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“Gallup polls mean nothing, ignore them. So few young people have land lines anymore, the sampling is all old people.”



“And our non-spelling president still wonders why he gets no r-s-p-e-c-t.”

“I agree, keep the word marriage sacred for a man and a woman. You can make up your own word for anything else.”



“What the heck is going on in Linden schools? A parent sent his or her son or daughter to school with near-beer? What were you thinking?”

“The tragic moral to the story is don't drink and drive — anything, ever!”

“We miss you Mr. Kargel.”

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Tears and laughter in memory of Andy Kargel



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Kenny Thomas, 14 and Jacob Conly, 13, stand atop a snow bank to get a view of the memorial lighting of a Japanese lantern for teacher Andy Kargel. Many of their classmates wore white T-shirts with nicknames Kargel had given them as students.

► Memorial for Linden Phys Ed teacher killed in snowmobile accident brings community together

By Tim Jagielo

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Linden — Surrounded by staff and students who remember him, Andrew Kargel's family watched with reverence as the Japanese Lantern meant to symbolize his life was lit, lifted into the air — and promptly got stuck in a tree.

At this, the crowd of hundreds, including his family broke into laughter in a moment that perfectly symbolized the Monday evening memorial for a teacher widely known to be a gregarious prankster.

“I personally think he would have laughed, he would've been cracking

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SUPPORT THE MEMORIAL FUND

On gofundme.com, more than \$37,000 has been raised for the future education of Kargel's children. Go to gofundme.com/kargel to share or offer support if you'd like. It was set up by close family friend Meghan Holmes.

Nonalcoholic beer provided to Linden fifth-graders

► O'Doul's used as part of class lesson

By William Axford

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A Hyatt Elementary teacher made headlines on national news sites for serving nonalcoholic beer to students during class. According to a letter sent to parents last week by Principal Vicki Makaravage, O'Doul's, which has a 0.5 percent alcohol content, was used as part of a fifth-grade presentation about the colonial period.

Since alcohol was a more common drink than water during that time, the teacher decided a nonalcoholic beverage was appropriate for class. The teacher's identity and the amount of O'Doul's served to the students was not disclosed.

“The teacher was mortified that there was alcohol in the product after reading it was nonalcoholic,” said Ed Koledo, superintendent of Linden Community Schools. “We were made aware of the situation after a parent called us. There

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Scalping bill opposed by vendors, performers

► Lawmaker believes appeal would 'level playing field'

By William Axford

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Ticket prices in Michigan may no longer be dictated by musicians, sports teams and vendors as legislators move to repeal the state's ban on scalping. If signed into law, House Bill 5108 will allow brokers and other third party members to sell tickets at cheaper or more expensive prices than listed by musicians and vendors.

Those currently caught scalping can be charged with a misdemeanor punishable by a \$500 fine or 90 days in jail.

Rep. Tim Kelly (R-Saginaw Township) sponsored the bill, believing ticket prices should be decided by

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“High ticket prices are driven by scalpers scooping up tickets before fans.”

Kid Rock, *entertainer*

Michigan roads receive \$215 million in emergency funding

► Extra funds to help offset excessive winter costs

By William Axford

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State legislators recently approved \$215 million in emergency road funding, with \$100 million of the funding going toward municipal and county road agencies. The remaining \$115 million will be used for specific roads, which legislators have yet to identify.

The boost in funds comes after numerous departments of public works and county road commissions spent record hours plowing and salting roadways this winter.

The Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC) will receive \$1.3 million in emergency funding; the city of Fenton will get

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Brian Waller of the Fenton DPW fills potholes on Poplar Street earlier this month, a cost that will be partially offset with state funds.

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Police & Fire report

TEEN DROPS GRAVEL FROM BRIDGE

On March 17, a 64-year-old Fenton resident reported to Fenton police that someone dropped gravel from the Owen Road bridge over U.S. 23, causing damage to the windshield of his vehicle. The man said as he drove southbound on the highway, he saw two young males, about 15 years of age, on the bridge. As he drove under the bridge, one of the males, wearing a blue and grey sweatshirt, dropped gravel. Police checked with Fenton High School to see any of the students matched the description, however, no suspects have yet been identified.

FRAUD CHARGE

On March 14, a 67-year-old Fenton woman reported to Fenton police that she received a bill from a PayPal service called BillMeLater for \$173. She said she did not have a PayPal account. Someone used her information to open up an account. Police are following up with PayPal to identify a suspect. The woman will not be responsible for the bill.

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Chelsea Mills leads an iPhone class last week at the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce office. Her phone is hooked up to the large monitor below.

Chambers iPhone class big hit

“You don’t know what you don’t know until someone shows you.”

— Instructor Chelsea Mills

By Sally Rummel

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I hate to admit that I was one of the last ‘hangers on’ to the old technology of a flip phone, until I got an iPhone 4s a month ago. But it takes more than just having an iPhone to learn how to use one.

As a long-time iPad owner, I was very familiar with user-friendly Apple technology. However, I didn’t know how to do much more with my phone than call and answer it,

take a photo or two and check my texts and emails. My \$10 per month flip phone could do all that, and my new iPhone was costing me six times that. It was time for me to learn how to get my money’s worth out of my iPhone.

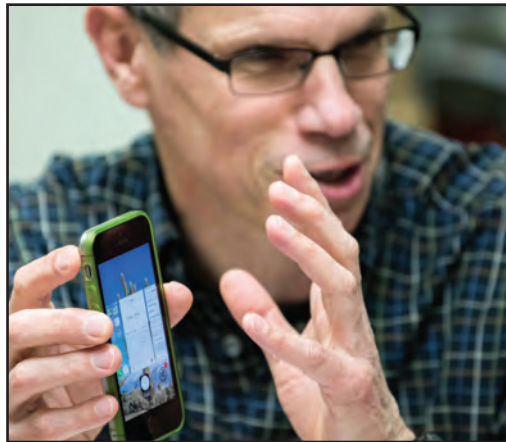
That’s why I enthusiastically responded to a Fenton Regional Chamber email inviting my husband Mark and me to a free iPhone workshop, ‘iPhone 101,’ hosted by local business owner Chelsea Mills. We joined five other business people at the chamber office last Wednesday for a morning of one-on-one iPhone instruction.

Mills estimates that most people use only about 20 to 25 percent of their iPhone’s capacity.

While the seminar officially lasted two

“The biggest hurdle in learning all the tips and tricks of your iPhone is that you don’t know what you don’t know about your phone.”

— Chelsea Mills
iPhone workshop facilitator



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John Strayer learns iPhone tips.

More unsolicited advice from TCT photographer

►Shoot better video with your phone

By Tim Jagielo

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There’s a good chance that today, your smartphone can take better video than what was available on point-and-shoot, and even semi-professional still cameras less than 10 years ago.



Tim Jagielo

The videos produced for the Tri-County Times follow many of the same basic rules you can apply to shooting video of family events,

spot news you see, or any hilarity in which you find yourself.

Shoot horizontal

It’s natural to want to hold your phone like a phone and shoot video holding it vertically — how else can you get your entire outfit in a shot? Try to resist this.

When you post your video online or show to friends, it will then be shown vertically, where our computer screen and programs like Windows Media Player display everything horizontally, just like every TV program or movie we watch. Instead of a nice big video, you’ll get a smaller video with large black boxes on either side, or you’ll have to crane your neck if the program doesn’t flip it for you, assuming you watch on a computer screen later.

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YOU KNOW, YOU WANT IT...

FROM THE LEFT



Clarence Page

Nationally syndicated
columnist**Kids in poverty need a bailout, too**

It's not hard to persuade hardcore conservatives to turn against their own ideas, as soon as President Barack Obama agrees with them.

