Residents have plenty to say about future of city

Walkability, library improvements, recreational activities most common requests at open forum

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Fenton — Roughly 150 people made an appearance at the city of Fenton’s open community forum on Wednesday night where their thoughts and opinions on the city were heard. The agenda of the night was what the next step should be in developing the city’s strategic plan for the future.

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“I think it really gives the city council something to chew on, and to come up with a plan.” Sue Osborn, Fenton mayor

Why bullying has become so prevalent in today’s world

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Bullying goes back as far as life itself, beginning with animals fighting for dominance in the jungles of the wild. But high school is not a jungle. Animals are governed by instinct and primal responses. But people are supposed to be governed by reason, compassion and tolerance.

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Local church break-ins part of much bigger ring

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Argentine Township police have joined a multi-jurisdictional task force with the intent of solving as many as 45 church break-ins across southeastern Michigan and northern Ohio.

Three of the related church break-ins in Argentine Township occurred in the early

See BREAK-INS on 22A

Modern mechanics skilled in areas that traditionally had nothing to do with auto repair

As auto technology evolves, so do the people who repair them.

By William Axford
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Chris Andras, 20, of Holly repairs diesel fuel lines on a 2004 GMC Sierra Duramax Diesel. “I’m young, so new technology is OK for me,” Andras said. “Older guys might have trouble with it though.”

See MECHANICS on 11A

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Students from local high schools and members of the community gathered at the Linden Mill to remember 17-year-old Josh Pacheco, who committed suicide Nov. 27. Teenagers spoke out against bullying, which is believed to be a factor in Pacheco’s suicide. See story on Page 8A

“My question is: How many more lives of young people need to be lost before education finds empathy necessary?”

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Director of The Bullycide Project
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Nothing says 'LOVE' like a thoughtful gift from your kitchen... or someone else's!

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Your neighbors, co-workers and family members will appreciate a festive gift of food, especially during this busy time of year when there are so many special occasions and so little time to bake.

Summary
► When you present a gift of food from the kitchen, it's a thoughtful gift from the heart.

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Kathy Shouse, owner of Kathy's Patisserie Cakes & Bakes in Fenton, has devoted this holiday season to sweet treats gifts — from cranberry pumpkin breads to baking mixes in a jar and stocking stuffer treats like Christmas brownie pops, frosted pretzels and gift bags of cookies.

“My signature ‘sweet’ this Christmas is my Snow Globe Cake, which actually contains the keepsake gift of a snowman ornament,” said Shouse. “It’s reminiscent of our childhood snow globes and is a perfect gift for anyone on your gift list. It’s small enough to be personal, but tall enough to feed eight to 12.”

Another welcome food gift is a custom “made in Michigan” gift basket, with your recipient’s favorite Michigan treats — from Sander’s Hot Fudge to Garden Gourmet chips and salsas — even Crust Bakery's freshly baked treats from Fenton. Great Lakes Market in Holly has a full store of Michigan-made products that can be beautifully assembled for a very personal and appreciated gift.

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You can also assemble your own basket by filling it with a variety of favorite meats, cheeses, nuts and snacks.

The holiday season is the busiest time of year for custom-made fruit baskets made in VG’s Grocery produce department. “We can make your food gift a healthy alternative with a fruit basket filled with seasonal fruits, nuts and more,” said Brian Haaraoja, VG’s Grocery senior vice president. “We can easily upgrade your custom gift by adding a festive bottle of wine or champagne.”

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Shari Allen, a night clerk at VG’s in Silver Parkway, spends some time during the evening to straighten aisle shelves.

Psychology of the grocery aisle
► Store layouts are meticulously planned

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Fenton — When you are arranging the furniture in your home, you do not haphazardly block your staircase with your recliner, or face your television away from your couch. You likely take time to consider your arrangements, and lay out your house in the way that best suits your needs.

The shelves in a grocery store are not any different, as their entire store is designed to give you a certain shopping experience. Sometimes, the reasons things are placed in a certain spot is simple — money.

“You have vendors who do pay to have certain displays and certain areas where their product is placed,” said Carol Maciejewski of VG’s on North LeRoy St. in Fenton.

The main entrance of most grocery stores have many of the same elements. As you step inside a grocery store, you are likely to see flowers on display, and you may find yourself already in the produce section. These elements combine to give you the impression that the products the store is...

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It's A Wonderful Life

I read a column recently that discussed the merits of the movie It's A Wonderful Life. I’m one of those guys who wouldn’t feel the Christmas season was complete without an annual viewing of the beloved holiday Classic.

It was just another movie when it was first released shortly after the end of World War II. But it has since acquired a certain status. That’s not to say It’s A Wonderful Life doesn’t have its detractors. A few years ago, some professor from Harvard spent a whole semester analyzing the movie (glad to hear our tax dollars are being spent wisely). His conclusion: It’s A Wonderful Life is a tragedy that epitomizes how empty and bleak life can be when you end up marrying your high school sweetheart and living in the same town you grew up in.

The professor’s study concludes that George Bailey is the most sad and lonely of all characters — a bitter, unfilled shell of a man who deeply regrets the choices he has made and the empty, tragic life he has lived. “I cry when I see it,” the professor concluded.

To me, the real tragedy is the sad and pitiful analysis by the sad and pitiful professor. His life must be devoid of all the things that make my life rich and wonderful. I suspect that the Harvard professor bears a striking emotional resemblance to the movie’s villain, Mr. Potter. And he likely leads as bleak and empty a life as the financially rich but emotionally bankrupt Mr. Potter.

No wonder he cries when he watches It’s A Wonderful Life. Speaking as a guy who did marry his high school sweetheart, I would like to inform the professor that my life has been many things — but never a tragedy.

Like most lives, it contains all the elements of a good story. I have a large extended family so there certainly has always been a steady stream of love, as well as lots of drama. It’s often been a comedy of errors. My life has had its share of villains and heroes — with me playing both roles at different times and different places. There have been successes, failures, greed and misplaced values. And it’s had its fair share of tragic events, including financial ups and downs, illnesses and deaths.

But never has it been a tragedy. It’s A Wonderful Life is a celebration of small town values — family, faith and friends. And at the end of the day we are all George Baileys — just so-called ordinary men and women who are happily living our ordinary lives.

I hope you take the time to watch the movie.

I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

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THE COUPLE BEHIND me in the voting line last month that were so vocally promoting Obama reeked of marijuana. What a surprise.

FUNNY HOW I can access the God of Heaven by going through his son in prayer but I have to jump through hoops to get unemployment benefits. It’s very sad.

THE SKATING RINK kids should join a gang and run the streets and sell drugs. Guns would be much better than hockey sticks.

I WAS AMUSED reading about the 70-year-old who voted for Obama because he wanted free health insurance and he is now dismayed because it’s costing him more than $200 a month. Just remember what your father told you — there is no such thing as a free lunch.

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See HOT LINE throughout Times

Compiled by Olivia Dimmer, intern

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HAVE TO LAUGH at the typical Democ- ratic mindset of twisting reality to fit their warped viewpoint. You act as if Obama won in a landslide, whereas he squeaked in with less than a 2 percentage point difference. The difference is that we work, whereas all your voters are on public assistance and thus had all day to cash their govern- ment check, have a few drinks, then go vote.

WHY CAN’T THE city of Fenton make a permanent ice rink? Our grand- children would love it and so would grandpa and grandma!

QUICK NOTE TO the gentleman in the paper stating he didn’t want tools for Christmas! This year, this 90-year-old who voted for Obama because he wanted free health insurance and he is now dismayed because it’s costing him more than $200 a month. Just remember what your father told you — there is no such thing as a free lunch.

WITH ALL THE MONEY the DDA gives away, our tax dollars by the taxes? THE DECORATIONS IN DOWNTOWN Fenton look really nice this year. Are those new?

TO THE HOTLINER mocking Romney for having lunch with Obama. Your ignorance in voting for a deceitful, dishonest charlatan for our president will likely cost you, and me, the futures of our children. That same ignorance is manifested in your juvenile eccentary at having done so.

MY 3-YEAR-OLD son and I were trying to bring home a Christmas tree on the back of our car when it fell off in Argenten! I’d like to give a big thank you to Kevin in the Stain Stock pickup truck for transporting it to our house for us.

THANKSGIVING TO CHRISTMAS is the busiest time for parents and grandparents. So why would Holly Academy have a concert during this time and not have all Christmas songs? They could have done this concert in January or February when people are looking for something to do. I expected Christmas songs.

LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL has a legacy of bullying and suicides. Perhaps it’s time that the administration finally does something about it.

HOW MANY CONSERVATIVES know that the Individual Mandate (AKA Obamacare) originated as an idea of Newt Gingrich and the Heritage Foundation (a conserva- tive think tank) in 1993 as a response to Hillary’s healthcare plan. Look it up!

Merry Christmas!

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What’s the strangest gift you’ve ever given or received?

“I got my brother a wind- up toy for Christmas.” — Holly Sutton Fenton

“I’m getting my hus- band a deer mount of his 8-point trophy buck.” — Chanda Jones Linden

“My aunt gave me a perfect ‘ugly sweater,’ thinking I would really like it.” — Stephanie Wieckodski Linden

“I give my mom a New York strip for Christmas every year. This year, she’s getting that, plus some light bulbs.” — Dennis Proulx, Holly

“I got my brother a wind- up toy for Christmas recently. We bought it at a fundraiser.” — Charlotte Everly Fenton

“‘A fireproof box for pic- tures that my husband got me for Christmas.” — Peggy Konsza Fenton Township

“I got exercise equipment from my husband that I didn’t really want.” — Chanda Jones Linden

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street talk
Soup kitchens are only able to accomplish what they do thanks to the hard work of volunteers, whose service is needed all year round.

