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Murder trial resumes in Flint

▶ Doctor testifying overcome with emotion

By Tim Jagielo

The trial of Brandon Hayes began Monday in a Genesee County courtroom, after being moved back from St. Clair County.

The testimony is a re-hash of the preliminary testimony, but emotional for those closest to the case nonetheless. “Powerful testimony in P.v Hayes,” said Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton via Twitter. “Surgeon who treated Dominic overcome with emotion.”

Hayes, 25, is on trial with 10 felony counts including child abuse, torture and murder, with the beating death of Dominick Calhoun, 4, of Argentine Township in April 2010. Investigators and prosecutors claim that Dominick was beaten over a period of four days, allegedly by Hayes. He later died after being taken off life support.

On Monday, Dominick’s paternal grandfather Rick Calhoun, of Linden, testified in See MURDER TRIAL on 7

No snow, no dough!

▶ Many area businesses depend on snow and cold for their livelihood

By Sally Rummel

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While many people have enjoyed this unusually mild winter, the lack of snow and cold temperatures have melted the hopes of many area businesses that depend on cold weather and snow for their livelihood.

Just ask Mt. Holly Ski Area General Manager Mark Tibili about his ideal winter day and he’ll tell you that a natural snowfall and cold temperatures would really jumpstart things at Mt. Holly.

See NO SNOW on 11

Linden council accepts Wren’s resignation

▶ City manager’s last day on the job will be Jan. 27

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The Linden City Council accepted City Manager Christopher Wren’s resignation on Monday. Wren, who has been the city manager for the past four and a half years, has accepted a job in the private sector. His last day as city manager is Jan. 27.

Wren said accepting a new job was a tough decision that he didn’t make lightly. In the end however, “Linden threw just about everything it could at me. This is a great place to manage, and a great place to be a part of.”

Chris Wren
Linden city manager

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Council says no need for Act 152

▶ City and its employees already comply with law on health care premiums

By Sharon Stone

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Fenton — The Fenton City Council unanimously approved a motion to opt out of Public Act 152 of 2011, on principle, although the city would be complying with the law.

Public Act 152 establishes standards and a process with respect to medical benefit plans offered by public employers. The Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, Act 152, went into effect on Sept. 27, 2011.

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Christian Mansour (right) grabs poles for himself and Jared Pachette, both of Powers Catholic High School, at Mt. Holly in Groveland Township on Monday. Ski teams from area schools made up the bulk of business on weekdays during a season that yields no snow, and 40-degree temperatures. All of Mt. Holly’s snow is artificial.

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**Scholarship essay writing workshop**

The Friends of the Holly Township Library have brought back its Scholarship Essay Writing Workshop this month. There will be three sessions: Jan. 16, 23 and 30 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the conference room at the Holly Township Library. Cost is $15 for all three sessions, and there will be a raffle for a $25 gas card for the students who attend all three sessions. The workshop is limited to 18 students. For more information, call the library at (248) 634-8088.

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The major provision of this Act is that employees would be required to contribute 20 percent of their health care premiums, while the city would contribute 80 percent.

City Manager Lynn Markland recommended that City Council exercise its right and exempt itself on principle, since the city’s employees were already contributing this amount. “Everyone is paying,” he said.

Councilwoman Cheryl King asked if the city would have the option to opt out every year and Markland told her it would.

Councilwoman Patricia Lockwood said by the city exercising its right to opt out, it allows the city to determine the benefits for its employees and what is best for the city.

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Lake Fenton students learning basics of video production

By Tim Jagielo
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On Monday, Lake Fenton High School (LFHS) students Stephan Wilson dressed like Randy Jackson, while Kristen Cody dressed like Lady Gaga with a cheeseburger hat. Shelby Bader was Rachael Ray.

“We decided to use different characters we know so it would be enjoyable to us,” said Stephan, sporting thick plastic glasses.

These students aren’t in drama class. They are a group from the digital recording class, an elective that teaches students basic video production techniques at LFHS.

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Lake Fenton High School digital recording class students prepare to shoot with a digital video camera on Monday morning. For this video, Stephan Wilson, 16, is playing Randy Jackson. Kristen Cody, 16, (right) is Lady Gaga and Shelby Bader is Rachael Ray.

Top 10 healthiest lifestyle modifications

By Sally Rummel
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Whether you’d like to lose weight this year or to live a healthier lifestyle, there are plenty of small, but powerful changes you can make to achieve your goals.

Here is a list of healthy lifestyle changes you can make in 2012, each one creating a “building block” to a healthier you.

1. Maintain a healthy weight by developing a healthier, more satisfying relationship with food. By making smart choices every day, you can develop new eating habits and preferences that will leave you feeling satisfied, as well as winning the “battle of the bulge.”

Advice: The best diet is the one you’ll stick to.

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China’s JFK Moment

President Obama’s decision in 2010 to cut NASA’s budget and abandon the Constellation program, which was charged with returning Americans to the moon by 2020 and creating an “extended human presence on the moon,” has created a vacuum, which China will attempt to fill.