You can see and hear that in the chilly shrug that some folks on the political right are giving to the president's new 'My Brother's Keeper' initiative — a five-year, \$200 million public-private partnership aimed at helping at-risk minority youths.

Ever since Secretary Daniel Patrick Moynihan sounded an alarm in 1965, conservatives have implored liberals to promote the undeniable value of fathers and two-parent families.

Liberals have argued back that rising fatherlessness, most severely but not only in black households since the early 1960s, is a disastrous long-term consequence of global economic change and lost low-wage manufacturing jobs.

Yet cynics like conservative talk show host Rush Limbaugh brushed past that core issue to play the 'what if' game. 'What would happen,' he bellowed in an on-air rant, 'if Bush, Romney — take your pick of any Republican president — said, 'I'm going to have a brother's-keepers program specifically for our white children?' There'd be a national outcry!'

'It is almost always unconstitutional for the government to discriminate on the basis of race and ethnicity,' said Roger Clegg, president of the conservative Center for Equal Opportunity.

While upward mobility also has stalled for many white youths over the past half-century, segregation by race and class stubbornly persists, leaving today's low-income non-white kids more stranded than ever from the socioeconomic mainstream. Truancy, delinquency and, ultimately, high incarceration rates stem from and contribute to an out-of-wedlock birth rate of 72 percent in black households, 53 percent in Latino households and 29 percent among non-Hispanic whites.

When Wall Street and the auto industry fell into crisis, the government responded with billions of dollars in targeted action. Minority kids in crisis need targeted help, too. To claim otherwise uses desegregation as an excuse to ignore segregation.

THIS IS KIND of a health suggestion. I have noticed that I should never take any over-the-counter antacid meds with my prescription medication, especially before bedtime. Also, if I even put the meds together in the same pill container it affects the outcome.

LIBERALS, WHY ARE you mad at conservatives for trying to repeal Obamacare when President Obama himself has done more to stop enforcement of the law than anyone. And he has done it by refusing to enforce and making changes to the law, without Congress. That is unconstitutional and unlawful.

PROOF IS COMING out that Cheney/Bush went to war in Iraq because Saddam was an economic threat against the U.S. economy since he was going to cut oil production. So how many lives, how many trillions does it cost to subsidize oil production?

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN the Republicans and the Democrats is the Republicans tax the working people to give to the rich! Democrats tax the working people to give to the nonworking! All the rest is just eyewash.

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Pipeline. Not only would it create jobs but free us from OPEC. Also, we could export oil to Europe and keep Putin from being so bold. The good news is GOP will regain the Senate in November and we're back.

OBAMA ON COST-cutting to afford Obamacare: '...if you looked at their cable bill, their telephone, their cell phone bill... it may turn

out that, it's just they haven't prioritized healthcare.'

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CIMBRY IS ON the home stretch. She'll graduate April 4 at Parris Island, S.C. Semper Fidelis.

SINCE GENESEE COUNTY refused to salt the roads during this last storm, wouldn't that make the county liable for any damages if you were in an accident because of the slippery roads? It should if they had the salt and didn't put it down. Good question for Judge McCabe.

THEY SURE DO spend a lot of time and money on trying to pass the bond. I would love to know how much has been spent over the last three attempts.

CLIMATE CHANGE IS happening, extreme weather changes, warm and cold. Sorry, all of you deniers, wake up. Also, gas was well above \$2 under Bush, and FYI the president has nothing to do with gas prices, no matter what party.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

FROM THE RIGHT



Cal Thomas

Nationally syndicated
columnist**Getting satisfaction**

Every year we are subjected to lists. *Forbes*' magazine lists the world's wealthiest individuals. *Time* magazine lists the most 'influential' people, though real influence is difficult to define or quantify.

What I've never seen is a list of satisfied people, much less stories about how they attained satisfaction.

Arianna Huffington is trying to fill that gap. One of the world's biggest Type A personalities, Huffington, who launched *The Huffington Post*, is now asking a question popularized in an old song by the late Peggy Lee: 'Is that all there is?'

In her latest book 'Thrive: The Third Metric for Redefining Success and Creating a Life of Well-Being, Wisdom, and Wonder,' Huffington said her definition of success began to change after a fall in her Los Angeles home in 2007, caused she says, by exhaustion and a lack of sleep.

She re-thought the meaning of a good life and found it to be something quite different from how it is portrayed by pop culture. The pursuit of money and power, she writes, didn't satisfy after she had acquired a considerable amount of each.

One sentence I quickly underlined: 'Have you noticed that when we die, our eulogies celebrate our lives very differently from the way society defines success?' It's true. How many of the eulogizers say the departed one wished he had made one more phone call, or closed one more deal?

I recall a prominent ex-network newsman who was once denied the anchor chair because management didn't like him taking a little time off to watch his son's baseball games. He didn't get the anchor chair, but he has the love and respect of his son. Which is of greater value and pays more dividends?

I am regularly reminded of what truly matters from the mouths of children. Last weekend, my 3-year-old granddaughter looked up from her dinner plate and spontaneously said, 'I love you, Poppa.' It takes the investment of time to earn that kind of love. No boss can give it.

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What's the most you have paid for an admission ticket?**streettalk**

"\$1,000 for tickets to the U of M game when they won the Rose Bowl National Championship in 1997."

— Dan Jones, Linden



"\$300 for a Cher concert in Vegas. It was absolutely worth it."

— Brenda Friend, Fenton



"\$200 for a music fest. It was Lollapalooza so it had a bunch of bands."

— Brandon Raudebaugh
Linden

"\$9 for the movies. If I went to a concert or show, the most I would pay would be \$20 or \$30."

— Juliann Paddock, Linden



"\$165 for the Phil Collins concert. It was a gift for my husband and we both enjoyed it."

— Meggan Osborn, Linden



"\$80 for The Who concert and \$80 for the Springsteen concert with friends several years ago."

— Joe Novak, Linden

Crosswalk upgrades part of streetscape project

►Signs costing \$16,000 part of a more 'walkable' downtown

By Tim Jagielo

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As the streetscape project crawls closer, several peripheral details have to be handled as part of the larger project. In this case, the city has approved the expenditure of \$16,000 for new, upgraded crosswalk signs in the city. The overall streetscape project will cost \$4.8 million.

At the intersections of LeRoy Street and Silver Lake Road, and LeRoy and Caroline streets, there are regular crosswalk signs, but the city would like to upgrade these to the count-down type, like the intersection of Adelaide Street and Shiawassee Avenue. Each upgrade will cost \$8,000.

These prices are quoted from the Genesee County Road Commission that maintains the signs. The city must still install and pay the up-front costs, and the GCRC will handle maintenance.

Department of Public Works (DPW) director Dan Czarnecki said that



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This type of signal will be replaced at two intersections.

the signs will be a permanent part of the streetscape project, helping make downtown more walkable (pedestrian friendly). He said the current count-down style signs have gathered good reviews from residents.

He's also anticipating higher foot traffic once the cornerstone building is finished, which the signs will handle.

“The idea with streetscape is to make downtown more walkable.”

Dan Czarnecki
DPW director

O'DOUL'S

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could have been a better decision made on the choice of beverage.”

Parents of fifth-graders were informed of the incident via letters sent March 14.

Koledo said criminal charges will not be filed after the incident was reviewed by the district attorney and Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter. According to Michigan law, a beverage is considered alcoholic if it has 0.5 percent alcohol or more.

