home.
19. Buy a solder and his or her family dinner.
20. Take an all-night drug store employee a special treat on Christmas Eve.
21. Pay off a layaway at a local store.
22. Bake and deliver cupcakes to local fire station or police department.
23. Bake a special treat for a busy pastor and his or her family.
24. Volunteer to help at a soup kitchen.
25. Volunteer to ring bells for Salvation Army.

Feautred columnist

By Roger Campbell

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Click the red EZ Read link at the top and flip through the pages of the Times.
Matt Abraham of Fenton is served a freshly carved slice of prime rib of beef, available every day after 4 p.m. and at Sunday Brunch at Sakura Buffet.

Sakura Buffet
Chinese, Japanese and American entrees available every day at new Fenton location

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

You don’t have to love Asian food to enjoy a meal at Fenton’s newest restaurant, Sakura Buffet. You just have to love to eat.

A huge buffet of more than 150 Chinese favorites, plus 100 different kinds of sushi, a bountiful salad bar plus delicious homemade desserts greets diners from the time the restaurant opens at 11 a.m. until it closes at 10 p.m.

But at 4 p.m. daily, American favorites like t-bone steaks, hand-carved prime rib and tender ribs are served to your specifications. “We’ve got enough variety to suit everyone’s tastes,” said manager Christy Wang, who oversees daily operation of the restaurant with her husband, Simon. “We’ve gotten many compliments on all of our food since we opened.”

Sakura Buffet opened Aug. 5 in Fenton, one of a handful of Sakura Buffets that have operated in the U.S. for 25 years, mostly in California and Pennsylvania. “We’re very pleased with our location in Fenton,” said Wang.

Sushi is one of the most popular options at Sakura Buffet, especially the California roll, tempura and salmon varieties. All are made fresh on the premises by the restaurant’s sushi chef.

The bountiful buffet includes favorite Chinese dishes, including soups, beef, chicken, pork and seafood entrees, egg rolls and more. A large dessert table features homemade cheesecakes, pies and cakes.

Specials are “on the menu” every week, too. Monday night is Family Night, serving two adults, two children with the buffet and four drinks for $30. Tuesday nights, kids eat for just $1.99 when accompanied by an adult. The Sunday Buffet, priced at $7.99, includes all the buffet options plus prime rib, t-bone steaks, ribs and homemade desserts.

“You just might find your ‘fortune’ at Sakura Buffet,” said Wang, noting that fortune cookies are brought after each meal.

Sakura Buffet is located at 17055 Silver Parkway in Fenton, near the The UPS Store. For dining in, carry-out or buffet information, call (810) 629-8687.

Joe Kuptz has been a practicing attorney in the area, following his graduation eight years ago from the Michigan State University College of Law.

True Point Legal Services
Attorney Joe Kuptz opens office in Fenton

By Sally Rummel
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Joe Kuptz of Linden practiced law in Grand Blanc for eight years after graduating from the Michigan State University College of Law.

Bringing his expertise back home to the tri-county area, Kuptz opened True Point Legal Services last August at 14165 North Fenton Rd., Suite 104F in Fenton. His areas of specialty are bankruptcy, estate planning, Social Security disability and general business services.

Bankruptcy is one of the busiest legal areas right now, given the tough economic climate in Michigan. “People shouldn’t be afraid to contact an attorney if they’re having financial difficulties,” said Kuptz. “It’s better not to wait too long. We might find you have other options. Either way, you can take steps earlier and avoid more problems down the road.”

One of the keys to the success of True Point Legal Services is Kuptz’s accessibility to clients and prospective clients. “One of the reasons I opened my own law practice was to make myself accessible to individuals and small businesses,” he said. “You can reach me by phone at (810) 275-9675 or via email at info@truepointlegal.com.”

Kuptz also offers free initial consultations and a variety of billing options—from no fees for Social Security disability work unless there is a successful appeal, to money down, retainers or straight hourly. “We’ll sit down together and work out the best fee structure for your case,” he added.

“I’m here, I’m local and I’m accessible,” said Kuptz. Office hours are by appointment, including evenings and weekends.