**Hunger is a year-round struggle**

‘Every dollar can be turned into six meals’

— Kara Ross, vice president of the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan

By Ryan Tackabury news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

During the holidays, people often think about finding ways to help others in need within the community. One way you can help this season is to donate or volunteer at a local food bank or soup kitchen.

Food banks help to feed more than 37 million people a year. There are a lot of people, in every community from coast to coast, who can use your help. Locally, the Fenton United Methodist Church, St. Rita’s Catholic Parish — St. Vincent DePaul in Holly, First Baptist Church in Holly and Neighbor for Neighbor in Davison have food pantries.

Kara Ross, vice president of the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, said that it was very important that they have volunteers, who are needed to sort and label the food that they have coming in. Other work that volunteers can do include helping during fundraising events.

Volunteering at a food bank is as easy as going online to the food bank’s website, www.fbem.org.

For people with little extra time, they might want to consider making a donation. “We actually accept both money and food from the project. Every dollar can be turned into six meals,” Ross said.

“What a food bank is able to do is get major food manufacturer to donate to the project in large volume by the semi-truck full, where here in Michigan we don’t have a lot of large food manufacturers.”

Soup kitchens and food pantries are also in need of volunteers. Finding the nearest location to you is as simple as visiting the website www.foodpantries.org.

Though you are working as a volunteer, it is important that you treat this volunteer position as if it were a normal job. Because so much is relied upon the work of volunteers, your commitment is essential in getting things done.

It is no surprise that around the holidays are when soup kitchens receive the largest influx of volunteers. If the soup kitchen already has enough volunteers, inquire if there is any other way that you can be of service to them.

“I think it is important to understand that hunger is a yearlong situation or cause that people can get involved in.”
— Kara Ross, Vice President of Food Bank Eastern Michigan

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Ice rink face off continues

Neighbors disagree on safety and nuisance issues

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Fenton — Fenton City Council is expected to pass its ice rink regulating ordinance amendment this month — though for the case that prompted the change initially, the amendment may not matter.

John Jones owns a home in the Andover Woods subdivision, where he has set up an ice rink for the past six years.

“A few of us fathers came up with the idea to build that ice rink for all of our kids,” Jones said. While Jones no longer lives in Andover Woods, he rents his home, and continues to put up the ice rink as a way to stay in contact with his old neighbors.

The ice rink drew public attention earlier this year after a dispute arose between Jones and neighbor Bob Campbell, who wanted the rink to be taken down.

A modification, such as an ice rink, requires approval from the homeowners association. According to Jones, while the board voted to keep the rink last year, this year they voted the idea down. Jones said it was voted down for attracting nuisance and having a high potential for injury.

“That’s no different than the trampolines, or no different than a play set or a swing set,” Jones said.

Campbell argued that if Jones is trying to position the ice rink as open for communal use, he could be subjecting members of the homeowners association to a liability issue.

However, Campbell said that the liability issue was not the only issue the association had with the ice rink.

Though the ice rink would follow the regulations laid out by the ordinance amendment, it did not follow rules set by the homeowners association.

Campbell, a member on the homeowners association board, said the ice rink fell outside of the area designated for accessory use.

“It’s like a swimming pool that is inflatable. It’s really type of a similar arrangement where it’s not the sort of thing you would have up all year round, and not something you would see in someone’s front yard.”

If two men share a common ground, it is on their thoughts about the proposed ordinance amendment from the city.

The ordinance amendment would prohibit personal ice rinks in a front yard. A 4-foot setback would be required from adjacent property lines, and ice rink boards would be restricted to no more than 2 feet in height. The amendment would also not allow rinks to be set up before Nov. 15 and removed no later than March 15.

Campbell said that he believes the ordinance amendments proposed by the city is a fair solution, with not too much or too little restriction.

“I think the council felt it was important to take a look at an issue very much in the public interest. I respect its authority, and its effort to strike a balance to achieve a workable solution. I am quite supportive of them in that regard,” Campbell said.

Likewise, Jones said it was important that the ordinance amendment does pass. “The ordinance amendments are fair, not very restrictive. It’s pretty common sense,” he said.

Jones said that for his next step, he will be forming a petition to recall board members from the homeowners association.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I LOVED MY daughter’s choir concert at AGS tonight. The kids and the new teach- ers Mr. Bassin were great. There were quite a few parents in the crowd who acted like it was a sporting event… really? I am quite a few parents in the crowd who acted like it was a sporting event… really? I am

TO THE JEWISH person who doesn’t mind me calling a Christmas tree a ‘Christ- mas tree.” Thank you for having some common sense in this world that seems to be lacking. I may be the first to wish you Happy Chanukah.

PLEASE, ARE we going to have to listen to a nine-month commentary on Kate’s morning sickness? I was sick myself this morning because I realized how many days there was between the end of my paycheck and the end of the month. She should be so lucky.

A great concert at AGS. I was one of the way many people acted. They were hoiling and cheering for people singing, like we were at a sports game. I was shocked and I feel bad for the kids seeing this. My kids questioned their behavior and they are teens.

REMEMBER FUZZY MATH? Let’s see 7 percent unemployment, of those, half choose to be unemployed and 50 percent of the population doesn’t pay any taxes.

That means 50 percent of those working are paying taxes for themselves and the other 43 percent working and the 7 per- cent who don’t. Now that’s fuzzy.

SO PROUD OF a local youth baseball group — they are collecting food and clothing for Carriage Town Ministries Sat-urday, Dec. 8, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the VG’s on Silver Parkway. It’s great to see a group of young men thinking of others during the holiday season.

THE SIXTH- AND SEVENTH-grade concert at AGS Tuesday night was very well done. In Mr. Bassin’s first year, there was significant improvement from past years, espe- cially in organization and student behavior. Can’t say the same for a few parents, one behaved like an adolescent idiot!

THOSE BULLIES in Linden have cursed their own lives as well.

HOLLY ACADEMY NEEDS to implement an anti-bullying class for a half semester in the upper grade levels. It would be a tremen- dous help to all the students. Perhaps a teacher could teach the class so she could learn how to get her point across to parents without bullying.

LOVE THE CHRISTMAS music playing 24/7 on FM 96.1, 99.1, and 105.1.
Wrap-In brings out best of community

More than 1,000 donated items will make it to seniors, families in need

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This Christmas, many local children and seniors will have a gift to open, thanks to all those who contributed to the 61st Community Wrap-In, in memory of the late Nancy Stockham.

“It’s been a wonderful turnout, and we have had a lot of donations,” said Jan Miller, organizer of the event.

The day was punctuated by a pizza tasting contest and a spaghetti cook-off.

“There are 10 different pizza places that donated all of our pizza,” Savannah Waldchen, another event organizer said. “I want to say thank you to all the pizza places that donated to us.”

The event drew volunteers both young and old, who gave their time in wrapping more than 1,000 gifts. Once the wrapping is finished, the gifts will later be distributed to nursing homes and to families in need.

“Without things like the Wrap-In, there would be a lot of people who wouldn’t have a Christmas.”

Alberta Martin
Wrap-In volunteer

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Debbie Williamson spends her Thursday volunteering at the Wrap-In by wrapping up gifts. This was her first year volunteering at what she described as being an important event.

“It would be a lot of people who wouldn’t have a Christmas. And if we didn’t have those wonderful ladies like Jan, where would we be?” said Alberta Martin, who has volunteered for the event since 1982. “Nancy is smiling down on us,” said Martin.

Miller and Waldchen said that the Wrap-In would not have been possible without support from the community. They wanted to give a special thanks to all of the people and companies who donated their time and money, to Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church and Linden Presbyterian Church, and to all of the restaurants who donated food for the pizza and spaghetti taste-offs.

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WINDOW SMASHED IN HOLLY

On Nov. 28, Holly police were sent to a business in the 100 block of Rosette to investigate a malicious destruction of property complaint. The complainant reported that between 1:30 and 4 p.m. the previous day, someone smashed out the rear window of his vehicle, which had been parked near the railroad tracks. Police have no suspects at this time.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT IN HOLLY

At 4 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 6, Holly police were sent to a residence in the 4000 block of Grange Hall Road to investigate a report of a man grabbing a woman. Upon arrival, police made contact with the 64-year-old victim who said a man, with a reddish brown beard and carrying a backpack walked up and grabbed her shoulders as she walked away after saying hello. The man then said the dog had been out all night and that he had aggressively approached her husband as he tried to walk to his vehicle. Upon arrival, police saw the black dog and it challenged the officer as he approached. Police made contact with the dog’s 39-year-old owner, who was unaware of how the dog got loose. Police issued the man a Jan. 14 court appearance ticket for having a dog running at large complaint.

CARS COLLIDE AT FAST-FOOD RESTAURANT

At 2:56 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 2, Fenton police responded to a fast-food restaurant in the 3200 block of Owen Road to investigate an automobile crash on private property. A 44-year-old Flint woman told police that a vehicle, driven by a 29-year-old Durand man collided with hers in the parking lot. The officer detected an odor of intoxicants on the man and a preliminary breath test revealed a blood alcohol content of .106 percent. That number increased to .12 at the police station after his arrest. The man claimed his brakes failed in the parking lot. He received a Jan. 14 court appearance ticket.