According to Makaravage's letter, the beverage was brought to class by a student March 6 as part of their presentation. The teacher explained to Makaravage that “even children drank beer for safety reasons” and students did not have to drink if they chose not to. School officials were later made aware

that three students took a bottle home from school. The respective parents were contacted. Students who partook in the beverage in class were told that they had done nothing wrong and were not punished.

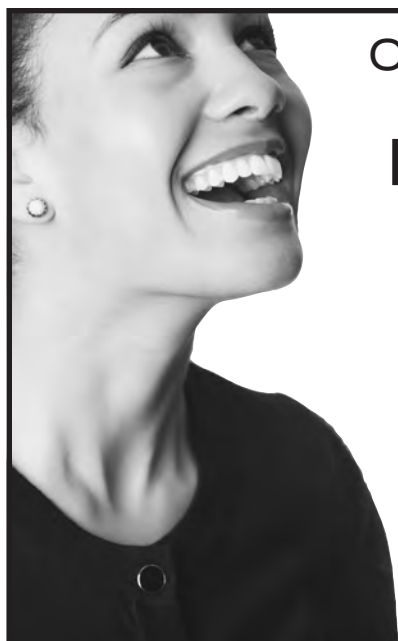
“Our biggest concern was explaining to the kids that they didn't do anything wrong by tasting it,” Koledo said. The superintendent added that teachers within Linden Community Schools will be re-educated on what is prohibited from school grounds. “Whenever

something like this happens, we want to make sure it doesn't happen anywhere else in the district. We don't want to repeat the situation.”

Makaravage added the beverage was approved by adults and that students will not be exposed to nonalcoholic beverages again.

“There could have been better decision making on the choice of beverage.”

Ed Koledo
Linden Community Schools
superintendent



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HOT LINE CONTINUED

I AM PROUD to be a liberal. I volunteer my time to the fire department, donate to help others less fortunate and have the interest of others in mind besides my own. Of all the conservatives I know, none of them follow that path. It is always about them. Sad.

POOR DOER? OBAMA upended the Great Recession, got Bin Laden, got us out of Iraq, got us near universal health insurance, got the deficit down to pre-recession Bush-era levels, overthrew Muammar Gaddafi, kept us from repeating our Iraq mistake in Syria and will have us out of Afghanistan by 2015.

GOD'S WORD VERSUS your personal feelings? Which God? There are three major Abrahamic religions and thousands of sects within those religions that are either still in existence or once

were. Given the numbers, what are the odds that you happened to either select or be born into the right one?

WHAT HAPPENED TO global warming? It's happening. Global warming means melting polar ice caps, which means the climate will change. Of the top 10 snowiest winters recorded in Michigan, half of them have happened since the year 2000. Of the top five, four out of five have happened since 2000.

A HOT LINER claimed gas never got higher than \$2.00 under Bush yet a quick Google search reveals that in the U.S. the average retail price of regular gasoline reached an all time high of \$4.11 per gallon on July 7, 2008. Obama took office in January of 2009. Nice try.

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Motorists may file claims for damages caused by potholes

According to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), if a vehicle owner believes their vehicle has sustained damages on a state trunkline, from a pothole or other cause, they can contact the MDOT office in the region where the damages occurred to file a damage claim. The state will consider an award only for the damages beyond what has been paid by the motorist's insurance company, and the state must have been aware of the pothole for 30 days without repairing it in order for a claim to be eligible for reimbursement. If the alleged damage claim is \$1,000 or more, the claim must be filed with the Michigan Court of Claims, 925 W. Ottawa, P.O. Box 30185, Lansing, MI 48909, and phone (517) 373-0807. If the damage claim is under \$1,000, MDOT will investigate the incident to determine if the above conditions were met. They will make every effort to respond to the claim within 90 days. For more information, go to www.michigan.gov/mdot.

ADVICE

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Shooting horizontally also does a better job showing what was going on behind your subject — we call it “scene setting.”

Try taking panning or tilting videos instead of trying to fit a whole person into one vertical shot. This leads into my next point.

Shoot steady

This is tough with lightweight phones with no ergonomic handle used on cameras. A shaky image can ruin some great footage, and it's easy to make a steady shot.

The best comparison is to think of your camera as shooting during target practice. You have to hold the phone firmly, and steadily, and think of your arms as a tripod. See the picture for a of suggested ways to stabilize it.

Also consider bracing yourself against a wall, or setting the phone carefully on a shelf or rail, supported by your hands. You'll be glad you took a second to get



smoother footage.

Shoot enough

My rule is that a clip should be 10 seconds long. In a recent trip to Toronto, On. I paused along the way to shoot city life — the subway, the CN Tower, Chinatown brunch.

Relax and get at least 10 steady seconds in a clip. If you don't, you may watch and see that you were just getting the best footage when you quit too early.

Shoot in the light

Smartphone cameras can make nice footage if you give it enough light. Basic photography rules apply, and are even more important with camera-phone video.

Move yourself so there is light on your subject — shoot with your back to the window, not into the window, if it can be avoided. Turn some lights on if you need to. Some cameras allow you to adjust exposure — give that a try if it's a little too dim, or bright.

Shoot and save

Videos take a lot of hard drive space on your phone, like any other computer. My Android Razer-mini only has 4 gigs of built-in space, which I easily filled after a day of shooting.

Even if you don't shoot 4 gigs of photos or video each day, it's important to occasionally plug your iPhone, Android, or whatever phone you use into a computer and free up that space. Create desk-top folders for your photos and videos. Copy them into the folder, then delete from your phone's internal memory.

If your phone comes with an SD card slot, consider getting an extra micro SD card.

What is “Full HD?”

This refers to the pixels that comprise the video image. Today, “full HD” is 1080p. The number 1080 refers to the vertical measurement, in pixels, of the video image. Instead of measuring in inches, like a 5x7 photo, we use 1080p as a measure of how many pixels are used to make that video footage. A 1080p video is 1,080 pixels tall and 1,920 pixels wide. The more pixels, the better the quality. To further confuse you, the “P” actually refers to “progressive,” meaning the lines that end up creating the video are displayed one at a time, from top to bottom. It's a sharper image than 1080i.



Mark McCabe

67th District Court

Ask the
judge

An update on Miller v Alabama

On June 25, 2012, the United States Supreme Court announced the decision in the case of Miller v Alabama. In Miller, the Court held that mandatory life without parole for those under the age of 18 at the time of their crimes violates the Eighth Amendment's prohibition on cruel and unusual punishments. Additionally a judge or a jury must have the opportunity to consider mitigating circumstances before imposing the harshest possible penalty for juveniles.

Since the Miller decision was announced, I have periodically given updates in this column about its status both in the courts and in the legislature.

The two main questions that have consistently been raised are as follows:

- 1) What changes in Michigan law must be made to comply with the mandates of Miller?
- 2) Is the decision in Miller retroactive?

As to the first question, on March 4, Michigan Governor Rick Snyder signed two bills into law (Public Acts 22 and 23 of 2014), which changed the law in Michigan as to individuals who were under the age of 18 when they committed an offense, which made them eligible for a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Under these new amendments, those under 18 years of age whose cases were not final for purposes of appeal as of June 25, 2012, would no longer automatically receive a life sentence with no parole but instead could receive a minimum sentence of 25 to 40 years with a maximum sentence of at least 60 years. However, the prosecuting attorney can still request the harsher sentence if a motion is filed within 21 days of the conviction or within 90 days of the bill's effective date whichever is applicable.

The new law also provides a resentencing procedure for those under age 18 individuals whose cases were final for appeal purposes as of June 24, 2012 if the Michigan Supreme Court or the United States Supreme Court finds Miller is retroactive.

For more information on these Public Acts, you can read the Michigan Senate Bill analysis on the Michigan Legislative website.