China has announced an ambitious five-year plan that includes the launch of space laboratories, a manned spaceship to the moon and the creation of its own global satellite navigation system that will almost certainly be used for military purposes.

The announcement comes six months after the United States ended the Space Shuttle program, leaving Russia and China as the only countries now capable of sending humans into space. The U.S. must now use Russian rocketry for visits to the International Space Station. Having “heavened” the Russians to the moon, we must now ask for permission to go where we once boldly went in American-made rockets.

Just as a nation cannot rebuild a gutted military overnight, neither can America reconstitute a space program that has seen many of its scientists and technicians retire or find jobs in other industries.

Who doubts that China will use trips to the moon to build a permanent colony and will operate that colony, at least in part, to further its military goals? China certainly will have the capability through its own GPS system to jam or make mischief with America’s global positioning system network. Does anyone think a nation that hacks into U.S. government computers, stealing secrets, would not use a moon base to advance its interests?

Who thinks China lacks the financial resources to fulfill its five-year plan? The Chinese are flush with money we pay them for goods made here and sold here.

The next president should declare a rebirth of the U.S. space program with clear goals, such as a U.S. moon colony and a trip to Mars. A reduction in unnecessary government spending will help pay for it. Other democratic nations might share the financial burden and receive some benefits. We cannot afford to allow China to become the new leader in space exploration.

There will be a space leader in the 21st century. If that leader is China and not the U.S., we will pay a heavy price that will cost us far more than money.

Another legacy for President Obama.

FROM CAL THOMAS Nationaly syndicated columnist

People

What well-known person have you been told you look like?

“Robin Williams, when I was younger.”
— Larry Eichler, Fenton Township

“They used to tell me I look like Coach’s wife (Shelley Fabares) or Doris Day.”
— Kelly St. Amand, Fenton

“I’ve been told I look like Ali MacGraw.”
— Pam Lewis Rose Township

“I have been told I look like Eva Longoria and Selma Hayek.”
— Norah Jones, Fenton Township

“From the show Happy Days, Richie Cunningham’s sister Joanie (Erin Moran),”
— Dary Rulife, Fenton
Free sign language classes offered

Vic Canever salesman to teach youngsters

Vic Canever Chevrolet is hosting free American Sign Language Classes, taught on-site sales associate, Albert Smolinski, who is half-deaf.

Classes are held on the first Saturday of every month, beginning this month. Two classes are being offered, the first at 1 p.m. for children ages 5 to 8, and the second at 2 p.m. for children ages 9 to 13. Each class will be 30 minutes long and will teach the children basic sign language. Children are welcome to drop in to any class, and may come as often as they would like.

Parents can browse the Vic Canever Chevrolet showroom or have automotive service done on their vehicles. Parents are also welcome to sit in on the classes, and will receive a free car wash each time they bring a child to the class.

American Sign Language (ASL) is a language that accredited schools have begun accepting, to meet foreign language requirements. ASL also helps children develop their motor skills at an early age.

Smolinski was born half-deaf, to deaf parents. Sign language was the first language he learned, but English followed soon after, and he has continued to communicate using both languages. Smolinski understands the importance of being able to communicate not only to his parents, but also to others in the deaf community.

“I think knowing sign language gives me the opportunity to communicate with another part of our world,” said Smolinski. Check out the Signing Salesman Facebook page or contact Vic Canever Chevrolet for more information about Smolinski and the free ASL classes offered.

Vic Canever Chevrolet is located at 3000 Owen Road in Fenton, and can be contacted at (810) 629-3350, 1-800-926-3350, online at www.canever.com or on Facebook.

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Miguel Cabrera is a professional baseball player with the Detroit Tigers. Last season he had both positive and negative accomplishments. On the positive side he was the American League Batting Champion, hit 30 home runs and had 105 runs batted in. He was also named to the all-star team for the sixth time. He is considered one of the best baseball players of the present era.

On the negative side, he was arrested for drunk driving and resisting arrest in Florida on Feb. 16, 2011 and on Jan. 5, 2012, he pleaded no contest to drunk driving. He received one year of probation, a $1,400 fine and a six-month driver's license suspension. He also must attend a DUI school and go to a victim impact panel.

In Mr. Cabrera’s case, there was an additional issue, which involves his future ability to enter Canada. This came up because one of the teams the Detroit Tigers play is the Toronto Blue Jays. Mr. Cabrera’s lawyer reportedly indicated that his client would still have to deal with this issue.

A couple years ago, I wrote a column about the new requirements for Michigan residents entering Canada, which became effective June 1, 2009. These include having a passport or an enhanced Michigan driver’s license. With this criminal conviction Mr. Cabrera and all others who have OWI or other criminal convictions, may be stopped at the Canadian border and refused entry irrespective of having proper documentation under a Canadian law, which has been in effect since 2001. The required documents now make it easier for authorities to prevent entry to those who are deemed ‘inadmissible.’