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Community reacts to student’s suicide

> “When there is a suicide in a large school, the chance of a second one increases by 300 percent”

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Linden — From the street, it looked like rows of tiny white lights, lined up like stars in a cold winter’s night sky. These stars were candles, and the rows were friends, families and even complete strangers who came out, bundled in winter jackets and holding candles, to support the late Joshua Pacheco.

Some of his close friends sat in the front row, reminiscing about inside jokes they had with Pacheco, and how they used to sing show tunes together.

“During the candlelight vigil on Wednesday at the Linden Mill, teenagers from Linden and surrounding high schools stood at the edge of the gazebo under dim lighting and shared their own personal stories. Stories of bullying that had gone on in their lives. Stories of their own dealings with suicide. Stories of their friends, Joshua Pacheco.”

“I miss his smile the most, he had such a beautiful smile,” said Jacob Frick, a junior at LHS and one of Pacheco’s closest friends.

Frick and LHS junior Alana Steele, another one of Pacheco’s friends, said they had almost no idea that Pacheco was suicidal or depressed.

“We saw each other every day, and hang out every weekend,” Steele said. “I only ever saw him sad once.”

During the vigil, both Frick and Steele spoke to the crowd about their own respective bouts with bullying, sexuality, and self-harm.

“If you don’t like someone, that’s OK,” Frick said during his speech. “But you can choose to keep your mouth shut and keep your comments to yourself.”

Since Pacheco’s suicide, efforts have been made to bring more awareness to bullying as well as with the vigil and an anti-bullying walk scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 2 at 2:30 p.m. The walk was organized by Lake Fenton High School’s anti-bullying group, The Start initiative. ‘The walk begins at River’s Edge Middle School and ends at Bush Park.

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Superintendent faces harsh reality of bullying

By Sharon Stone

The support that students showed at the vigil Wednesday night was unbelievably positive.

Superintendent Ed Koledo is facing this tough and controversial issue head on and is not shying away from questions from parents or the media. He responded to several questions asked of him by the Times with regards to the district’s policy on bullying and how bullying can be stopped.

Q: What are the ramifications for fighting back? Literally fighting back, getting physical, can be considered a disciplinary offense depending on the situation and the level of violence involved. There are no set rules in bullying situations because every situation can be so different.

Q: What does work to end bullying, from the schools’ experience? From my understanding, the best methods for schools involve getting students organized in creating a culture where bullying is not accepted. What works is, having student groups like SADD and Student Council, ensuring that students know what to do when they see bullying, making sure everyone is aware of the signs of suicidal thoughts and having multiple ways for students to either reach out for help.

Q: Has there been much talk about Josh’s death and did his death affect anyone to where they sought help? There has been a lot of talk about Josh’s death and the levels of bullying individual students have put up with in our school and our community as a whole. The support that students showed at the vigil Wednesday night was unbelievably positive.

Your message to the community: While we have had anti-bullying programming in place for a number of years, we have to realize that the work here is not done — communication can always improve. We need to continually search for the most innovative ways to allow students to reach out for help and support a culture where bullying, at any level, is not tolerated.

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

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A suicide prevention and education brochure is available on Linden High School’s website for students and parents to reference with questions or concerns about the topic of suicide. This resource advises that parents look for any signs of suicide in their children: Increase in stress, sudden, intense interest in religion and the afterlife, social withdrawal, giving away prized possessions, difficulty communicating about problems and diminished involvement in usual activities.

If there is even a slight indicator of suicidal thoughts, parents are encouraged to talk to their kids, and take every threat — “I wish I was dead,” or “I’m going to kill myself,” seriously. Parents should not hesitate to reach out to a medical professional, suicide prevention hotline, such as 1-800-273-TALK (8255) and www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org or even hospitalize their child if symptoms are spotted.

The pamphlet also warns that, “When there is a suicide in a large school, the chance of a second one increases by 300 percent.”
MECHANICS
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indicator for car troubles, is not as preva-
 lent when it comes to working on electric
and hybrid cars.
“Newer cars are so dead quiet. It’s not
like older models that make a bunch of
noise,” said Duane Curto, service director
at Vic Canever. “They have a fini.
The quality is so good, you have to be
on top of it.”
As cars evolve with hybrid and elec-
tric features, so to do the
technicians who work on them.
Today’s auto repairers must ex-
pand their skills into the fields
of computers and electronics. High
volt age engines, fuel economy
components and regenerative
braking are only a few of the
newer features that mechanics
repair. Working with constantly
expanding new technology requires
diligence and hours of additional training.
“One of the new parts are more in
depth. There’s so much more technol-
gy,” Coon said. “With eAssist, you
have a hybrid car with regenerative
braking which charges your batteries
when you brake. You end up getting the
fuel economy of a small engine but the
boost of a V6.”
In order to be certified to work on
hybrids or electric cars, Coon has trav-
eled to Detroit for specialized classes
and takes web-based training for the
latest repair methods. Tools for hybrid
and electric cars have to be invested
and renewed annually. With so many
high voltage parts implemented into the
engines, the wrong snip of an electric line
can prove to be fatal.
“Anything red, you don’t cut,” Coon
advises. “For the most part, there have
been minimal repair problems with the
Volt.”

FUTURE
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improved or new library were all nearly
universal answers.
Many people wanted to see something
done about the currently unused build-
ing where Topps fruit market used to be
— though the property is privately owned.
Other common topics included bike paths,
dog parks, the Fenton theater, pub-
lic transportation, and much more.
“I would like to see some kind of
public transportation,” said
Mary Gembinski, suggesting
something that could loop around the
city.
Carl Jones, a new resident who
moved to the area three months
ago, said he thought the forum had a good
turnout. “It’s cool not to see somebody’s
assistant to the assistant,” he said. Jones
said the Fenton community was great, and
praised the recent Jinglefest.
“I think one of the greatest things that
attracts people to the town is you. It’s the
people here,” he said.
Chip Beltzink of Sawyer Jewelers
praised the city for the open forum. “I
think the city (officials) really left them-
selves pretty vulnerable, and I like that,
because they are asking for the honest
truth,” he said. “This wasn’t a
closed meeting. Kudos to them
that they opened themselves up to
honesty.”
Mayor Sue Osborn said that
she found the open forum to be
exciting. “I think as I listened to
all of the ideas, there is sort of a
common denominator between
all of them. It is amazing how it turned
out,” she said. “I think it really gives
the city council something to chew on, and
to come up with a plan.”
If you would like to donate please send a check made payable to Andrea Ward, to the following address:
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Isabella Ward is the 1 year old daughter of Andrea Starrs Ward and Scott Ward. She is the granddaughter of Pat & Suzanne Starrs and Scott & Sue Ward. Bella was diagnosed with retinoblastoma, which is a rare cancer of the eyes. She will be continuing her chemotherapy treatments at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City.

The Starrs Family has been a contributing part of our community for a long time. They own Starrs Farm in Linden, Pat is a Realtor with The John Wentworth Group & Suzanne is a teacher in Linden. Please help us to support precious Bella & her family. All donations will assist Bella's family as they travel to and from New York for treatment.

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**Hockey**

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This college hockey coach spent just over four years with the Red Wings in the 1970s. Name him.

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Current Michigan Wolverines hockey coach Red Berenson turned 73 on Saturday.

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**Top returning WRESTLERS**

According to Michigan-grappler.com, four tri-county wrestlers are among the top 15 in his weight class regardless of division in prep wrestling. Listed below are the wrestlers and a brief description.

119

#15 James Demember

A Lake Fenton senior, Demember qualified for the state meet a year ago, but lost both of his matches by decision. You can bet he wants to do a bit better this season.

130

#3 Mason Cleaver

The Holly senior came close to a state title a year ago, losing his state championship match at 125. He was 51-2 last season. You can be assured Cleaver wants the title this season.

135

#3 Anthony Gonzales

With a season left, Gonzales already is in the argument for best Holly wrestler ever. If he can become the first Broncho ever to win three state championships, it won‘t treman an argument. Gonzales will be the obvious top pick.

140

#7 Zack Jones

Jones, a Holly senior, didn’t compete at the state meet last year, but has been a quality wrestler since he’s been at Holly. He’ll need to step up this year.

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**Friday Night Hoops**

Starting next Friday, the Tri-County Times will present the Friday night action in the weekend publication. However, in most cases stories concerning Friday night contests will also be presented on line at www.tctimes.com.

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**Bronchos start slow, fall to Kearsley in season’s first game, 68-60**

By David Troppens
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Holly varsity boys basketball coach Tim Olszewski has been telling anyone who will listen, make a lot of adjustments as coaches to do a lot of teaching, make a lot of adjustments and hopefully see better results every game.

Kearsley started with a 10-0 run and led 21-12 after one quarter. At one point in the second quarter, the Bronchos trailed 32-18, but Holly went on a 13-7 run, cutting the gap to 39-31 at the half.

“Mitch was kind of the spark plug in that second quarter for us,” Olszewski said. “We started getting some momentum and the scoring started to go our way.”

The Tigers kept improving upon that lead, winning the second half 38-27. The Tigers’ offense scored at least 16 points in every quarter.

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**Tigers place third at Xmas Relays**

By David Troppens
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Fenton’s Cory Cox scored a game-high 25 points in the Tigers’ 74-48 victory against the Clio Mustangs on Tuesday.