As to the second question, the Michigan Supreme Court presently has three cases pending before it, which will address the retroactivity of Miller. Oral arguments were heard on March 6 and a decision is pending.

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MEMORY

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jokes,” said Gabe Smith, 13, who had Kargel in elementary school and middle school. Smith stood atop the snow banks near the school overlooking the crowd who joined in the event, with friends, all wearing T-shirts marked with the nicknames Kargel had given them.

Kargel, a physical education teacher at Linden Middle School and Saline resident was killed after he fell off his snowmobile Thursday, and was struck by another snowmobile traveling behind him. He was 34.

The memorial was held from 6 to 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium. As it began, a line led out the auditorium, and outside. The auditorium was filled, including the aisle ways.

The agenda included a video of his antics, opening and closing prayers and comments from Faith Baptist Church and staff and students recalling their favorite moments of the teacher who gave nicknames to most people he met.

Kargel was also known to lay in wait until an unsuspecting teacher, student or even staff member walked by, when he would spring out with a roar or grabbed an ankle to scare them — even Principal Julie Brown.

Brown read a statement to the Linden students from Kargel’s widow, Rebekah Ann. “You made him smile, you made him laugh. You made him proud.”

Through Brown, Rebekah thanked the students for making the school a fun place to come to work. “You were like his kids away from home... Please keep on laughing, giving and loving, for Mr. Kargel.”

Fifth-grade teacher Greg Sinn said Kargel’s mantra was, “life’s not the same without a little excitement in it,” and he was right.”

Testimony was peppered with funny memories of Kargel as well as emotions, breaking the voice of Superintendent Ed Koledo, and the teachers he worked with.

Afterward, students and staff shared their thoughts of Kargel.

Nick Douglass, physical education

(PE) teacher at Linden Middle School shared an office with Kargel for four years. He was a PE teacher seven years before having met Kargel. “I learned more in the last four than I did in the first seven, in how to make connections with students and live life fully every day,” said Douglass, struggling slightly to get the words out.

“He made me want to go out there and help people that needed it,” said student Kiara Beaver, 14. “He was like everyone’s dad, basically.”

Dakota Braun, 15, said, “He influenced me to accept people for the way they are. He really helped Linden in a positive way.”

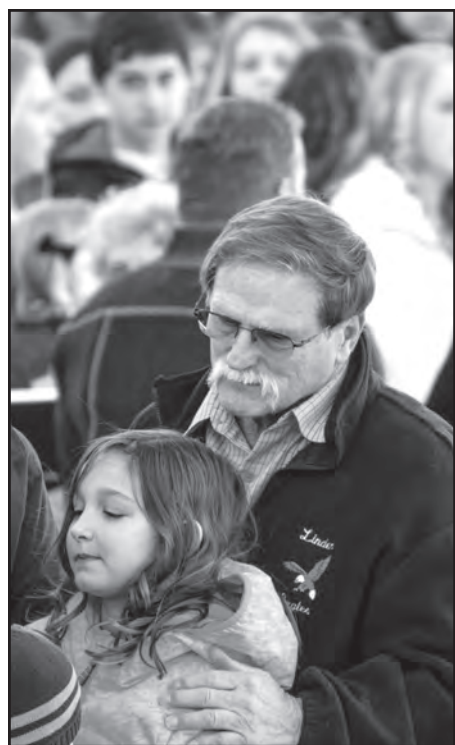
Both students are in ninth grade at Linden High School, and had Kargel at Linden Middle School. Even at the high school,

the mood was sad and somber Friday, after everyone had heard of his death.

The crash remains under investigation by the Michigan State Police-Brighton Post. Alcohol is suspected as a contributing factor.

“That’s what ‘work like Kargel’ means. It means (work) to your full potential.”

Kerry Weishaupt
Faith Baptist Church of Linden



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Family members comfort each other before the lighting of the Japanese lantern on Monday.

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IPHONE

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hours but unofficially extended closer to three, I could've used a day's worth of instruction to really get comfortable with my phone.

What Chelsea did more than anything for me was remove the 'fear factor' surrounding my iPhone. By showing the class different settings, we could control privacy issues, add battery life, even Find My iPhone, if we lose it.

Since most iPhone owners have the same issues with low battery life, one of the first things Chelsea showed us was how to conserve our battery by turning off certain settings that require a lot of battery power. By turning off auto brightness, Bluetooth, Wi-Fi and setting your email notification to manual, you can extend your battery life. 'This is especially helpful when you're at a meeting, notice you're running low and have nowhere to charge your phone,' said Mills.

She also showed us how easy our personal and business lives can be when we 'sync' our computers, tablets and phones. 'They're designed to all work together and make your life more efficient,' said Mills.

She showed us text shortcuts and how to activate Siri to send texts, make calls, etc. to speed up communication safely. She shared with us two of her favorite apps — evernote and bit.ly.

Unfortunately, we only got through about 40 percent of the class syllabus, but we all left feeling more empowered on our iPhones and ready to learn more. Another class is set for Wednesday, April 30 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the



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Eliminating the "fear factor" of using an iPhone was one thing accomplished in the class.

chamber office for 10 people. It will be free, thanks to the class sponsorship of Sawyer Jewelers. Contact the chamber office at (810) 629-5447 to reserve your spot. Mills will also hire out for one-on-one sessions.

To learn more about your iPhone in the comfort of your own home, check out the Times' iPhone tips every Sunday in section B. They make a lot more sense to me now that I have a little more tech knowledge.

Here are a few other sites to check out for more iPhone tips:

- Apple.com/support/iphone
- Dummies.com/how-to/consumer
- Basic introduction to your iPhone — YouTube
- Appleiphoneschool.com

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IF THE WAR on healthcare is going so well why has the percentage of Americans without insurance dropped from 17.1 percent in the last quarter of 2013 to 15.9 percent in February? Nearly 3 million Americans have now gained insurance. The Republican led war against health insurance is thankfully failing.

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I SEE REPUBLICANS are attempting to attack Obama due to the number of executive orders he's signed. Let's look at the recent history of executive orders by President. Reagan 381, Bush Sr. 166, Clinton 364, George W. Bush 291, Obama so far 171. I think the numbers speak for themselves.

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GREAT TO SEE 'our Emily' interviewed for Our Town. We, as a group of her patrons, have watched her blossom into an accomplished bartender/server and a good friend. She is always friendly, polite and patient with people.

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DID YOU KNOW that the refinery that the Canadian's Keystone pipeline project is trying to reach pays no taxes because they have a special 'corporate welfare break.' That's the American way — buy and then ride a politician to wealth and prosperity.

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AFTER READING THE Hot lines over the years, I've come to understand one thing: small-town minds stay small.

CORRECTION:

In the story, "Tyrone finalizes 2013-2014 budget," published on Wednesday, March 12, it was erroneously reported that the Tyrone Township clerk, supervisor and treasurer earn \$60,380 annually. The clerk, supervisor and treasurer earn \$30,380 annually.