There are legal procedures in place that still allow those affected the possibility of entering into Canada but there are no guarantees. In next week’s column, I will explain the Canadian law and the procedures required for those with criminal convictions to be considered for entry.
MURDER TRIAL
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Circuit Court Judge Richard B. Yuille’s courtroom. “He held up extremely well under very difficult circumstances,” said Leyton via Twitter.

The surgeon who attempted to treat Dominick offered graphic testimony to Dominick’s condition, while also holding back tears, according to the Detroit Free Press. “I can’t count how many old and new bruises we found. It was from his scalp to the soles of his feet,” said a Hurley Medical Center trauma physician who worked on Dominick.

On Tuesday, the trial began at 9 a.m. with further testimony. The verdict is expected to be read in St. Clair County in two weeks.

 &#34;I love (Rick Calhoun) held up extremely well under very difficult circumstances.&#34;

David Leyton
Genesee County prosecutor

FRAUD SCHEME

At 2:30 p.m. on Jan. 6, Fenton police were sent to a department store in the 3700 block of Owen Road to investigate a fraud complaint. Police learned that an 18-year-old male from Flint had attempted to confuse the cashier to have her load $500 onto a green dot cash card, however, the money used to cover the $500 was from another fraudulent cash card. The cashier called the store manager to the register and the manager realized the fraud. The manager reported the man to customer service, however, he exited the store and fled. Fenton police issued a be-on-the-lookout for the man and his vehicle, which was located on eastbound I-69 by the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department. Fenton police took the man into custody and lodged him at the police station pending his arraignment. Lt. Jason Slater said police believe this man, as well as others related to him, might be responsible for other similar incidents.

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he couldn’t let the opportunity pass by and spend years wondering ‘what if?’

The council unanimously voted to appoint Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter as interim city manager. Sutter will take over starting Jan. 27 and will hold the position until a new full-time city manager is appointed. Sutter will receive $500 a week extra in addition to his regular pay as police chief with two weeks paid vacation and four sick days as compensation.

In order to fill the position, the city council will form a search committee comprised of members from the Linden community. Mayor David Lossing expects to have a full-time city manager within the next three months.

City Attorney Charles McKenzie praised Wren and said, “I’ve probably worked with more city managers than anyone else in this room, and I’ve never worked with one that was better than Wren.”

A farewell reception will be held at the Masonic Lodge on Jan. 23 from 5 to 7 p.m., prior to the council meeting.

For those interested in filling the Linden City Council position, resumes and applications are being accepted by Marti Donnelly, Linden City Clerk at 132 E. Broadway Street, P.O. Box 507 Linden, MI.

DAMAGE AT HIGH SCHOOL

The Genesee County Sheriff’s Department is investigating damage done at the sports complex at Lake Fenton High School. Det. Sgt. Bill Lanning said the complaint was filed on Friday, Jan. 6 after an employee observed a smashed window at the press box and damaged doors on the maintenance shed. Nothing appeared to be missing.

DOMESTIC ON EASTVIEW DRIVE

At 3 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 7, deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department responded to a house in the 14000 block of Eastview Drive in Fenton Township to investigate a domestic assault complaint. A 43-year-old Fenton man was arrested for domestic assault and resisting/obstructing/assaulting a police officer. He was transported and lodged at the Genesee County Jail, pending his arraignment.

DOMESTIC ON SILVERCREST

At 1 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 6, the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department deputy responded to a home in the 16000 block of Silvercrest Drive in Fenton Township to investigate a domestic assault complaint. A 43-year-old Fenton man was arrested for domestic assault and lodged at the county jail, according to Det. Sgt. Bill Lanning.

DOMESTIC ON LINDEN ROAD

At 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 4, deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department responded to a home in the 16000 block of Linden Road in Fenton Township to investigate a domestic assault complaint. A 43-year-old Fenton man was arrested for domestic assault and lodged at the county jail, according to Det. Sgt. Bill Lanning.

SHORT CHANGED

At 2:30 p.m. on Jan. 6, Fenton police responded to a restaurant in the 18000 block of Silver Parkway to investigate a fraud complaint. A 31-year-old employee said police believe this man, as well as another. Lt. Jason Slater said police believe this man, as well as others related to him, might be responsible for other similar incidents.

The woman was charged with the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department. Fenton police released a be-on-the-lookout for the man and his vehicle, which was located on eastbound I-69 by the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department. Fenton police took the man into custody and lodged him at the police station pending his arraignment. Lt. Jason Slater said police believe this man, as well as others related to him, might be responsible for other similar incidents.

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Linden High School at (810) 591-0464 is hosting a Euchre tournament at Linden High School’s SADD. The Shriners Hospitals for Children. Benefiting fans for generations, and benefits the Shrine Circus is coming to town. The Shrine Circus will be at Perani Arena and Event Center at 3501 Lapeer Road in Flint, from January 23 – 31. The exhibition, held in the Fine Arts Gallery, inside the Visual Arts and Design Center on the main campus in Flint will drawings by Mott Community College’s Basic Drawing students. This event is free and open to the public. Featured pieces were completed during the fall semester of 2011 and represent the broad range of assignments and techniques taught in the Art and Design Department. For more information, please call the Art and Design office at (810) 762-0443.