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Blue Devils fight back, but fall to Bendle

By David Troppens
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Lake Fenton — When Jake Erway took over as the new Lake Fenton varsity boys head basketball coach he said one mindset would become a key element to the program — a mindset of never giving up.

“Take off as close as 74-71 on a putback hoop by Sawyer Scott with six seconds left, but John- soniced the Bendle victory with two convert free throws with 3.7 seconds left.

“We just have a lot of positive guys who can connect on shots no matter what the score is or how much time is left,” Welch said. “We have a lot of confident shooters.

“ar again the second quarter, it probably would’ve been a different out come,” Erway said. “But like I just told the girls, they showed they can come back.

Area wrestling teams perform well in first matches of season

By David Troppens
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On Wednesday all four tri-county wrestling teams opened their seasons with reasonably solid results.

Leading the pack was the seventh-ranked team in Division 2 according to Michigangrappler.com, the Holly Bronchos. Holly won both of its matches, while Linden and Lake Fenton earned respectable splits. The Tigers didn’t compete for team scores, but won a strong 11 of 14 matches they had wrestlers compete in.

Holly defeated Flushing 47-27 and Kearsley 31-25.

The Bronchos had seven double-winners, including Colton Cleaver (103), Mason Cleaver (140) and Anthony Gonzales (140), who all won both of their matches by pinfall.

Kyle Pepper (152), Andrew Scott (160), Vince Bianchi (171) and Cam Guzdziol (215) also won two matches.

The Linden Eagles defeated Milan 48-24 and lost to Manchester 64-12.

Cliff Coleman was more than a double-winner. He also captured his 100th win of his high school career. For Linden were Luke Zimmerman, Austin Golden, Eli Foguth, Aaron Kersten and Austin McNeil.

Lake Fenton defeated Durand 64-12, but then lost a tight match to Goodrich 33-29.

Jared Corcoran, James Demember, John Barry, Cody Sanders, D.J. Melton, Chase Hull, Blake Mireles an Lucas Allen were double-winners.

Finally, while numbers are low, the ath-
TRI-COUNTY SPORTS

Fenton posts strong effort at Tiger Christmas Relays

By David Troppens
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The Fenton varsity boys swim team did more than get a good start to the season at its own Christmas Relays on Saturday.

The Tigers posted one of their best starts in a decade. Fenton placed third at its own meet, earning two second-place relays and third-place finishes.

Ann Arbor Skyline won the meet with 385 points, while Howell took second with 334 points. The Tigers were just a bit behind with 326 points, placing third.

“It was a good start,” Fenton coach Brad Jones said. “It’s the highest we’ve placed in the last 10 years.”

Adam Andreski took part in both second-place relay teams. He teamed with Brent Nakkula, Sam Coffey and Chris Taylor in the 200 freestyle relay (1:40.38), and also teamed with Brant Cassidy, Zahne Macklin and Mike Banner to finish runner-up the 400 freestyle relay (3:54.64).

The Tigers opened the meet with a strong third-place effort in the 400 medley relay with the team of Banner, Macklin, Alex Chase and Cassidy (4:09.17). They concluded the night with a third-place finish in the 200 medley relay with the team of Landis, Landon Mikulenas, Chase and Nakkula (1:57.73). Finally, Landan Warren, Landis, Michael Fabatz and Taylor earned the last third in the 800 freestyle relay (8:54.76).

Fenton hosts non-league Owosso for a Thursday meet, starting at 6 p.m.
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six-pointers and sophomore Morgan Baylis’ four treys, the Bronchos found a way to get the game within a point in the fourth quarter three times. However, the Hornets never had an answer and responded with a hoop each time the Bronchos cut it to within a point.

“We shot our way into it,” Baylis said.

“Kearsley is a nice team. They had four players in double-figures and they shot the ball extremely well. But we did shoot our way back into the game.”

Woodruff finished with a game-high 22 points, the most a freshman has scored in a first game of their varsity career since Baylis started coaching in the program. Baylis had 14 points. Sophomore Isaac Casillas had seven points, all coming in the second half. Justis Kerner led the team with nine rebounds, while Joshua Sims had five rebounds.

“We played 12 players in the first quarter and all 14 played,” Baylis said.

“We have some inexperienced guys and some young guys who we want to play the role. We were working our lineups, finding out who was ready for prime time.”

Holly returned to action with a Friday night home game against Swartz Creek. For more on that game, go to www.tctimes.com.

The Bronchos also travel to Lapeer East for a Flint Metro League contest on Monday.

DEVILS
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13 turnovers.

Lake Fenton opened the second period leading 14-9. That lead grew to 16-9 after a fastbreak hoop by Burke. However, consecutive driving layups by Bendle’s Jalen Lenoir began a run of 13 straight Tigers’ points. By the time Welch stopped it with a 10-foot runner with 1:50 left in the half, the Blue Devils trailed 22-18. However, Bendle continued hot, scoring nine of the half’s last 11 points, earning a 31-20 halftime lead.

For the most part, the third quarter saw the Bendle lead bounce between eight and 12 points. However, the Blue Devils had their third three turnovers of the quarter consecutively in the final 34 seconds of the period, helping spark a run of seven points in the final 30 seconds. Lake Fenton entered the fourth trailing 59-45.

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Welch ended the night with the team-high 24 points, nine rebounds, five assists and three steals. Hansen netted 18 points and nine boards, while Burke had 16 points, four rebounds and two steals. Zac Zielinski had seven points, while Scott had six points and six rebounds.

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WRESTLING
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PREP SPORTS REPORT

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Lake Fenton 47, Montrose 29:
The Blue Devils (2-0) outscored Montrose in every quarter, resulting in the easy win.

Makenzie Gottrup led the Blue Devils with 17 points, nine steals, and five rebounds, while Jordan Newman had nine points. Sidney Scott netted eight points, 10 rebounds and three steals. Five of her boards were on the offensive glass.

The Blue Devils held Montrose to just 10 first-half points, and took an 18-10 lead into the break. Lake Fenton blew the game open for good by outscoring Montrose 16-8 in the third quarter.

Fourteen of Lake Fenton’s 19 field goals were assisted with five girls earning two assists each.

Holly 61, Kearsley 28:
The Bronchos (1-3) got a game-high 16 points from Kailyn Smith, helping spark the Metro League victory.

Holly led 18-8 after one quarter and pushed the gap to 28-9 by halftime. Holly also outscored Kearsley 33-19 in the second half.

Abby Lewandowski and Brooke Jackson had eight points each.

Clio 59, Fenton 58:
The Tigers (0-1, 1-2) lost another heartbreaker in the final seconds. A Carly Granger hoop put the Tigers within one point with six seconds left, but the Tigers were unable to get a last-second shot off. After missed Clio free throws, the Mustangs to sneak away with the victory.

Fenton’s Caressandra Rueschlein led all scorers with 20 points. She also grabbed eight rebounds. Payton Machacek had 14 points and eight rebounds, while Granger had seven points.

HOCKEY
Flushing 4, Metro League Griffs 3:
Flushing’s Joryd Makaryni scored the game-winning goal with five minutes left in the third period. The Griffs got a goal each from Danny Delong, Nathan Allen and Ben Gisl. Brian Karkney assisted all three Griffs goals.

BOYS BOWLING
Lake Fenton 170, Metro League teams:
The Blue Devils beat Lapeer West 233-198, Meridian 240-177, Imlay City 236-171 and Flint Powers Catholic 197-121 on Thursday.

Lake Fenton’s Ben Ricci bowled a game-high 256 and a tournament-best 683, helping the Blue Devils win the Metro League.

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If you want to make gifts from your own kitchen, sea-sonal treats like Banana Bread in a Jar make delicious treats. For a unique party or hostess gift, why not package your own holiday drink mixers into festive decanters and label with mixing instructions? Lots of festive recipes are available on marthastewart.com.

When thinking of special gifts from your kitchen, it’s the thought and love that counts the most.

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**GROCERY**
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Carrying are fresh.

Near the entrance you are also likely to see the bakery, which does its part to create an enticing aroma and help fuel shopper’s hunger.

Of course, a lot of a grocery store’s layout is just practical. Brian Haaraoja, vice president of VG’s, said that you will see the bakery, deli, and meat departments on the perimeter to give them easy access to preparation space.

According to Haaraoja, in many cases the best they can do is try to make shopping con-vensional for people. “The customer is so much smarter now. They look for cheap deals, and really, and there is not much more money out there today,” he said. Haaraoja said the Silver Parkway VG’s underwent recent remodelling to try and clear up areas of congestion, and give shoppers more space.

Endcap displays not only help to maximize shelf space to those who walk the perimeter of the store, which Maciejewski said is the most traveled spot, they are a good method to draw attention to a new or seasonal product.

Some manufacturers may pay to use an endcap display to advertise their new product. Items on the endcap, however, do not necessarily mean they are good deals.

Since dairy items tend to spoil quickly, they are the items families need to stock up on most often. This is why milk tends to be located in the back of many grocery stores, as people stopping in just to grab a gallon will have to walk through the store, and will be more likely to pick something up on an impulse buy. This is also true of other essentials, such as breads and meats.

Not surprisingly, the most common area for impulse buys is the area that all shoppers will pass through ― the cash register. By putting candy bars, magazines and DVDs on display at the register, grocery stores have efficiently turned that downtime into more opportunity to browse for merchandise.

While the overall store layout may be care-fully planned, so is product placement on the shelves. “It’s all very strategically planned,” Maciejewski said.