20 IPHONE/IPAD TIPS AND TRICKS

- 1) When ending a sentence, instead of typing a period and then a space, just tap the space bar twice, which does the same thing and is faster.
- 2) Type a lot of text and numbers? Press and hold the "123" button and slide up to the character you want to input then, when you let go, the standard keyboard will return.
- 3) Want to TYPE WITH CAPS LOCK ON? Just double-tap the on-screen shift key. Tap again to return to lower-case.
- 4) In Safari (and Chrome), press and hold down the period key to bring up a listing of top-level domains such as .com, .net and so on (what you get is region specific so it will vary).
- 5) Spend a lot of time looking at your iOS device in low light? Invert the screen colors for more comfortable viewing. To do this click Settings > General > Accessibility and turn on Invert Colors.
- 6) Don't want to be hassled by calls or notifications? Click Settings > Do Not Disturb and turn on Manual.
- 7) Make text larger (in supported apps) by tapping on Settings > General > Text Size and adjusting it using the slider.
- 8) Want to still be able to receive some calls while in Do Not Disturb mode? Use the Allow Calls From setting to control which of your contacts can get in touch.
- 9) What about urgent calls from people not in your contacts? Use the Repeated Call feature to allow a call through if it is the second one made within three minutes.
- 10) You can quickly get to the Camera app from the lock screen by swiping up the camera icon in the bottom-right corner of the screen.
- 11) You can quickly scroll to the top in most apps by tapping the status bar at the top of the screen.
- 12) Spotlight search has been re-vamped. Instead of swiping to the left in iOS6 and earlier, you now swipe down from any home screen for quick access.
- 13) To block a caller, go to Contacts and then select a contact and hit Block this Caller. Users on the blocked list will not be able to call, text or FaceTime you.
- 14) Got a lot of typing to do? Pair any Bluetooth keyboard to your iPhone or iPad to make the job faster.
- 15) Want to fast-charge a device? Pop it into Airplane Mode (tap Settings turn on Airplane Mode). It will charge much faster.
- 16) Want to cache maps for offline use in the Google Maps app? Zoom in to the area you want and type OK maps into the search bar and hit Search and the map tile will be saved.
- 17) Did you accidentally archive an email? Shake your phone to bring up the Undo Archive dialogue.
- 18) Remove digits you've typed into the Calc app by swiping left to right across the digits to remove them one by one.
- 19) Starting with iOS 7 there's no longer a limit on the number of apps you can put into a folder, so there's no more need for duplicate folders.
- 20) Swamped by emails? If you tap Edit when in the Mail app, you can select from a range of filters including VIP, Flagged, Unread, and so on.

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Florida Gulf Coast University became the most recent No. 15 seed to beat a No. 2 team when the program defeated the Georgetown Hoyas in the opening round of the 2013 Division I NCAA men's basketball tournament.

LOOKING FOR FIRST-ROUND UPSETS?

►Based on history here's what to expect in the NCAA tourney

By David Troppens

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It seems when March comes around, something happens to the United States population.

People enter the NCAA tournament, excited about their selections. That's until the opening round posts about five "shocking" upsets destroying the hopes and dreams of winning the annual office pool.

Upsets are the best part of the NCAA tournament. They are the things that make or break everyone's predictions.

Do you want to select this year's great upsets? Based on history, we'll examine the first-round history of the 11th through 16th seeds since 1985 in the NCAA tourney.

No. 1 vs. No. 16 — It amazes me that a No. 16 team has yet to defeat a top seed since the tourney expanded to 64 teams. It will happen eventually, but never ever try to figure out who that team will be by picking a top-seed to lose.

No. 2 vs. No. 15 — Only seven 15 seeds have beat the No. 2 seed in the opening round, but it has happened three times in the last two tournaments. It could happen. However, picking a 15 seed is tough because even if you pick a shocker, the No. 15 has only advanced to the Sweet 16 once. Picking a 15 isn't worth the gamble.

No. 3 vs. No. 14 — The 14th seed has beat the third seed 17 times. When it does happen, it seems it's always a traditional power who loses. Teams like Kansas, North Carolina, Michigan State and Arizona lost as 3 seeds. Does that mean Duke may go down to Mercer, or Syracuse loses to Western Michigan? Don't be shocked.

No. 4 vs. No. 13 — Twenty-five 13

seeds have advanced since 1985, and there's been at least one every year since 2008. Pick at least one 13 to advance. It will happen.

No. 5 vs. No. 12 — Twenty-three 5 seeds have been upset since 2001, an average of nearly two a year. Last year, three fell in the opening round. Also, expect one of the 12 seeds to make it at least to the Sweet 16. Ten have since 2001.

No. 6 vs. No. 11 — There have been fewer No. 11 seeds (39) to earn first-round upsets than No. 12 seeds (41), but it still happens frequently. And it seems 11 seeds are great candidates for Cinderella teams. Want to select a low-seeded squad into the Elite Eight? Three 11s have made it to the Final Four, including Virginia Commonwealth in 2011 and George Mason in 2006. So if you want to pick a low seed into the Elite Eight, do your research on the 11 seeds. These are great candidates to satisfy that craving with success.

Recent first-round upsets

Here is a list of some of the low-seeded teams to post a first-round upset since 2010.

16TH SEED VS. 1ST SEED: A 16 seed has never beaten a 1 seed.

15TH SEED VS. 2ND SEED:

Florida Gulf Coast (2013), Lehigh (2102), Norfolk State (2012).

14TH SEED VS. 3RD SEED: Harvard (2013), Ohio (2010).

13TH SEED VS. 4TH SEED: LaSalle (2013), Ohio (2012), Morehead State (2011), Murray State (2010).

12TH SEED VS. 5TH SEED: Ole Miss (2013), California (2013), Oregon (2013), South Florida (2012), Virginia Commonwealth (2012), Richmond (2011), Cornell (2010).

11TH SEED VS. 6TH SEED: Minnesota (2013), Colorado (2012), North Carolina State (2012), Marquette (2011), Virginia Commonwealth (2011), Gonzaga (2011), Washington (2010), Old Dominion (2010).

ROADS

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\$50,865, Holly will get \$22,009 and the city of Linden will get \$14,786.

The extra funding is welcomed by the agencies but motorists shouldn't expect roads to drastically improve overnight. GCRC Director John Daly said the funding will be used to help balance stressed budgets, which were stretched this winter in overtime hours and maintenance costs.

"One unfortunate thing is people will expect their roads to be instantly repaired," Daly said. "They're so badly damaged that it'll probably take all summer just to get through all the potholes. Your road was better today than it will be tomorrow."

Fenton Department of Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki echoed Daly, expecting his department to spend much of its time patching roads this spring.

Without the extra funding, Daly said monies for summer road repairs would be nonexistent. He added that Michigan roads were in rough shape before winter and that the county hasn't received a funding increase since 1997.

"The emergency funding keeps us level but it doesn't fix the problem,"

Daly said. "The road systems are not even close to being in normal conditions. With the depth and extent of potholes... if motorists don't slow down, they're going to do a considerable amount of damage to their vehicle."

Michigan roads may very well rank as some of the worst roads in America as the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association (MITA) reports state officials spend \$154 per person on road and bridge maintenance, the lowest of any state. National transportation research group TRIPP estimates Michigan residents pay \$7.7 billion annually in

repairs, lost time and wasted fuel due to poor road maintenance and traffic congestions.

In addition to potholes, Daly warns that excessive flooding due to melting snow and clogged storm drains should be expected as the weather warms up. Flooded roadways may conceal damaging potholes and cause vehicles to hydroplane.

"I'm expecting these conditions to go on longer than usual," Daly said. "We're going to have these conditions on hard surface roads for the next 30 days, at least."

“It was not a normal winter and it will not be a normal spring.”

John Daly, Director of the Genesee County Road Commission

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EXPERTS: IT'S A GOOD TIME TO BE GREEN

►ESPN thinks the Spartans will capture the NCAA crown

By David Troppens

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Since Tom Izzo became Michigan State's men's basketball coach, any senior who spent four years with the Spartans' program has competed in a Final Four tournament.

This year's senior class is in danger of becoming the first to break that trend.

However, if ESPN's five-person panel during their two-hour

Bracketology special on Sunday night is to be believed, Michigan State will keep the trend alive by capturing their third NCAA Division 1 Men's Basketball championship in school history, and first since 2000.