The Shrine Circus is coming to town. The Shrine Circus will be at Perani Arena and Event Center at 3501 Lapeer Road in Flint, from Jan. 12 – 16. The Shrine Circus has been entertaining fans for generations, and benefits the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Go to www.shrinerscircus.com for more information, or call 888-376-1266.

Linden High School’s SADD is hosting a Euchre tournament at Shimwasee Shores on Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. Cost is $20 to play. Adults only please. VISA gift cards as prizes! Call Linden High School at (810) 591-0464 for more information.

Hot Line continued
We didn’t move to the township to get stuck with sidewalks and bike paths. They take your property for them, we’re forced to pay for them and maintain them, and then we get sued if someone trips on them. This is country living. If we wanted sidewalks, we’d live in the city. Maybe the township wouldn’t need to over-value our property for more tax money if they would just stop with the ignorant ideas.

This is a note to the young person who is not religious but is doing everything they can to be a good person. Congratulations, the world needs more positive young people. And, to all the people condemning that person, how is condemning a young person who is being good, going to show them that Christianity is good? Be nice people.

All this talk about God is OK, but I remember what my mother said. She said God helps those who help themselves. She also said to grab the problem you’re praying for and shake it until the real problem falls out. God bless everyone.

Regarding the possibility of ‘art’ being rented, I would have no objections to that if the streets in Fenton weren’t the best friends of the auto repair shops. Statues are a luxury, not a necessity. You can’t eat them and you can’t even burn them to heat your home. Tell the DDA to check back in a few years.

If most people had their way, Brandon Hayes would be swinging from a tree branch and we wouldn’t have to read about all the money wasted on a trial.

To the person reminding us that the DDA is made up of component Towns that does not change the fact that cavalierly spending millions of dollars with zero input from the taxpayer who provided the money is ridiculous. Because they place no value on the money, it is spent foolishly on whimsical nonsense like ‘Be Closer’ and $100,000 signs.

I sell TVs for an area business and the newspaper story is exactly correct when it said February is the best time to buy a TV.

Hard to believe there was a swan trapped in the ice, those things are meaner than a junkyard dog. Anyone trying to help is likely to get their nose pecked.

The guy who said gas prices are higher in Genesee County is right on. This year it has been higher than even in the Traverse City area.

If you don’t attend the DDA meetings, you have no right to complain. They are always posted in the Times. Let your voice be heard.

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On Monday, six groups of three or four students left the classroom to shoot their first full-length project: a three to four minute video that will include all the different shots they’ve learned. They use different techniques like ‘reverse angle,’ by sticking the camera in a closed locker and using a tripod.

Most of the students probably won’t make videos for a living after high school, but teacher Nicole Chapman said what they learn can be used elsewhere in life. “This is hands on, and this is active,” said Chapman.

Students learn leadership and team skills while using technology like a digital video camera, Mac computers and professional video editing software. “They’re excited about class,” she said.

Before going out and shooting, the groups chose a concept for the video, and made storyboards to illustrate the different shots they would use.

The groups then fanned out across the campus, setting up their cameras and getting their shots, a far cry from taking notes during a lecture.

One group decided to shoot a video based on a funny Christmas commercial. “I love it, I think it’s awesome,” said Chelsee Allen, 17.

Some students may join digital recording to avoid choir or phy-ed, but not Zach Finkbeiner. “I take it seriously. I focus on it because I feel like I’m going to use it later in life,” he said. He was surprised by the technical things he had to learn quickly, like matching exposures and ambient light color between scenes. The class has given him a new appreciation for Hollywood movies.

“You watch a movie and say, ‘I know how they did that,’” said Stryker DeGeyner, a member of his group. “It actually makes you do something you’re going to use in life.”

“I think it’s important to keep these elective classes going because it helps us find what we want to do later in life,” Zach Finkbeiner, LPHS digital recording student

Kyle Long paused from fiddling with the group’s camera to comment, “It’s my favorite class, all day,” he said. “It’s work but it’s still fun.”

The footage is due in class on Wednesday. The final deadline will depend on learning the software, Final Cut Pro, so they can edit their shots together.

“I think it’s important to keep these elective classes going because it helps us find what we want to do later in life,” said Finkbeiner.

Chapman said her students’ last assignment will be a compilation of their best individual work. It will show what the students learned from the class, and also showcase the class to prospective students.

The most difficult assignment they’ll have is covering a sporting event in March, such as soccer or softball. “That’s very difficult because you really only get one shot at that,” Chapman said. The project will be featured on Channel 99, the local access channel. Chapman said the advanced students shoot these events regularly after school, and upload footage during school hours.

Fenton and Linden high schools also have video production classes.

Shelby Bader goes over the storyboards for her group video project with Kristen Cody Monday morning at Lake Fenton High School.