Premium space — typically at eye level, is where top sellers are located and are normally paid for. Many times, a cheaper deal will be lower, and a little more difficult to find.

On the lower shelves you will usually see products that are aimed at children, where they themselves are more likely to see. Store brands tend to be placed on the bottom, due to brand loyalty meaning that shoppers who buy those brands will normally seek them out.

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With some dedication and forethought, shoppers will be able to leave the super-market with more money and healthier food.

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- **Focus on produce.** If you stick with fresh produce and avoid canned veg-etables, not only will you have healthier meals, but they will be cheaper as well.

- **Shop the perimeter.** The shopping aisles are the home of more processed, unhealthier foods.

- **Be thorough.** When you decide to go grocery shopping, set aside a generous amount of time. If you are in a hurry, you are not likely to be looking for the better deals. Take a look at all of your options when you are making your selection.

— Source: Mercola.com

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**Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation**

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for the new Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation Winter/Spring brochure in this edition of the Tri-County Times. Many new classes are being offered this season, including a Kid to Kid Sale, a Women’s Self Defense course, Indoor Instructional Tee Ball, Hot Shots Shooting Clinic, Indoor Instructional Golf, To-Shin Do Ninjutsu and more! Start those New Year’s Resolutions on the right foot in 2013 with one of their exciting fitness classes! Choose classes such as Pilates, Cardio Dance, Kick-boxing, Yoga, Aqua Size, and Deep Water Aerobics! Don’t forget about the FREE open walking program at Fenton High School too!

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Up to can register online at www.slpr.net beginning December 10, 2012.

You would like a copy of the new brochure emailed to you, please email Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation at: contact_us@slpr.net Call 810.714.2011 or visit their website at www.slpr.net with any questions or for more infor-mation.

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**RECIPES**

**Banana Nut Bread**

Baked in a Jar

Recipe courtesy of allrecipes.com

**INGREDIENTS:**

2/3 c. shortening
2 1/3 c. white sugar
4 eggs
2 c. mashed bananas
2/3 c. water
3 1/3 c. all-purpose flour
1/2 t. baking powder
2 t. baking soda
1/2 t. salt
1 t. ground cinnamon
1 t. ground cloves
2/3 c. chopped pecans

**DIRECTIONS:**

- Preheat oven to 325 degrees.
- Grease insides of 8 (1 pint) straight-sided wide mouth canning jars.
- In a large bowl, cream shortening and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs, bananas and water. Sift together flour, baking powder, soda, salt, cinnamon and cloves. Add to banana mixture. Add nuts.
- Pour mixture into greased wide mouth pint jars, filling 1/2 full of batter.
- Do NOT put lids on jars for baking.
- Keep the rims clean by wiping off any extra batter.
- Bake at 325 degrees for 45 minutes. Meanwhile, sterilize the lids and rings in boiling water.
- As soon as the cake is done, remove from oven one at a time, wipe rims of jars and put on lid and ring.
- Jars will seal as cakes cool. Places jars on counter and listen for “ping” as they seal — or wait until they are completely cool and press on the top of the lid. If it doesn’t move at all, it is sealed.
- Jars should be eaten immediately or kept sealed in refrigerator for up to a week.

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BREAK-INS
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morning hours of Sunday, Oct. 7. A suspect that police believe was involved was captured on surveillance video later that day using a stolen gift card at a Walmart store in Canton.

Argentine Township Police Chief Dan Allen reported that the three churches in Argentine were broken into were Hope Lutheran Church, Church of the Nazarene and Church on the Street.

Allen said the task force believes the break-ins in Argentine Township are related to similar incidents. At least 45 incidents have been reported since August.

To solve the crimes, the task force, which is comprised so far of police departments from Argentine Township, Canton, Unadilla, Hillsdale, Washtenaw and Lenawee counties, as well as the Michigan State Police and sheriff departments from Fulton and Fayette counties in Ohio, is working together.

The Washtenaw County Sheriff’s Office has released enhanced photos taken from surveillance videos and hopes that someone will recognize the suspects shown. If anyone has information about any church break-in, police are urging them to contact their local police department, Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at 1-800-SPEAKUP (1-800-773-2587), or the Washtenaw County Sheriff’s Office confidential tip line at (734) 973-7711.

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Meet Liv Dimmer
Journalist, actor, waitress, FHS senior

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Olivia “Liv” Dimmer is a 17-year-old senior at Fenton High School. As the Times intern, Liv has landed front page stories and keeps herself busy as a waitress at Bob Evans, actor in the Bullycide Project and editor of two sections for her school newspaper, InPrint. How does a teenager achieve so much before graduating high school? Read about her here.

You work for two newspapers. What motivated you to become a journalist? I always loved writing and I figured that if I could go into journalism, I could strengthen my creative writing skills. I also really like talking to people. After taking a journalism class my freshman year, a teacher encouraged me to keep writing.

How did you join the Times and what has been your favorite article so far? I heard the Times had an intern program so I sent in the prettiest resume I could find and scrapbooked my articles and art. I’ve really enjoyed writing about Josh Pacheco despite problems I faced. When he was to speak out about bullying, I made the cut the first time I tried out for IB Theater. I took a class and tried again. Now I’m in the Bullycide Project and getting paid to act. The first year I wrote for InPrint, I didn’t get a single story printed. So I took MIPA classes and read every newspaper that I could until I learned how to write articles. If someone tells me no, I take it as a challenge and do my best to succeed at it.”

Liv Dimmer
Times intern

What are your plans after you graduate in May? I’m hoping to move to East Lansing and attend Michigan State University. I’ve been to Michigan Internscolastic Press Association summer camps and I’m pretty familiar with MSU’s journalism program. I hope to write for The State News and do some broadcasting.

They say waitressing is a tough gig. How has your experience been? It’s a lot like journalism. People can be rude and they can ruin your faith in humanity. They can also be sweet and you can make a lot of friends.

What advice would you give to others who are doubtful of their own abilities or are hesitant to chase after their own dreams? The top attributes to have is persistence and perseverance. I didn’t make the cut the first time I tried out for IB Theater. I took a class and tried again. Now I’m in the Bullycide Project and getting paid to act. The first year I wrote for InPrint, I didn’t get a single story printed. So I took MIPA classes and read every newspaper that I could until I learned how to write articles. If someone tells me no, I take it as a challenge and do my best to succeed at it. It’s a good trait to have especially in today’s world.

Have you traveled outside of the Mitten state? I’ve been to Hawaii, where my grandma lives. It’s really pretty and has a lot of flowers. It’s almost spiritual to be there. I saw Hawaii’s state fish while I was there, the Humuhumunukunukapuaa fish. I’ve been to Tennessee near the Appalachian Mountains. I left some food out while we were camping in hopes of seeing a bear, but one never showed up.

You are an aficionado of jokes, both good and bad. I have a wide range of humor. With as many things that I do and mistakes I might make, I need to have a sense of humor. My favorite joke: How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it!

What motivated you to become a psychologist? I always loved psychology. I could strengthen my writing. People can be rude and they can ruin your faith in humanity. They can also be sweet and you can make a lot of friends.

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The weird, the odd and the unusual

It’s all in a day’s work at Holly’s many antique stores

By Sally Rummel
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Anyone looking for skulls, shock machines or barbed wire to put under the Christmas tree?

You don’t have to drive far to find some of Michigan’s most unusual items on the shelves of Holly’s local antique stores. While Holly is a destination for much more than the unusual, the weird and the odd, it can be a day well spent to see what unexpected things you might find in this bustling downtown shopping district.

Main Street Antiques is comprised of 80 different booths, many filled with oddities you could only imagine. How about owning your very own shock machine on wheels, still labeled with the name of a hospital? If that’s not enough to scare you, there are plenty of other unusual medical devices that will — from a Civil War blood-letting knife to bottles of poison with skulls and crossbows.

Likely you’ve never owned a collection of barbed wire from different eras, but you can find that at Main Street Antiques. “I’m still trying to figure out how to price it,” said Mark Hay, who co-owns the store with his wife, Mari-Lynn.

How about owning an African mask for $100 or a Jesuit cedar wood skull for just $75? You name it, people collect it.”

Mark Hay
Main Street Antiques

Summary

► People love to collect items of all kinds, from the mundane to the macabre. They’re all available at antique stores in Holly, which attracts collectors from throughout the Midwest.

Main Street Antiques

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“You name it, people collect it,” said Hay.

If you’ve never been able to find your way out of a telephone booth, you can buy your own dating back to the 1960s for just $1,400. “Now that we’ve sold our last vamp-
pire slaying kit for $10,000, this is one of our
most unusual items for sale,” said Hay. “We
do really want to sell it, because it’s quite a
conversation piece.” They also recently
sold a life sized stuffed bear for $10,000
and are looking for a buyer for a $20,000
Queen Anne Tiger Maple Highboy.

A hair wreath dating back from the 1400s
to the 1800s is nothing like anything any-
one has ever seen today. Carol Berry, one
of dozens of vendors inside Battle Alley
Arcade Antiques next to the Holly Hotel,
collects these Victorian art forms and has a
few for sale in the shop for between $300
and $1,800 each. “It’s a lost art,” said Berry,
who has about 40 framed hair wreaths on
display at home.

These hair wreaths were made out of a
family member or friend’s hair as a remem-

bance of that person or as a special sign of
friendship. “Women would take tiny, thin
wire and wrap freshly cleaned hair that was
dipped in sugar water around the wires to
make unique designs. There weren’t TV or
computers to entertain them,” said Berry.