ESPN's Seth Greenberg, Jay Bilas, Jay Williams, Digger Phelps and Dick Vitale each selected the Big Ten Tournament champions and the No. 4 seed in the East Region to win the title. If that was not enough ESPN love, one could check ESPN's website and watch Bruce Pearl and Jeff Goodman also select the Spartans to a championship. ESPN was not the only place we saw a lot of MSU love. On CBS, analysts Seth Davis, Clark Kellogg and

Doug Gottlieb all selected the Spartans to win the title.

It's easy to see why the experts are flocking to the Spartans (26-8). Michigan State opened the season as one of the favorites to make it to the Final Four, but struggled with injuries. Now healthy, the Spartans turned heads by capturing the Big Ten Tournament championship by defeating Michigan rather handily on Sunday in the title game by a 69-55 margin. Michigan defeated Sparty twice during the regular season.

So if a No. 4 seed is getting all this love, what are people saying about the second-seeded Michigan Wolverines (25-8)? After all, the Wolverines were a victory against Michigan State away from earning a No. 1 seed.

Well, there is some love. For instance, Pearl is selecting a Michigan-Michigan State championship game in Arlington Texas on April 7. In addition, Vitale had the Wolverines in the Elite Eight, but losing to Louisville, meaning he thinks Michigan will lose out making back-to-back Final Fours by one victory. Beyond those two, most are not selecting the Wolverines to make it to the Elite Eight, much less the Final Four. So don't be shocked if the Big Ten regular season champion Wolverines feel a little bit disrespected.

The only other Michigan school represented in the tourney is Western Michigan. The Broncos (23-9) captured the Mid-American Conference tournament title and are seeded 14th in the South bracket. The Broncos face No. 3 seed Syracuse (27-5), who was among the hottest teams in the country earlier in the season. Western is in the field for the first time since 2004, while the Orange are normal visitors to the NCAA tourney. The Broncos were 12-point underdogs on Monday, meaning the chance of a deep run isn't likely. However, it is tourney time, and who knows? Anything can happen during March Madness.

MICHIGAN TEAMS IN NCAA TOURNEY

#2 MICHIGAN

Record: 25-8 overall, 15-3 in Big Ten. Big Ten regular season champions.

First round: No. 15 Wofford (20-12) at 7:10 p.m. Thursday.

Top scorers: Nik Stauskas (17.5 ppg, 3.3 apg), Caris LeVert (13.3 ppg, 4.5 rpg).

#4 MICHIGAN STATE

Record: 26-8 overall, 12-6 in Big Ten. Big Ten Tournament champions.

First round: No. 13 Delaware (25-9) at 4:40 p.m. Thursday.

Top scorers: Gary Harris (17.1 ppg, 2.7 apg), Adreian Payne (15.8 ppg, 7.4 rpg).

#14 WESTERN MICHIGAN

Record: 23-9 overall, 14-4 in Mid-American Conference. MAC Tournament champions.

First round: No. 3 Syracuse (27-5) at 2:45 p.m. Thursday.

Top scorers: David Brown (19.4 ppg, 3.6 rpg), Shayne Whittington (16.3 ppg, 9.1 rpg).



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Senate Bill 608: Authorize additional state spending and debt, revise Medicaid funding detail

To adopt a compromise version of the bill reported by a House-Senate conference committee. This appropriates an additional \$215 million for roads, plus extra money for a variety of other government programs. It authorizes but does not fund a project involving purchase of the Steelcase "Pyramid" building for a loosely defined, education-related "public/private partnership." The bill also authorizes \$60.3 million in new debt for state college and university construction projects. Finally, it adjusts spending in the current year budget to reflect fund source changes triggered by adoption of the Obamacare Medicaid expansion starting in April. Introduced by Sen. Roger Kahn (R)

Passed 30 to 5 in the Senate
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)
☒ DID NOT VOTE

Senate Bill 648: Expand state grants to certain doctors

To expand a state program that subsidizes the medical school loans for a student who agrees to provide specified primary care services in an area of the state deemed to have a shortage of such providers. The bill would expand the program to dentists and increase the maximum subsidy to \$200,000. Introduced by Sen. John Moolenaar (R)

Passed 38 to 0 in the Senate
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)
☒ YES

Senate Bill 505: Remove ban on logo glasses in bars

To codify in law an administrative restriction on alcohol manufacturers and distributors giving or selling bars and restaurants certain items that promote their brands. Among other things the bill would ban them from giving or selling to bars glasses with brand logos. However, it would repeal a ban on bars using logoed glassware they buy at retail from another source. This is one of a number of bills making very minor changes in Michigan's highly restrictive alcohol distribution regulatory regime. Introduced by Sen. Joe Hune (R)

Passed 103 to 5 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)
☒ YES

Senate Bill 276: Require community service work by welfare recipients

To require welfare recipients to perform community service if they are not already in a welfare-related work or training program, subject to many exceptions. Introduced by Sen. Joe Hune (R)

Passed 91 to 19 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)
☒ YES

SCALPING

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those who own them, not by performers or vendors. Kelly stated repealing the ban on scalping will allow law enforcement to focus on more damaging crimes.

"The time has come to reform this antiquated law and stop making criminals out of people who happen to resell their tickets above face value," Kelly said in a press release. "It's about leveling the playing field for individual ticket holders and giving them the same rights as outlets like Ticketmaster."

Several performers and organizations including Ford Field, University of Michigan and Live Nation wrote a letter to legislators protesting the repeal, claiming the bill will keep some teams and acts from ever coming to the state.

"Many ancillary businesses are positively impacted when opposing teams come to town, or when a tour comes through a city," opponents wrote in the letter. "Yet, some performers and promoters may avoid appearing in Michigan if they encounter less fan-friendly protections in fear that their shows will be over-run by scalpers."

Kid Rock is amongst the protestors to

the appeal, penning a letter to the Detroit Free Press in January. In the letter, he blames scalpers for high ticket prices, noting that he's had shows at \$20 a ticket. He argues bringing back scalping would make it impossible to have affordable tickets.

"High ticket prices are driven by scalpers scooping up tickets before fans have a chance to buy them and putting them on the secondary ticket market for five times the face value," Kid Rock wrote.

Michigan Ticket Fairness (MTF), a group aimed at reforming the process of selling tickets in the state, is in favor of lifting the ban on scalping since the current law allows vendors and performers to decide how many tickets are sold to the public. The group claims that 90 percent of tickets are given to corporations, fan clubs and people connected to the enter-



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Vendors and entertainers fear that legal scalping will drive up ticket prices. Legislators claim ticket holders should be able to sell their tickets for whatever price they can get.

tainment industry.

"Every day, companies like Ticketmaster and StubHub help fans in Michigan resell their tickets above face value," MTF posted on their website. "House Bill 5108 would repeal the corporate scalping protection law and allow all fans to resell tickets at prices determined by the market."

HB 5108 passed the House earlier this month and currently awaits deliberation in the senate.

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MARCH MADNESS

Here are the state teams' schedules in the D1 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament. Listed in order of earliest to latest game.

South Regional at Buffalo, NY

Thursday's games

Ohio State (25-9) vs. Dayton (23-10), 12:15 p.m.
Syracuse (27-5) vs. Western Michigan (23-9), 30 minutes after first game is completed.

Saturday's game

Thursday winners

East Regional at Spokane, Wash.

Thursday's games

Cincinnati (27-6) vs. Harvard (26-4), 2:10 p.m.
Michigan State (26-8) vs. Delaware (25-9), 30 minutes after first game is completed.