Robert Zarnell, 16, checks out footage his group, including Chelsee Allen and Alyson Jackson (right) just shot for a digital recording class project at Lake Fenton High School.
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So far this season, there have been 26 ski days, compared to 43 days last season by this date. “Last year was an exceptional year,” admitted Tibbitts. But he’s still optimistic about this ski season, noting that it’s not so much the lack of snow that’s slowing down business, it’s the lack of “good snow” that keeps people away from the ski slopes and other winter pursuits.

“When people don’t see snow in their backyard, they tend to forget about skiing,” said Tibbitts. “Even with this warm spell and lack of snow, all of our 19 trails are open, groomed and ready for skiers. The 36-degree temperatures last Friday actually made for ideal skiing conditions, especially for beginners. People pay big money to go out to Colorado to ski in the spring with the kind of conditions we had right here over the weekend.”

What makes all the difference is Mt. Holly’s ability to make its own snow, when temperatures lower to 28 degrees or less. “There’s never enough natural snow in southeast Michigan for skiing,” said Tibbitts. “Most people don’t realize that 99 percent of the skiing they do in Michigan, even up north, is on manmade snow. Natural snow in Michigan is too high in humidity to be a fluffy, powdery snow that’s ideal for skiing.”

Tibbitts oversees four-man crews who work in 12-hour shifts to build up enough snow for a 3 to 4-foot base, or a maximum of 5-feet. “Even now with all the warm weather we’ve had, we’ve got a 3-foot base built up, and we groom it every day during the week and twice a day on weekends,” said Tibbitts.

Tibbitts has been doing this work now for 34 years and while he’d like to see colder weather in the forecast, he admits it’s not the worst it has ever been. “We’re doing OK and are still optimistic that winter’s going to come,” he said. “The businesses I feel sorry for are the ones who depend on the snow and cold, but can’t make their own snow.

“It’s really affecting us,” said Dan Shannon of Shannon Auto Collision in Fenton. “It’s not cold enough for mechanical issues with auto batteries or radiators, and there’s not much collision work when the weather is this mild,” Shannon credits his longevity in Fenton and his own experience for enabling his business to weather this “non-stormy” season. “We’re still keeping busy with our other work, and I haven’t had to lay anyone off. Our deer season was very strong even into December, which really helped. “We’ve had seasons like this before in the 1980s and early 90s, but this one is pretty extreme,” added Shannon. “We’re going to get our rears kicked pretty soon if the weather doesn’t change.”

Dale Taylor, at Taylor Hardware in Fenton is sitting on a lot of ice melting products and TORO snow blowers he hasn’t sold yet this winter. “We had respectable sales before Christmas to homeowners who were planning ahead for winter,” said Taylor. “But there haven’t been many weather-related ‘reactive’ sales this season.”

Sales of snow blowers have been abysmal because of the lack of snow,” said Jeff Stone of Sears Hometown Store. “Last year at this time, you couldn’t even find a snow blower in stock, it was so busy. At least we’ve been selling exercise equipment this season.”

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MONEY BALL
Based on a true story, Money Ball is a movie for anybody who has ever dreamed of taking on the system. Billy Beane (Brad Pitt), the general manager of the Oakland A’s and the guy who assembles the team, has an epiphany: all of baseball’s conventional wisdom is wrong. Forced to reinvent his team on a tight budget, Beane will have to outsmart the richer clubs. The one-time jock teams with Ivy League grad Peter Brand (Jonah Hill) in an unlikely partnership, recruiting bargain players that the scouts call flawed, but all of whom have an ability to get on base, score runs, and win games. PG-13, 2 hr. 6 min.

WHAT’S YOUR NUMBER?
After reading a magazine article that leads her to believe she’s going to be forever alone, Ally Darling (Anna Faris) begins a wild search for the best “ex” of her life. R, 1 hr. 46 min.

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LIFESTYLE
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over the long haul, not as a quick fix. As long as your diet reduces your daily caloric intake and is healthy for your heart, you can choose whatever diet plan works for you.

**Put a stop to emotional eating.**
Learn to recognize the emotional triggers that lead you to overeat and respond with healthier choices. Find new ways to de-stress, jumpstart your energy, and reach out to others when you’re lonely or bored.

**Advice:** Remember that food is fuel for your body. It’s not a replacement for fun or friendship.

**Begin to pay attention to what you eat.** Savor each bite and choose foods that are nourishing and enjoyable. Stop eating in front of the TV, at your computer or in your car.

**Advice:** Eat slowly, savoring the smells and textures of your food. If your mind wanders, gently return your attention to your food, how it tastes and feels in your mouth.

**Incorporate more fruit, vegetables and fiber in your diet.** These foods are more satisfying and filling than other foods because they are higher in volume, take longer to chew and digest than other foods.

**Advice:** Pour a little less cereal into your morning bowl to make room for more blueberries, strawberries, or sliced bananas. You’ll still enjoy a full bowl, but with fewer calories and more nutrition.