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Joshua David Pacheco 1995-2012 Joshua David Pacheco - age 17, of Fenton, died Tuesday, November 27, 2012. Funeral services will be held at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton with Rev. Christopher T. Thoma officiating. Visitation was held 3-8 PM Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Joshua David Pacheco memorial fund. Joshua was born October 24, 1995 in Southfield. He attended Linden High School and enjoyed theatre and AF Politics. He was also involved with Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD). Joshua was part of the Kids Theatre Company and worked at Tim Hortons. His infectious smile warmed the hearts of all who knew him. Surviving are: parents, Lynnette and Michael Capehart; father, David Pacheco; siblings, Alicia, Tiffani, Grant and Haylee; many aunts, uncles and grandparents also survive. He was preceded in death by his uncle, Ron Babisch, Jr. in June 2012. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Unplug the charger.
Appliances use electricity even if they’re still plugged in — up to 40 percent of this current running power can add up to 150 more pounds in greenhouse gases and about $70 extra on your electricity bill. You can use one power strip to plug in things that can be turned off, like phone chargers, that way you can turn them all off at once.

Cut down on plastic bags.
Instead of taking new plastic bags every time you leave a store, put your purchases in a reusable bag or reuse the ones you already have.

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TIMES CLASSIFIEDS

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: What advice can you give to senior citizens with type 2 diabetes? — W.S.

ANSWER: People with either type 1 or type 2 diabetes have similar goals and are given fairly similar advice. Type 2 diabetics used to be called adult-onset diabetes and often can be controlled with oral medicines and diet. Type 1 diabetics used to be called juvenile diabetes, and it requires insulin treatment. Those older designations are misleading. Many type 2 diabetics have to take insulin.

People with diabetes ought to have a meter that provides the blood sugar (plasma glucose) reading. It’s impossible to tailor medicine or diet without such information. The first reading in the morning, before taking food, ought to be in the range of 70 to 130 mg/dl (3.9 to 7.2 mmol/L). The blood sugar meter is not expensive and is easy to use. In addition, hemoglobin A1C, another measure of sugar control, should be less than 7 percent. This value is obtained only a couple of times a year.

Since diabetes is a risk for developing heart attacks and strokes, diabetics are obliged to control the other risks for those two common conditions. Those are blood pressure, which should be less than 140/90 and preferably under 130/80. Cholesterol ought to be lower than 200 mg/dl (5.2 mmol/L). LDL cholesterol (bad cholesterol) is best kept under 100 (2.6) and the optimum reading for triglycerides (blood fats) is now set at 150 mg/dl (1.7 mmol/L). Diabetics ought to have yearly eye exams.

Since obesity is common in type 2 diabetes and since modest weight loss (a 5 percent to 7 percent reduction in body weight) can help, calorie reduction is important. Increased activity controls blood sugar and body weight. The goal is 30 minutes of moderate exercise 5 days of the week.

Diabetics should get instructions in diet control from a dietitian. In general, 50 percent to 55 percent of calories come from carbohydrates, 15 percent to 20 percent from protein and 30 percent from fats.

Wannabe mom frets about history repeating

DEAR AMY: My husband and I recently decided to start a family. I’m extremely excited, but nervous at the same time. I’ve been thinking about how I would like to raise my children, and although I love my parents, I don’t want to raise my children the way they raised me. My parents always put their needs before mine, and I very much resent them. You always hear that no matter how much you try not to, you always end up like your parents. I want to be the best mom I can be, and I don’t want my children to have a child like mine. I’d like some suggestions on how to prevent this....

— Wannabe Mommy

DEAR WANNABE: You are right to realize that how your parents raised you will influence your own choices. You are wrong to think that you are somehow destined to repeat their mistakes, however. Being a thoughtful parent means that you will sometimes make choices based on your negative experiences and that you will deliberately establish a different way of being in family. Parenthood unfolds one day at a time. Each and every day you have the opportunity to make choices and then self-correct, if necessary.

DEAR AMY: In response to the letter from “Annoyed Hockey Player” about an obnoxious mom, most organized sports require parents and athletes to sign codes of conduct. This mother’s behavior, while sadly very common, files in the face of appropriate behavior and breaches the code. It’s a frustration to me and to other parents while we sit in the stands with these blowhards. Coaches coach. Spectators cheer. Refs need to throw the bums out.

— Soccer Mom

DEAR MOM: I’m reminded of Sarah Palin’s priceless quote: “The difference between a hockey mom and a pit bull? Lipstick.” I agree that coaches and refs should take a firm stand.

HOW TO Make Pie Crust

Step 1

Combine flour and salt in a bowl. With a pastry blender or two knives, cut in shortening until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs (the size of small peas).

Sprinkle 1 tablespoon of cold water at a time over the mixture and toss gently with a fork. Repeat until dry ingredients are moist and mixture forms a ball. Use only as much water as necessary to moisten flour.