“There’s a Victorian-era, woman also used
to make bracelets out of their baby’s teeth.”

Part of the allure of Battle Alley Arcade
Antiques is its winding cobblestone path
through the many different vendor booths.
People love the architecture of this building,
according to shop owner Pat Kenny.

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Alllllll Aboard!!! If you’ve never experienced the absolute winter wonder of the Agawa Canyon Snow Train north of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada, this is the year you want to promise your family that you’ll take them.

From the moment the train pulls away from the station, you’ll first pass through the city’s industrial area. But within minutes, the forests will begin to take over and a winter wonderland will unfold before you. As the train winds its way northward, snow-laden trees will give way to panoramic views, towering trestles, snow-choked rock cuts, frozen lakes and waterfalls transformed into fantastic ice sculptures by the cold breath of winter.

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Nearby venues and large metro cities provide holiday fun near and far by Sally Rummel

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- **THE WHITING** — Flint’s premiere entertainment venue will light up for its traditional “Holiday Pops” on Saturday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 16 at 3 p.m. Call (810) 237-7333 or (888) 8CENTER for ticket information.

- **FLINT YOUTH THEATER** — “A Year with Frog & Toad” is coming now through Dec. 23. Celebrate the holiday season with Arnold Lobel’s well-loved characters in the Tony-nominated musical. Call (810) 237-1530 or (888) 8CENTER for ticket information.

- **SLOAN MUSEUM** — Holiday Train Exhibit. Now through Jan. 27, 2013, you can get into the Holiday Spirit by watching an HO Scale model railroad as it winds its way through towns and villages, featuring realistic diesel sounds. For more information, visit Sloanlongway.org.

- **CROSSROADS VILLAGE & HUCKLEBERRY RAILROAD** — Costumed villagers prepare for the holiday in the Village’s homes and shops. The Colwell Opera House presents live entertainment and Santa visits with the children. Thousands of lights sparkle like tiny stars throughout the village. Villagers make crafts, shops are full of beautiful gifts and the beloved Huckleberry Railroad is waiting to take you on a festive night-time ride.

- Holiday dates began in mid-November, continuing weekends Dec. 7-9, 14-16, 19-23, 26-30, from 4 to 9 p.m.

- It is highly recommended that families purchase train tickets early, as they do sell out in advance. Summer, Halloween and Christmas tickets are sold year-round. For more information, visit geneseecounty.com.

- **THE TRAN-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA** — This much-awaited annual concert debuts Saturday, Dec. 29 for a matinee and evening performance at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Check out the Palace’s full schedule of upcoming winter concerts and Pistons’ games, also. For ticket information, visit palacenet.com.

- **FOX THEATRE, DETROIT** — This downtown venue offers holiday events including Mannheim Steamroller on Sunday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. and Karen Newman’s Holiday Show on Thursday, Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m., plus a variety of entertainers from Kenny Rogers to Clay Aiken. Sesame Street Live: Elmo Makes Music will be filling the stage during the early winter months. For more information, visit fox.boxofficeitickets.com.

For spectacular holiday entertainment, visit Chicago and New York City, with weekend packages available through local travel agents, TravelBrokers, Inc. and Superior Travel. “Radio City Christmas Spectacular” and “The Nutcracker” are just two of the holiday events performed in these major metropolitan cities.

In Chicago, “Potted Pot,” “I Love Lucy — live on stage.” “Emerald City Theater: Cinderella,” “The Book of Mormon,” “War Horse” are a few of the major shows in town.


- Shopping, dining and all the excitement of two of America’s top U.S. cities make these a wonderful destination during or after the holidays.

Families may want to schedule a trip to Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad while it is decorated beautifully with Christmas lights.

Looking for big screen holiday entertainment closer to home?

Check out some of these holiday movie titles coming soon to NCG Trillium in Grand Blanc.

- Flight
- The Man with the Iron Fists
- Wreck-It Ralph
- This Must Be the Place
- Skyfall
- Lincoln
- Silver Linings
- The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2
- Anna Karenina
- Life of Pi
- Red Dawn
- Run of the Guardians
- Playing for Keeps
- Hyde Park on Hudson
- Deadfall
- The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey
- Les Miserables
- Monsters, Inc. 3D
- Zero Dark Thirty
- Amour
- Not Fade Away
- Jack Reacher
- This is 40
- On the Road
- The Impossible
- Parental Guidance

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- **NOW THRU DECEMBER 15**

- For every $100 Gift Card purchase, you receive an additional $20 for FREE

Guys like ‘grills and thrills’

- A successor to the Wii, this Nintendo video game console is the first of its brand to support high-definition graphics. What sets it apart from other consoles is its tablet-like Wii U GamePad. Price for the basic model is about $300.

- When selecting video games for your husband or boyfriend, it’s important that you know exactly what systems and generation the games will be used with, so you can pick out exactly the right title.

- **JEWELRY AND WATCHES**

- Sterling silver remains big for Christmas for women it’s paired with diamonds, and for men, it might be paired with leather for a more urban appeal.

- Men will also enjoy a new line of Citizen Eco-Drive watches, called Proximity, sold locally only at Sawyer Jewelers. These watches provide synchronization between a watch and other electronic devices. “We’re not going to be able to keep them on the shelves,” said Mary Ann Beltwick, of Sawyer Jewelers. “We’re one of only four... See GRILLS AND THRILLS on Page 16B

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**Read what clients have to say about us:**

- “We did the sampler package... facial, massage, manicure, and pedicure. 3 hours of greatness. The staff is very welcoming and wine too. Couldn’t ask for more. Wonderful day with my friends. Great time. (Dawn)”

- “Every visit to Serendipity is excellent. From the friendly staff to the excellent quality of the services they provide! I absolutely love Serendipity!! (Rachel)”

- “The new addition looks amazing! And Kali is an artist when it comes to low/high lights. (Candace)”

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- “We just want to give a huge THANK YOU to everyone at Serendipity Day Spa! Having just held our annual “Women’s Spa Day,” we are all still relaxed and waiting on clouds (with awesome pedicures of course). The staff is so awesome; Jeks & Julls orchestrated everything beautifully, making sure every detail was perfect (as always). The lunch set up was great! Everyone in our group thoroughly enjoyed themselves. What a fantastic staff! I could not possibly imagine a more enjoyable way to spend an afternoon than hanging with my closest friends at Serendipity. What a fabulous place to gather and relax, it’s always overflowing with activity. We’ve had several times throughout the year but am already looking forward to our 2013 Holiday Girls Spa day. What a fantastic treat! As always, you guys ROCK!! (Sharon Riggs)”
Sunday, December 9, 2012

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

TOP 10 Christmas movies

Which flicks are your favorite?

By Sally Rummel
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Christmas movies are films to laugh over, cry about and re-watch year after year. Everyone’s list of favorite holiday movies would be different, but this is the list of Top 10 from movieweek.com.

1. The Holiday (2006)
4. Four Christmases (2008)

HOLIDAY street talk

Compiled by Ryan Tackabury

Where do you like to shop locally?

"The Holly Donut Shop. They make the best doughnuts."
— John Bell Tyrone Township

"We shop at Gilk’s for clothes. It’s a very hip, cool store."
— Andy Dalu Linden

"Taylor Hardware. They seem to have a lot of different things."
— Lex Hotchkiss Fenton

"The Tobacco shop on Silver Parkway and most local stores here in Fenton."
— Roger Estep Fenton

"Michaels, I like all of the craft stuff they have."
— Denise Spotts Fenton

The perfect gift

► It really is the thought that counts

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One of the most thoughtful Christmas gifts I’ve ever received was a leather-style journal, given with the intent for me to keep track of my granddaughter’s newest words and milestones. It didn’t cost my sister-in-law much money, but it showed me that she was thinking of me and my new status as a grandmother.

Just a few minutes of thought when making out your own holiday gift list might bring some of those ideas to mind for your family and friends. It’s not so much the dollars spent, but the thought behind the gift that counts.

Here are a few ideas to help you get started with your own affordable gift list.

Hobbies

Think about the leisure activities that someone on your gift list enjoys. If it’s gardening, how about giving her a garden tool set, a meaningful statuary piece that will remind her of something special or pretty garden gloves with a gift certificate to her favorite garden center.

If she’s an avid reader, why not make her a “book basket,” with a new bestseller, a bookmark, coffee mug, reading glasses, etc.

For a golfer, a new set of golf balls, personalized tees, practice training aids, a personalized club cover, golf glove, a rainponcho, the list is practically endless.

Food and beverages

You can never go wrong with “foodie” gifts for just about anyone on your list. Sweet Variations in Fenton can personalize a chocolate gift for you with a custom photograph, or you can select a person’s favorite chocolates. There’s also plenty of old-fashioned candies that can be reminiscent of a favorite time in life.

Favorite breads from a local baker like Crust, with accompanying spreads would be a welcome gift.

Wine is always a perfect holiday gift, and can be personalized locally with a custom label at Fenton Winery & Brewery. Growlers holding a favorite beer would be another personalized suggestion.

Coffee lovers will appreciate a new mug, gourmet coffee beans and a gift certificate to a local coffee hot spot.

Pets

Does your sister or brother have a pet that would love a personalized toy or a new accessory? A new bowl, a flashy new collar or warm winter sweater might be the perfect gift. From dog treats to dog toys, the latest accessories, clothing and more, Barking Babes Boutique in Fenton has everything that a dog lover would enjoy under the Christmas tree.