**Don’t think of any foods as “off limits,” but learn to indulge in your favorites by using portion control, combining your treat with a healthy food (think hummus and carrot sticks, with just a few tortilla chips on the side, or a little ice cream with lots of strawberries).

**Advice:** Remember the difference between snacks and treats. Snacks are healthy food choices in-between meals to keep hunger at bay. Treats are occasional, not daily, indulgences.

**Take charge of your food environment by setting yourself up for success.** Remember that you are in charge of when you eat, how much you eat and what foods are available in your home.

**Advice:** Serve yourself smaller portions. One easy way to control portion size is by using small plates, bowls, and cups. This will make your portions appear much smaller. Don’t eat out of large bowls or directly from the food container or package, which makes it difficult to assess how much you’ve eaten.

**Drink more water,** while eliminating or limiting soft drinks, diet soda, too much coffee or sugary fruit juices.

**Advice:** Switch to water with lemon, unsweetened iced tea, or carbonated water with a splash of juice.

**Get plenty of sleep.** Lack of sleep has been shown to have a direct link to hunger, overeating, and weight gain. Exhaustion also impairs your judgment, which can lead to poor food choices.

**Advice:** Aim for about eight hours of quality sleep per night.

**Get plenty of exercise** by choosing to be active during your day. In addition to finding an activity you enjoy, find other ways to add movement into your daily schedule. Exercise not only burns calories, but can actually improve your resting metabolism.

**Advice:** Even three 10-minute sessions of exercise every day can improve your physical and mental health.

**Reduce your levels of stress.** Managing stress is all about taking charge — taking charge of your thoughts, your emotions, your schedule, your environment, and the way you deal with problems.

**Advice:** The ultimate goal is a balanced life, with time for work, relationships, relaxation, and fun — plus the resilience to hold up under pressure and meet challenges head on.

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**Collecting for Investment or Passion**

**Thursday, January 19th 6:30 p.m.**

Whether you’re collecting for fun or as an investment, you need a long-term collecting strategy. Get all the facts from appraiser Caroline Ashleigh, who has appeared regularly on PBS’s Antiques Roadshow and HGTV’s Cash & Cari.

**Photography**

**Tuesdays, Jan. 24th & 31st & Feb. 7th 6:30 p.m.**

This three-part series will cover how to control the functions of your digital camera and how to compose quality photographs. The final class will be a guided photo shoot. Limited space available, so register online at www.thegdl.org (click on Events tab) or at Fenton Winegarden Library.

**Dog Sled Program**

**Saturday, February 11th 2:00 p.m.**

Come meet a team of sled dogs! One special participant will get to wear the musher’s gear and ride on the sled! Registration required for ALL family members attending. Limited space available, so register online at www.thegdl.org (click on Events tab) or at Fenton Winegarden Library.

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**Stay on target!**

Go to tctimes.com and click on Fenton Lakes Sportsman Club’s web ad.
The Blue Devils were most potent in the second quarter, scoring 25 points. That period made what was a 14-4 first-quarter lead into a 39-15 halftime lead.

But the onslaught didn’t stop there. The Blue Devils chipped in another 21 points in the third quarter, taking a 60-25 lead into the final period.

The most points the Blue Devils (3-1, 4-4) scored in a game this season before Monday night’s contest was 56 points in a victory against Bridgeport on Nov. 29. Sidney Scott led the charge. She had a game-high 21 points. She also had a team-best 13 rebounds. But she was just one of three Blue Devils that scored in double-digit. Mackenzie Gottron had 14 points, while Jordan Newman had 12 points. Karlie Dieck chipped in seven points. Debbie Katerberg helped the rebounding cause with 11 boards.

Lake Fenton took advantage of its free throws, making 22-of-31 shots (71 percent) from the charity stripe. Scott made 7-of-8 free throws, while Gottron hit 6-of-8 free throws.

The only Mt. Morris player to score double-digits was Margo Jourbran with 10 points. Lake Fenton remains one game behind Goodrich in the GAC Red standings.

The Blue Devils return to action at home on Thursday with a home game against the Durand Railroaders.
HIPPLE
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On Saturday, Hippie, a tri-county resi-
dent himself, spent a little over an hour at the
business establishment, talking with young
and old about his career, about the
current Detroit Lions and about his book
called “Real Men Do Cry,” a book about
depression and how to beat it.

During that hour, he allowed some Lions
fans to have the time of their lives.

“It feels like a tailgate,” Hippie said
while throwing the football during the un-
seasonably sunny weather around noon on
Saturday.

Hipple showed his age. At 54, it took
him a few throws to start hitting his tiny-tot
targets. But once he was warmed up, one
with imagination could envision the 1980s
with Hippie as the starting quarterback for
the Lions during a key NFC Central game at
the Silverdome.

“Good catch,” he said to one of the first
kids to make a completion in the parking lot.
And you’re all on the ball well.”

But before finishing, the career-long De-
troit Lion made sure to mention something
about the jersey the child was wearing as
well—a Green Bay Packers jersey.