Step 2

Shape into a ball. (For a double-crust pie, divide dough in half so that one ball is slightly larger than the other.) On a floured surface or floured pastry cloth, flatten the ball (the larger one, if making a double-crust pie) into a circle, pressing together any cracks or breaks.

Roll with a floured rolling pin from the center of the dough to the edges, forming a circle 2 in. larger than the pie plate. The pastry should be about 1/8 in. thick.

Step 3

To move pastry, roll up pastry onto rolling pin. Position over edge of pie plate and unroll. Let the pastry ease into the plate. Do not stretch the pastry to fit. For a single-crust pie, trim pastry with a scissors to 1/2 in. beyond plate edge; turn under and flute. For a double-crust pie, trim pastry even with plate edge. For a lattice-crust pie, trim pastry to 1 inch beyond plate edge. Bake the shell or fill according to recipe directions. — tasteofhome.com

To your good health

DEAR PAW’S CORNER: We’re going to adopt a kitten from a litter that our neighbor’s cat had. We’ve never had a cat before. I hear they’re easy to house train. How do we do that? — Sara in Helena, Mont.

DEAR SARA: Congratulations on your soon-to-be new pet! A kitten is a lifelong responsibility, so learn as much as you can before you bring the kitten home. Kittens who have reached the right age to be adopted — at least eight weeks and preferably 12 weeks, that have been fully weaned — should be easy to housetrain. A couple of factors might make this training take a bit longer: if the kitten is from a “barn cat” family or from a feral mother, or if the kitten has any hidden health issues. Most cats develop similar elimination habits no matter their environment. They look for a protected place with loose soil so they can bury their waste. In their distant non-domesticated past, they protected a place with loose soil so they can bury their waste. In their distant non-domesticated past, they did this to stay hidden from predators. Consider purchasing a covered litter box that does not have a mechanical scooper arm — the automated scooper action could traumatize the kitten. The day your kitten comes home, show it around the house, with the new litter box as the first stop. Place the kitten into the box and let it sniff around. In the days that follow, if you see your kitten scratching the floor and/or turning in place, pick him up and place him into the litter box, using encouraging words.

This week’s Inserts

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Alpine Marketplace
Bass Pro Shops
CVS Pharmacy
Family Dollar
Holly Foods
Kmart
Lake Fenton Schools
Sears Hometown Store
Shop Smart
VG’S
Walgreens
Walmart

Phone 1 tip of the week

Listen to music while falling asleep

It’s great to fall asleep listening to your favourite music. However, you don’t want your iPhone playing music all night. Apple has provided an easy solution. Within the Clock app, set a timer for however long you want the music to play. Then, instead of choosing a ring, choose to Sleep iPod when the timer ends.

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November 2012 Board of Review

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

DATE: Tuesday December 11, 2012
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
PLACE: Argentine Township Hall
9048 Silver Lake Road
Linden MI 48451
(810) 735-9035

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 levyng 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

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Roll Call: Present: Cole, Ciesielski, Hallman, Graves, Absent: Schmidt
Approved: Budget adjustments as recommended by the Clerk.
Approved: Payment of bills as presented in the board package.
Approved: to allow Chief Allen to hire Mark Lampkowski as a part-time officer, subject to physical examination, drug screening, and a 1-year probation period.
Old Business: None.
New Business: Appointed to the Metro Planning Commission- Robert Cole as representative and Denise Graves as alternate.
Approved: to waive the permit fee for a temporary sign for the Cub Scouts.
Approved: to allow the supervisor to attend the MTA Convention.
Adjournment @ 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by
Denise Graves, Clerk

Synopsis of Argentine Township
Regular Board Meeting
November 26, 2012

The City of Linden will receive sealed bids at the City Clerk’s Office, 132 E. Broad Street, P.O. Box 507, Linden, MI 48451, for production well screen installation and pump testing at the Linden City Hall on December 17, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. local time.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at that time in the main office of the Linden City Hall, 132 E. Broad Street, Linden, Michigan. Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes and plainly marked “MUNICIPAL WELL #5 REHABILITATION PROJECT – WELL SCREEN INSTALLATION AND TESTING SPECIFICATIONS.

Proposal forms and specifications are on file for the inspection of bidders at the Linden City Offices, 132 E. Broad Street, Linden, Michigan and copies may be obtained by qualified bidders. Sealed proposals must be submitted on the bid forms furnished by the City.

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