Photography

Sentimental photos and meaningful frames are just a few inexpensive gifts available through today’s photo technology. Many custom gifts can be made from a favorite photo — from standup photo boards to jewelry, purses, mugs, calendars and more. Check at local
Nothing says Christmas more than real Trees

Your best Christmas memories probably involve a real tree. There’s something special about a real tree—the aroma, the beauty, the fun decorating it. Keep tradition alive. This year treat yourself and your loved ones to a real Christmas tree.

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How to reduce holiday stress

• Take a few minutes of time every day, just for yourself. Take a deep breath and visualize yourself in a calm, beautiful place to help you relax.
• Make a list of all that you have to do for Christmas and check items off as they are completed. This will help you see that your tasks are doable and that every day, you get more and more accomplished.
• Try to keep your personal habits as close to a normal schedule as possible. Eat, exercise and sleep as you normally do. If you usually go to exercise class four times a week, keep yourself on track by having a goal of two to three times a week. Exercise will actually reduce your stress levels and you’ll be able to accomplish more in less time. Plus, it’s much easier to stay on track than to try to get back on track after you’ve fallen off.
• Reward yourself every day for what you’ve accomplished. Give yourself a half-hour block of time to sit down and read, or take a relaxing bath or listen to Christmas music — just for the joy of it.
• Decide what is truly necessary in your holiday expectations, and rid yourself of the things you don’t have to do. Christmas cards can easily become New Year’s greeting cards and you’ll have more time to sit down and write a personal note. The recipient will also have more time to read your card.
• Treat yourself like you would your best friend. Give up negative self-talk and boost yourself with positive thoughts. Remember that you can control how you feel and how you react around certain people and situations. Instead of getting annoyed, fill yourself with gratitude. It works!

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**Sweet Treats**

Times employees share family favorites

**RECIPE**

**SHARON STONE’S**

**Rich, Rich Cheesecake**

**GRAHAM CRACKER CRUST:**
1 ½ cup crushed graham crackers, regular or chocolate
1 stick melted butter
¼ cup sugar
Combine the above, spread and pat down tightly on bottom and up 1 ½ inches on sides of a 9-inch spring-form pan. Chill.

**FILLING:**
3 packages cream cheese, softened
1 ½ cup sugar
1/8 t. salt
4 eggs
2 t. vanilla

**TOPPING:**
2 cups sour cream
¼ cup sugar
2 t. vanilla
Mix filling ingredients until well blended. Pour into chilled graham cracker crust. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 50 minutes. Test for doneness and bake for additional minutes if filling appears too creamy. Filling should appear firm, with top surface nearly cracking. When done, remove from oven for 15 minutes. Reset oven to 450 degrees. While oven is getting hotter, mix topping ingredients and pour over baked filling. After 15 minutes, put pan back in oven and bake for 10 minutes. Remove and let thoroughly chill before serving. Tip: put an old cookie sheet on bottom rack of oven to catch any drippings. Garnish with cherries, strawberries or chocolate.

**RECIPE**

**PUPPY CHOW**

**KAREN ROCKMAN’S**

**INGREDIENTS:**
1 large box Crispex cereal
12 oz. pkg. butterscotch chips
1 cup peanut butter
In saucepan. Pour over evenly. Let stand 5 minutes until chocolate is soft, and then spread out evenly. In small bowl, mix powdered sugar, peanut butter and milk to a cream. Dribble over chocolate. Let cool and ENJOY!

**RECIPE**

**Peanut Butter Fingers**

**MAIN INGREDIENTS:**
½ cup margarine or butter
½ cup sugar
½ cup brown sugar
1 egg
1/3 cup peanut butter
½ t. baking soda
¼ t. salt
¼ t. vanilla

**Topping INGREDIENTS:**
1-2 cups chocolate chips
½ cup powdered sugar
¼ cup peanut butter
3 T. milk

**DIRECTIONS**
Preheat oven to 350 degrees, blend main ingredients to almost a cream, add flour and oats and mix well. Spread mixture into a 1-inch greased cookie sheet (with sides). Bake 20-25 minutes, no longer. Remove from oven and sprinkle chocolate chips over evenly. Let stand 5 minutes until chocolate is soft, and then spread out evenly. In small bowl, mix powdered sugar, peanut butter and milk to a cream. Dribble over chocolate. Let cool and ENJOY!

**RECIPE**

**GIFT**

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businesses like Hicks Photography Studio in Fenton. The UPS Store in Fenton, GoIn Postal, Walgreens and others for custom photography options. Make a small online digital photo album about a significant shared event for someone special. They’re easy, affordable and fast and will be a thoughtful remembrance of a special time.

**Film buffs**

You can buy inexpensive DVDs and wrap them up with favorite “movie candy” or microwave popcorn for a fun gift. If someone on your list has a favorite actor, maybe give several films starring that actor to start their own private collection.

**People of all ages will appreciate gift certificates to their local theater. NCG Tril- lium in Grand Blanc. With more leisure time between Christmas and New Year’s, there will be many opportunities to catch your favorite flick on the big screen.**

**Gift of beauty/relaxation**

Wrap up a pretty holiday bottle of nail polish and attach a gift certificate for a manicure. If you’re able to spend a little more, think about other spa packages that will add some relaxation to a busy friend or relative’s schedule. If they have an upcoming vacation or cruise, a mani or pedi gift would be much appreciated.

**These are just a few gift ideas to get you started. Most importantly, take a few minutes to really think about what special people in your life might really like and appreciate.**

**Gifts for every price range:**

$25 and under:
• Bottle of wine
• Growler of beer
• Books
• Calendars
• Costume jewelry
• Artisan soaps
• Breads and spreads
• Password reminder book
• Area lakes T-shirts
• Flashlights/mag lights
• Board games/puzzles
• Scarves and gloves
• Fun serving dishes, glassware
• Food gift sets
• Soy candles in festive scents
• Travel journals/ticket stub journals

**Gifts under $50:**
• Luxurious blankets and throws
• Wireless weather forecasters
• Cozy slippers
• iPad covers
• Sound therapy machines
• Leather gloves
• Fashion purses, wallets
• Michigan-made gift baskets
Fenton Film Series presents ‘White Christmas’ on Wednesday

The Fenton Film Series will be hosting an audience sing-a-long to Irving Berlin’s classic holiday musical, White Christmas, on Wednesday, Dec. 12 at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center. The movie starts at 7 p.m. and admission is free. This will also be the first event using the community center’s new, more comfortable audience chairs.

The lyrics will appear on screen and audience members will sing-a-long with the movie’s stars — Bing Crosby, Rosemary Clooney, Danny Kaye and Vera Ellen.

Audience members are also welcome to come in any of the many costumes from the movie. Billed as the most fabulous music and mirth show in motion picture history, White Christmas will remind the audience of all the Christmas past.

The community is invited and encouraged to bring young ones who haven’t seen the movie yet. This movie is part of Fenton Film Series’ mission to showing free, high quality movies every month in downtown Fenton in the ballroom of the Fenton Community & Cultural Center.

Admission is free thanks to several sponsors, including the Fenton Downtown Development Authority, Tanglewood Assisted Living & Home Care, Edward Jones financial advisor Patrick Perfit, Behind Your Design, Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation, and Comfort Keepers. Free food and refreshments will also be available, including sandwiches from Jimmy John’s Gourmet Sandwiches, pastries and coffee from the Laundry, homemade sodas from the Fenton Winery & Brewery and appetizers from Bangkok Peppers.
A gift to the community

2012 Jesus Walk

Friday - Saturday - Sunday
December 14, 15, 16
5pm - 8pm

A 20 minute outdoor walk through the events that foretold and preceded Christ’s birth.

Warm up with music and refreshments inside after your walk.

Event Held At:

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elf’s name and date of adoption. Once the elf is named, its magic allows it to fly to and from the North Pole. However, this is one rule which has to be followed for the elf to retain its magic powers.

According to the book, “There’s only one rule that you have to follow so I will come back and be here tomorrow; Please do not touch me. My magic might go, and Santa won’t hear all I’ve seen or I know.” Even though they aren’t allowed to touch the elf, families are able to talk to it and tell it all their Christmas wishes, so it can report back to Santa accurately.

The book was originally self-published by Carol Aebersold and her daughters, Chanda Bell and Christa Pitts, inspired by their family tradition featuring their own pixie elf, Fishie, who appeared in their home every Christmas season.

Since the book was written in 2005, it has sold more than 2½ million copies and has started a tradition of elves in many households. The Elf on the Shelf is also on DVD, and was presented as an animated TV show during last year’s Thanksgiving weekend holiday kick-off.

During the 2012 Thanksgiving holiday, The Elf on a Shelf made its balloon debut in the 86th Annual Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade.

The Elf on the Shelf has become so popular that it literally flies off the shelves at local stores when it’s available during the holiday season. “We sent our customers to each other last year, depending on who had the books in stock at the time,” said Jeanne Lovegrove of Lovegrove’s, referring to Caravan’s Hallmark store in Fenton, which also carries the book.

The Elf on the Shelf is priced by the publisher at $29.95. Lovegrove’s, stores and chains at the

The myth and tradition of the Christmas Pickle

If you go to Bronner’s in Frankenmuth or other stores that carry many Christmas ornaments, you’ll find an unlikely ornament among them—a large green pickle.