Just over 100 people showed up, talked
and took photos with Hippie, many proba-
bly shocked by their luck that an ex-Detroit
Lions quarterback was there to sign his
books and his football cards.

Of course, Hippie’s NFL career had a
little luck dashed in there as well. First off,
it almost didn’t get off the ground after high
school. Utah State was the only school to
offer him a scholarship after his prep career
in California.

While there, he reworked the Aggie record
books, finishing his career with over 6,800
passing yards and 34 TD passes. He was
named to the Utah State All-Century
team as well. Yet, Hippie received little
talk when he was selected in the
fourth round by the Detroit Lions in 1980.

“When I came here, they drafted Billy
Simms with the first pick,” Hippie said. “I
didn’t get looked at too much. When I did
get my chance to start, it was kind of like
a surprise.”

That surprise came during his second
year in the NFL in 1981. He finally got
a chance to start a game, against the Chicago
Bears during Monday Night Football, no
less. And all Hippie put together was one of
the greatest performances on MNF history.
He led the Lions to a 48-17 victory, com-
pleting 14-of-25 passes for 336 yards and
four TDs. He also ran for two scores. He
remained in the starting role the rest of the
season, posting a 6-4 record in those starts.

“It’s hard for me to go back and remem-
ber the play-by-play because even then it
was such high intensity, my first game and
stuff,” Hippie said. “The focus was there.
But everything seemed to happen so fast. It
was like we were in the middle of the third
quarter and there it was, ‘How did this hap-
pen?’ Emotionally, it was probably the big-
gest game indelibly etched into my mind.”

Being a national broadcast, everyone
was able to see it.

“My parents were able to see my first
game in California, my friends and my col-
lege friends. It was fantastic.”

Hipple enjoyed his time with the Lions.

Those days are far better in my mem-
ory,” Hippie said. “Even watching on TV
starts up the emotion of game day. But do
I miss training camp? No. Do I miss the
practices, getting beat up and waking up
Monday morning going, ‘Ohhhhh?’ No.
But the game days you miss.”

Hipple remained on the Lions from 1980
until 1989, leading the Lions to two playoff
seasons and one NFC division title. Hippie
enjoyed being a Lion and enjoyed the fans.
Based on Saturday, they enjoy him as well.

“The fans in Michigan are really won-
derful,” Hippie said. “Even when you are
losing, you take some grief and stuff, but
they are enthusiastic. You go to some other
cities and they may have patches of fans,
but it’s not like it is here where the Lions
are on the forefront of everyone’s minds.”

HOCKEY

► Fenton 2, KBH United 1: The Tigers

got their only goal from Tyler DeLong on

a breakaway pass from Hugh Comden.

The Tigers pulled their goalie down

the stretch, but couldn’t get the game-
tying goal against the co-op squad from

Kearsing, Holly and Brandon.

“We pulled our goalie for the fifth time
this season,” Fenton coach Jeff Mynatt
said. “We had a couple of really good
chances to tie it up, but we couldn’t
make it happen.”

Fenton travels to the Polar Palace

for a game against the Lapeer co-op

program at 5 p.m.

► LakeVille 5, Tri-City 2: The Tri-City

Chiefs, a co-op hockey squad involving

players from Lake Fenton, Linden and

Durand, had its most productive offen-
sive game of the season in the loss to

LakeVille on Sunday. Tyler Benedict and

Jared Peterson scored goals for Tri-City.

In net, Thomas Messenger made 17
covers.

Tri-City lost its first game at Great

Lakes Sports City on Saturday, dropping a

13-0 verdict. Messenger made 10
covers, while Kyle Long made six.

THE HipPle Football File

Tri-County resident Eric Hippie enjoyed a fine career in the National Football League with the Detroit Lions. Here is a list of some of his NFL credentials.

COLLEGE AT UTAH STATE

• Three-year starting quarterback with the Aggies.
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The Linden wrestling program was busy this weekend, having two varsity squads compete in two different events.

The Linden ‘A’ team traveled to the Adrian Duals, going 2-3. The Linden ‘B’ team went 1-4 at Burton Bendle. The ‘A’ squad defeated Adrian 49-39 on a fifth period tech, and beat Hudson’s ‘B’ team 39-32.

Cliff Coleman (215/285) went 5-0 on the day, while Alex Neal (145), Johnnie Bates (112), Tyler Satkowiak (215/285) and Chase Gifford (189) all went 4-1. Austin Golden (135) went 3-2.

“Coleman is having a great year,” Linden coach Todd Skinner said. “He’s doing very well. Chase Gifford is having a great season and so is Alex Neal. All of my seniors are wrestling really tough right now, along with Jeff Fisher. “Cliff had a really good weekend. He went 5-0 with five pins, so he had a really good day.”

The ‘B’ squad was led by Jeffrey Fisher going 5-0 on the day, Ruben Bailey, Kyle Varner, Shaun LaPain and Matt Smith all had victories.