Saturday's game

Thursday winners

Midwest Regional at Milwaukee, Wisc.

Thursday's games

Michigan (25-8) vs. Wofford (20-12), 7:10 p.m.
Texas (23-10) vs. Arizona State (21-11), 30 minutes after first game is completed.

Saturday's game

Thursday winners

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MIKE BANNER
Read more about our Winter Top 5 poll.



LF wrestlers take top spot in Winter Top 5

►Both Holly hoops teams end 2013-14 season within final poll

By David Troppens

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Looking outside, it's hard to believe it, but the 2013-14 prep winter sports season has come to a close.

With the conclusion of the state swim meet, all of the tri-county squads have completed their winter seasons. That means it's time for us to post our final Tri-County Winter Top Five poll of the season.

As is the case every year, there were some tough decisions to be made. The top three teams were a given, but how No. 2 and No. 3 were sorted out wasn't a given. And, also, it's time we deal with a pretty interesting battle for the fifth spot. There can't be any ties this week.

So while it's likely we won't see any outdoor spring sport activities for awhile due to the snow

we got this winter, we won't hold off this poll any longer.

Here is our Final Tri-County Winter Top Five for the 2013-14 season.

No. 5 - Fenton girls basketball: The battle between Fenton and the Holly wrestling team was pretty tight. Like an MMA fight, both won a period in the first two rounds, and the third round seemed pretty equal. But we decided to give the edge to the Fenton girls basketball team.

Both teams finished second in the Metro standings, but Fenton girls were an overwhelming second, while the Holly wrestlers fell to third at the Metro meet and tied for second. Both teams had to battle tough league foes, and came close to beating those opponents, but the Tigers' biggest foe was a team that went 20-0. And considering the Tigers' 15-7



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

The Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team celebrated its team district championship earlier this winter. The Blue Devils ended up capturing a regional trophy, had the squad compete in the state quarterfinals and had an individual state champion.

mark includes three losses to the Holly girls basketball team, we'll give them the nod. Who knows, next week I might figure a reason

why I should've picked Holly wrestling, but we're giving Fenton the deserved nod.

See TOP 5 on 16



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO
Northwood University junior and Fenton graduate Gabrielle Rivette earned a spot on the All-GLIAC First team this year.

Rivette's game maturing while at Northwood

By David Troppens

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Gabrielle Rivette is having fun on the basketball court.

The Fenton graduate and Northwood University junior just completed her third season for the Timberwolves and had a breakout season.

She broke career highs in almost every meaningful statistical category imaginable, helping lead Northwood University to its first winning season since Rivette came on campus. The team improvement coincides with her added play. Now averaging 32.0 minutes a game, Rivette was 13th in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC)

The Rivette file

Here's a quick look at Gabrielle Rivette's career at Northwood University.

2011-12: Rivette started five games, averaging 7.8 points a contest.

2012-13: She started all 28 games she played in and averaged 9.3 points a contest. She also had 101 assists.

2013-14: Rivette earned All-GLIAC honors, averaging 15.1 points and 3.4 assists a contest.

with a scoring average of 15.1 points a game, almost six points higher than her sophomore average of 9.3 points.

And the team has gone from 10-16 overall her freshman year to 12-16 last year to 14-13 during the current season, qualifying for the GLIAC postseason tournament for the first time as well with a winning 12-10 league slate.

"As a team we improved a lot since last season," Rivette said. "We started out kind of shaky, but we picked it up toward the end."

"We had people battling some injuries and some people stepped up. Overall, it went pretty good."

One of those people that stepped up was Rivette herself. Not only was her scoring up, but she averaged 4.7 rebounds and collected 92 assists. She also had 44 steals.

See RIVETTE on 16

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No. 4 - Holly boys basketball: It felt like a season of many highs and a couple lows. Now that the season is over, it's easier to realize it was pretty much a season of great highs. After all, this was a young team with great expectations placed on their shoulders, and once the season was over, they pretty much satisfied those expectations.

The Bronchos finished 16-5 overall, captured the Flint Metro League title and gave an 18-2 Grand Blanc team all it could handle in districts before losing by six in overtime. And the future is extremely bright. All but two players return next season.

No. 3 - Fenton boys swim team: About once every couple of weeks during the winter, Fenton swim coach Brad Jones asks "So what do we have to do to move up in the poll?" When he asks that I figure he means what they have to do to move up to No. 1 or at least No. 2.

The Tigers came close, but were unable to sneak to No. 2 in this poll. But a No. 3 finish is pretty nice as well, and the division after the first three is considerable, so the Fenton swim team were in the top tier.

The Tigers dominated the Flint Metro League, capturing the title handily. They also qualified many performers at the Division 2 state meet, had two relays make it to the second day and had one swimmer, Brant Cassidy, qualify for the second day in two individual events as well. It earned the Tigers a 17th-place team finish at the meet. It was a good showing, but not enough to eclipse the to two out of their spots.



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MARK BOLEN

(Above) Lake Fenton wrestling coach Vance Corcoran gives wrestler Andy Donoho his individual state championship medal at the state meet. The Lake Fenton wrestling team finished No. 1 on our Winter Tri-County Top Five. (Left) Allyssa Copley (left) and the Holly girls basketball team finished No. 2. Sarah Cummings (right) and the Fenton Tigers finished fifth.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Northwood University junior Gabrielle Rivette averaged 15.1 points a game for the Timberwolves this winter, leading the squad to a 14-13 record overall.

RIVETTE

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Rivette was having a strong first half of the season, once scoring 24 points in an 89-77 loss to Malone, but once late January hit, her game exploded. She scored a season-best 26 points in a 90-82 victory against Ferris State on Jan. 23, and had a string of 10 straight double-digit scoring performances from Jan. 16 until Feb. 8.

She earned GLIAC Women's North Division Player of the Week honors on Jan. 27 after scoring a combined 42 points in victories against Ferris State and Grand Valley State.

She only got better from there. She capped the season scoring at least 20 points in four of the team's final five games, including tying her season high of 26 points in an 83-68 victory at Saginaw Valley State University, earning the squad a spot in the GLIAC tournament.

"I kept working on my game in the offseason and putting time in the gym," Rivette said about her strong season. "Overall I was more confident and I was stepping up and doing my best."

"I'm also used to it and know what to expect. I'm more laid back and used to the coaching style. I've played with the same girls over the years."

Rivette rated the 26-point effort in the victory against Saginaw Valley as her top moment of the season.

"The win over Saginaw Valley put us in the GLIAC tournament," Rivette said. "If we won, we were in and we blew them out. It was fun."

Rivette earned more than the weekly honor. She was named to the GLIAC's first team as well.

"It's special, but it's something you can't do without my teammates and my coaches," Rivette said about being the player of the week. "I was happy about that (being First-Team All-GLIAC) too. It was a goal."

Rivette is preparing for her final season, and says she's enjoying life on the team.

"I'm just having fun. Some of my teammates are really good friends," Rivette said. "We have fun on and off the court and I'm enjoying every little moment I have with them."

"Time flies. I feel like I was just a freshman yesterday. Overall it's been a great experience and a lot of fun."

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No. 2 - Holly girls basketball: The Lady Bronchos were No. 1 in the poll for a long portion of the season mainly due to the fact they just kept on winning, and winning and winning. In fact, Holly won so much during the regular season the Bronchos won the Metro League crown with a perfect record and finished the season 20-0 overall. The Bronchos followed that performance with a Class A district title, beating a pretty strong Fenton team for the third time this season in the district title contest. And while their season ended in the regional semifinals, the Bronchos put up a good showing against Canton.