The Christmas Pickle is shrouded in mystery, and with so many stories about its origin, no one is clear exactly how it started. Supposedly, it is the story of the Weihnachtsgurke, where Germans would hide a pickle in the tree, and the observant child who found it would get a special gift, while the first adult to notice it would have a year of good fortune.

Sophie Adams, the 2½-year-old granddaughter of Al and Tammy Cramer of Linden. She's expected in March 2013. She was the first ornament to look for on Christmas Day.

The myth

The myth is that the pickle is a gift given by Santa to the family who finds it first on Christmas morning. The family who finds it first is considered to be the “chosen family” and is given special gifts and privileges for the rest of the holiday season.

The tradition

The tradition is that the family who finds the pickle first gets special gifts and privileges for the rest of the holiday season. The family who finds the pickle first is considered to be the “chosen family.”

The hidden Christmas Pickle, a fun tradition with “hidden” meaning.

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The festive holiday season begins with the popular Christmas event on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. When guests select at least three dozen cookies, the church will ship the same amount that is purchased to a loved one serving in the military overseas. The church is located at 14176 Fenton Rd.

Twelfth annual Cookie Walk at Transfiguration Lutheran Church — This event begins with a popular Christmas event on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. When guests select at least three dozen cookies, the church will ship the same amount that is purchased to a loved one serving in the military overseas. The church is located at 14176 Fenton Rd.

Seventh annual Cookie Walk at Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church — This outdoor walk which tells the story of the birth of Jesus through the Scriptures will be held one weekend this year, Dec. 14-15-16 from 5 to 8 p.m. The 20-minute walk begins with Old Testament characters prophesying about the birth of Jesus and continues with New Testament characters telling of the events surrounding his birth. Guests are invited to warm up outside after the walk for refreshments. The church is located at 10235 White Lake Rd., Fenton.

Fenton Village Players — This local theater company will present a Village of the North Pole,” the 2012 holiday show with plenty of singing, dancing and fun at the Fenton Village Theater, 14197 Torrey Rd., Fenton. After the show, kids are invited to the Winter Wonderland for games, Christmas cookies and visits with Santa. Fenton United Methodist Church — A Night in Bethlehem,” a hands-on Holy Land experience, will be presented on Friday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Visitors can visit shops, smell the baking bread and experience life at it was in Jesus’ time. Shepherds and Roman soldiers will roam the marketplace and shepherds will then lead groups of guests to the Nativity. Join the fun with activities for children, too. For details, call (810) 629-2132.

Linden Holiday Happening — The holiday fun continues in Linden this weekend through Saturday, Dec. 8. With Breakfast with Santa from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Hyatt Elementary School and a Secret Santa Shoppe and craft show at Linden Elementary School from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Holiday Happening Parade begins at 12:30 p.m., followed by hot chocolate and cookies served by the Linden Lions Club at the VFW Hall.

Tours at the Linden Museum will be from 1 to 3 p.m., and the Linden High School Competitive Art Show will be at the Ma- sonic Lodge from 12 to 2 p.m.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES / SUBMITTED PHOTO
Sophie Adams, granddaughter of Al and Tammy Cramer of Linden, looks for her family’s Christmas tree for the hidden Christmas Pickle, a fun tradition with “hidden” meaning.

TRI-COUNTY TIMES / FILE PHOTO
Santa Claus visits many Christmas events and takes time to speak with children.

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jewelry stores in Michigan to carry this line. It’s going to be huge this holiday.”

**Tablets and Tech Toys**
The new iPad Mini, Amazon Kindle Fire HD, Kindle Paperweight 3G, iPhone 4S and iPhone 5 are just a few of the sought after gifts for “techie” this Christmas. Many new tablet models have wireless capacity and other new features. Look for Digital SLR cameras and Flip Ultra HD video cameras to be big sellers this Christmas, too.

**Tools**

Whether your guy is a “handy Randy” or just a regular homeowner, quality tools will always have a place in his heart and in his tool box.

The new 20-volt bolt-on power drill by Craftsman ia a a big seller at Sears, according to Stone. “This new tool will be a welcome addition to your husband or son’s collection,” he said. “You can put different heads on it to make 12 different tools. It’s very versatile.”

A Milwaukee Hammer Drill from McKay’s Hardware in Holly will make easy work for your husband’s next building project. “We’re abselling a lot of Dremel sets,” said Becca Sutherland, at McKay’s.

**Creature Comforts**

Warm cozy slippers, plush robes and soft pajamas are turning up on men’s wish lists, too.

For keeping warm outdoors, a battery-powered heated jacket by Milwaukee is one of the biggest sellers this holiday at McKay’s Hardware. In red, camo and black, it’s guaranteed to keep the wearer nice and warm on cold Michigan days. The newest model in black comes with heated pockets, according to Sarah Jump, at McKay’s.

**Thrrls and Chills**

For guys who have everything, the gift of an experience might be the greatest gift of all. Race car driving, skydiving, a balloon ride are all life experiences that can be purchased for Christmas. For the less adventurous, tickets to a favorite concert or sporting event would be a wonderful surprise.

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**Sharon Stone’s Snickerdoodles**

**Ingredients**

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- ½ t. baking soda
- ¼ t. cream of tartar
- 1 cup butter
- 2 cups sugar
- ½ cup milk
- 1 t. vanilla
- 3 t. sugar
- 1 t. ground cinnamon

**Directions**

Preheat oven at 375 degrees. Grease a cookie sheet or spray with non-stick spray. Stir together flour, soda, cream of tartar, and ½-teaspoon salt. Beat butter for 30 seconds; add the 2 cups sugar and beat until fluffy. Add eggs, milk and vanilla; beat well. Add dry ingredients to beaten mixture, beating until well combined. Form dough into 1-inch balls; roll in a mixture of the 3 tablespoons sugar and the cinnamon. Place balls 2 inches apart on a cookie sheet; flatten slightly with the bottom of a drinking glass. Bake in 375-degree oven for about 8 minutes or till light golden. Makes about 66 cookies. Recipe from Betty Crocker cookbook.

**William Axford’s Thumbprint Cookies**

**Ingredients**

- 2 cups flour
- ½ cup sugar
- ¼ t. baking powder
- 1 cup soft butter or margarine
- 1 ¼ cup finely chopped nuts
- Preserves or jelly, any flavor
- 1 t. vanilla
- 1 egg
- ¼ t. salt

**Directions**

Sift flour, baking powder, and salt together. Thoroughly cream the butter and sugar. Stir in the egg and mix well. Add vanilla and half the flour mixture. Blend well. Blend in the remaining flour mixture. Form into small balls and roll in finely chopped nuts. Place on a highly greased cookie sheet and bake at 350 degrees for 5 minutes. Remove from oven and make an imprint in the cookie with the handle of a wooden spoon. Return to oven and bake 8 minutes longer. Fill impression with jelly or icing.

**William Axford’s Candy Cane Cookies**

**Ingredients**

- 1 cup sugar
- 2/3 cup margarine, softened
- ½ cup egg substitute
- 2 t. vanilla extract
- 1 t. almond extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 t. baking powder
- ¼ t. red food coloring

**Directions**

Best sugar and margarine in large bowl with mixer at medium speed, until creamy. Beat in egg substitute, vanilla and almond extract. Mix flour and baking powder in small bowl, stir into margarine mixture. Divide dough in half, tint half with red food coloring. Wrap each half and refrigerate at least two hours. Divide each half into 32 pieces. Roll each piece into a 5-inch rope. Twist 1 red and 1 white rope together and bend one end to form candy cane shape. Place on ungreased baking sheet. Bake in preheated 350-degree oven for 8 to 10 minutes or just until set and lightly golden. Remove from sheet, cool on wire rack. Store in airtight container.

**Gail Grove’s Eagle Brand Pudding**

**Ingredients**

- 2 cans Eagle Brand sweetened condensed milk
- Water

**Directions**

Bring large pan of water to boil. Place both cans of milk in water (must be completely submerged). Let boil for three hours. Remove and let cool at room temperature. Refrigerate after cans have reached room temperature. Must be refrigerated at least 24 hours before serving.

**Serving Directions**

Open both ends of can and push one end through can onto a plate. Slice ¼-inch slices, put on plate and top with small amount of Cool Whip.
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Earl Blumenthal, Earl Blumenthal - age 89, of Spring Hill, Florida, formerly of Fenton, passed away December 2, 2012. Earl was a WWll Vet. He was a wonderful man with a jolly smile and an infectious laugh. To those whose paths he may have crossed he will be greatly missed. Those whose lives he touched will forever love him and he will not be forgotten. Survived by: daughter Debra Blackburn and husband Steve; son David "Scott" Blumenthal and wife Jami; 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. We Will Miss You Dad. Memorial service to be held at later date.


L receives friends from 11 AM until the time of service at 1:30 PM Saturday, December 8, 2012 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 107 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to a memorial for Alaina Travis c/o The State Bank, 107 Main St., Linden, MI 48451. Jacqueline was born July 10, 1962 in Detroit, the daughter of Donald and Patricia (Burns) Till. She owned J&J Cleaning and thought the world of her customers. Surviving are: fiancé, Russell Booth; children, Meghan Travis and Mark (Deirdra) Travis; granddaughter, Alaina; 3 brothers, Jeff (Janet) Congdon of Fenton, Russell (Sandy) Till and Jerry (Sandy) Till and Peggy (Terry) Carrier; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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