The Eagles (8-7) host Lapeer West and Swartz Creek for Metro League matches on Wednesday, starting at 5:30 p.m.

“We are kind of not wrestling to our potential right now,” Skinner said. “We came out kind of flat this weekend, but we were off three weeks. When we get everyone to their right weight, we are going to be good, but we are still working on getting them there.”

Fenton at Wyandotte Invitational

The Tigers had four wrestlers place at the event.

Preston Wetzel (152) and Jacob Wykes (135) placed second. Chase Roney (130) took home a third, and Scott Becker (215) was fifth.

Holly at Lake Orion Team Tournament


“We had three JV kids in the lineup, but we wrestled well,” Holly coach Don Pluta said.

Mason Cleaver, Tyler Gibson, Anthony Gonzales, Andrew Scott and Shawn Scott posted perfect 5-0 records. Gonzales had five pins to go with his wins. Kyle Pepper and Joel Scheuermann were 4-1.

TROJAN TIMES | SCOTT SCHNABACH
Fenton’s Cory Cox attempts a shot beyond Holly’s Nic Stoll’s reach. Fenton defeated Holly 68-50 Monday.

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even tied the game again.

The Bronchos trailed just 9-7 after a three-pointer by Isaac Cassillas, but it was answered by a Ryan Hickoff assist on a three-pointer by Cox. That tied sparked a 9-2 run, giving the Tigers an 18-9 lead after one quarter.

The Tigers spent the rest of the game flirting with a blowout, only to have Holly usually respond with a run that put the game back into range. Fenton led 36-22 after a converted free throw by Andrew Olzews 1:53 left in the half, but Holly capped the half with a converted free throw by Blake Ordway, a driving layup by Jared Ploveski and then a Ploveski dish to Ordway for a layup, putting the Bronchos back to within 36-27 at the half.

In the second half, the Tigers usually led by six to 10 points, but there was one exciting juncture. Fenton coach Tim Olzews was called for a technical, arguing a charge. Holly’s Cassillas hit a free throw and then a Ploveski hit a layup, cutting Fenton’s lead to just 45-42 with just over one minute left in the third quarter.

But the technical seemed to inspire Fenton. The Tigers raced out to a 7-0 run to end the quarter, capped by a Cox three-pointer, and took a 52-42 lead into the fourth quarter.

Holly never got any closer than 52-45 that coming after a Cassillas three-pointer. However, Ryan Hickoff and Cox responded with back-to-back layups, putting the gap back to double-digits. Holly never threatened again.

The Tigers pressured the Bronchos’ interior forcing Holly’s Nic Stoll into three quick fouls. He fouled out only playing five minutes. The Bronchos took some charges, but never really could cope with the Tigers when they attacked the bucket, resulting in a 19-for-31 night for Fenton at the charity stripe. Holly mustered just 6-11 at the line.

“There are some good things we can take out of this game. Toward the end of the first half, we had three freshmen in there when we cut the lead,” Holly coach Lance Baylis said. “Credit to them. The Hickoffs played a great game. They had tremendous stamina.”

Cox had a big game for Fenton, scoring 16 points, while grabbing nine rebounds and dishing two assists. Austin Hopkin, who fouled out, led Holly with 13 points.

PREP REPORT

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By KEN MCINTOSH
STAFF WRITER

ICCA will be placing ads in newspapers, radio and running television spots this week asking people to bring in any old silver and gold coins made before 1970. Those that bring in their coins will be able to speak with collectors one on one and have their coins looked at by a specialist. With the help of these ICCA members, offers will be made to those that have coins made before 1970. Offers will be made based on silver or gold content and the rarity of the coins. All coins made before 1970 will be examined and purchased including gold coins, silver coins, silver dollars, all types of nickels and pennies. Those that decide to sell their coins will be paid on the spot.

If you are like a lot of people you might have a few old coins or even a coffee can full lying around. If you have ever wondered what they are worth now might be your chance to find out and even sell them if you choose. They could be worth a lot according to the International Coin Collectors Association also known as ICCA. Collectors will pay a fortune for some coins and currency for their collections. If it is rare enough, one coin could be worth over $100,000 according to Eric Helms, coin collector and ICCA member. One ultra rare dime, an 1894S Barber, sold for a record $1.9 million to a collector in July of 2007. While that is an extreme example, many rare and valuable coins are stashed away in dresser drawers or lock boxes around the country. The ICCA and its collector members have organized a traveling event in search of all types of coins and currency. Even common coins can be worth a significant amount due to the high price of silver and gold, says Helms. Washington quarters and Roosevelt dimes can be worth a significant amount due to the high price of silver and gold.

So whether you have one coin you think might be valuable or a large collection you recently inherited, you can talk to these collectors for free. If you’re lucky you may have a rarity worth thousands. Either way there is nothing to lose and it sounds like fun!

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Here’s How It Works:

• Gather items of interest from your attic, safe deposit box, garage, basement, etc. There is no limit to the amount of items you can bring
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What We Buy:

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All denominations made before 1934.
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