The Fenton swim team went undefeated too and were just as, if not more dominant, in Metro action. Why is Holly No. 2 instead of Fenton swim? We are giving the Bronchos the strength of schedule edge. Fenton's competition in the Metro was really nobody. That hurts Fenton. The swim league was very weak. Also, Holly beat another foe that won a district title (Lakeland). That gave them the edge.

No. 1 - Lake Fenton wrestling: Really, the battle for the top spot wasn't very close once the Blue Devils qualified for the team state quarterfinals. Despite not winning a league crown, no one had more impressive non-league wins than Lake Fenton had this winter and no one went as far and placed as high as the Blue Devils in tourney action. Individually, the squad also placed all but one wrestler who qualified for the individual state meet, with Andy Donoho earning an individual state title. This marks the second time the Blue Devils have finished the winter atop our poll. Congratulations!

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AMERICAN HOSTEL
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After the kingdom of Arendelle is cast into eternal winter by the powerful Snow Queen Elsa (voice of Idina Menzel), her sprightly sister Anna (Kristen Bell) teams up with a rough-hewn

mountaineer named Kristoff (Jonathan Groff) and his trusty reindeer Sven to break the icy spell. PG, 1 hr. 42 min.



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The story of how Walt Disney courted P.L. Travers into letting him option the rights to *Mary Poppins* is brought to the screen in this non-fiction drama starring Tom Hanks

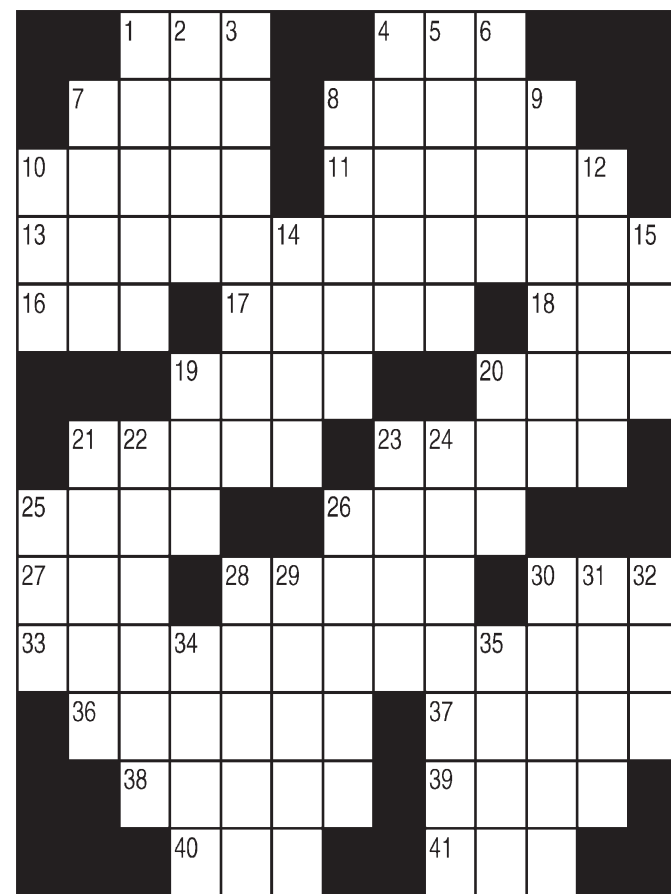
Emma Thompson, and Colin Farrell. A doting father, Walt Disney (Hanks) promises his adoring daughters that he will bring their favorite fictional nanny Mary Poppins to the big screen. Little does Walt realize that surly author P.L. Travers has no intention of seeing her most famous creation bastardized for moviegoers, a fact that makes keeping his promise a difficult endeavor. Years later, however, when Travers' book sales begin to slow, dwindling finances drive her to schedule a meeting with Disney to discuss the film rights to the beloved story. For two weeks in 1961, a determined Disney does his absolute best to convince Travers that the film version of Mary Poppins will be a wondrous and respectful adaptation, meanwhile the author only grows more convinced that she has made the right move in preventing the proposed film adaptation. Later, just when it begins to appear that the rights to Mary Poppins have slipped through his fingers, the ingenious Disney reflects back on his childhood, and realizes that a sensitive chapter from Travers' youth could be the key to clinching the deal. Bradley Whitford, Paul Giamatti, and Jason Schwartzman co-star. PG-13. 2 hr.



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Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriams

George Clair Swaney Sr.

1927-2014

George Clair Swaney Sr. - age 86, of Midland, formerly of Holly, died Monday, March 17, 2014. A memorial service will be held at 12 noon, Friday,



March 21, 2014 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly, with Pastor Chuck Jacobson officiating. Interment will be in Great Lakes National Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2-6 PM Thursday. Mr. Swaney was born in Dunbar, PA on November 6, 1927, the son of George and Sadie Mae (McNitt) Swaney. He attended East Bethlehem High School in Fredericktown, PA. He then proudly served in the US Navy and took part in the battle of Okinawa during WWII and was honorably discharged in 1946. He worked as an overhead crane operator for 30 years at Fisher Body in Grand Blanc, MI and was a 32nd degree Mason and served as the Worshipful Master of the Holly Masonic Lodge, was a member of the Hulet-Bravender Post 5587 VFW, Amel Schwartz Post 149 American Legion, and the Holly Moose Lodge. Surviving are his children, Georgina (Dan) Bates, Marcy (Randall) Skipper, and George (Lanis) Swaney Jr.; grandchildren, Dan (Suzanne) Bates Jr., Jason (Danielle) Bates, Chris (Nicole) VanWagoner, Jeremy Swaney, and Melissa (Todd) Serrine; great-grandchildren, Drew Bates, Olivia Bates, Noah Bates, Evan Bates, Austin Bates, Riley VanWagoner, and Harley VanWagoner; sisters, Dorothy Sadlek and Betty Burke; and brother, Lester Swaney. He was preceded in death by his wife Sally on September 17, 2013; sisters, Ida Mae Ulicne and Henrietta Gregory, and brother, Jim Swaney. Memorial donations may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, 230 W. Monroe St., Suite 200, Chicago, IL 60606. **www.dryerfuneralhome-holly.com.**

Wanda Anastasia Tokarsky

1917/2014

Wanda Anastasia Tokarsky - age 96, of Fenton, died Monday, March 17, 2014 at Genesys Convalescent Center. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated



11 AM Thursday, March 20, 2014 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton with Rev. Fr. Dwight Ezop and Fr. David Harvey con-celebrant. Interment will follow at St. John Cemetery. Visitation will be held 2-4 and 6-9 PM Wednesday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton where a rosary will be prayed at 7:30 PM. Visitation will also be held from 10 AM until time of Mass Thursday at the church. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to the St. John School Educational Foundation. Mrs. Tokarsky was born April 19, 1917 in East Chicago, IN, the daughter of Joseph and Josephine (Gzik) Jackura. She was a 1935 graduate of Washington High School in East Chicago and married Edward Tokarsky on May 7, 1937. They resided in Fenton since 1960 and he preceded her in death on April 16, 1994. Mrs. Tokarsky was a very talented seamstress and chef. Surviving are: two sons, Edward (Sandra) Tokarski of Titusville, FL, Douglas (Susan) Tokarsky of Titusville, FL; 10 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 4 great great-grandchildren; sister, Dorothy Filiposki of Lowell, IN; many nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Phyllis Kinney on July 17, 2013. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page of **www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.**



Glen Alan Summers,

Glen Alan Summers - age 76, of Fenton, formerly of Harrison and Brighton, passed away Sunday, March 16, 2014 at Genesys Regional Med Center, Grand Blanc. Inurnment at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. **www.stockingfuneral-home.com.**

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