

“There’s a guy back there in our car stabbing people!”

Exclaimed three young people who came running into our Amtrak car Friday night

# Knife slasher turns train trip into tragedy

►Fenton couples on board Amtrak Train 364 from Chicago provide personal account of scary event

**By Sally Rummel**  
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*Editor’s Note: Times Feature Writer Sally Rummel and her husband, Mark, were returning home last Friday night from a five-day trip to Chicago with*

*friends when they became involved in what would be a national news crime story. Riding in the third car of Amtrak train 364, leaving at 4 p.m. from Chicago rolling toward Durand, their uneventful ride*

was anything but.

**Here’s their story:**

My train-loving husband Mark was looking out the window watching the scenery speed by at almost 110 mph,

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Sally Rummel



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## Fenton man arrested for home invasion, larceny and auto theft

►Suspect breaks into home as homeowner sleeps

**By Sharon Stone**  
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The Fenton Police Department arrested a 30-year-old Fenton man for a home

invasion and auto theft that took place on Dec. 4.

### Summary

►Fenton police arrested a 30-year-old Fenton man. He awaits arraignment on a four-count felony warrant.

Lt. Jason Slater said just after 8 a.m. offi-

cers responded to a home in the 900 block of Briarwood Lane on a report of a home invasion. The homeowner said that sometime between midnight and 8 a.m. someone had entered his home through an unlocked kitchen window while he was

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## Jinglefest in Dibbleville draws thousands



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Visitors filled Fenton's Dibbleville for the 2014 Jinglefest Parade, which along with a fireworks display, capped a busy holiday weekend of events. **See more photos at [www.tctimes.com](http://www.tctimes.com).**

## New manufacturing business could bring 50 jobs to area

►Sales, training and more all in one location on Thompson Road

**By Yvonne Stegall**

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When Enihcam Manufacturing relocated to the Fenton area from Saginaw, the building they moved into needed a lot of work. Their new space at 3061 Thompson Rd. is beginning to look like a business that expects to thrive at its prime location. The company is led by brothers Jeff Schram, CFO, and Brian Schram, president.

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“We are very pleased to welcome Enihcam Manufacturing to Fenton Township.”

**Bonnie Mathis**  
Fenton Township supervisor

## Linden schools names newest board member

►With 69 write-in votes, Howell High School teacher rounds out Board of Education

**By Sharon Stone**

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Now that the dust has settled, it’s clear to see who the members are of the Linden Board of Education.

Despite the election in early November, Linden Community Schools did not find out officially until Monday who the seventh board member would be. This is because the

**See MEMBER on 10**

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“I now understand what the protestors in Ferguson really want from the police. They want the police to obtain a voluntary, written, consent from all criminals before arresting them.”



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## New school science standards create a 'higher level of thinking'

►Less than 20 percent of Michigan students passed last year's state exam

By Christopher Jones  
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The State Board of Education will be adopting new science standards for the state of Michigan, known as the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). The new standards could be coming as soon as this month.

The three dimensions of the NGSS are Practices, Core Ideas and Cross Cutting concepts.

What this means for students is an increased focus on better integration of physics, chemistry and biology. The standards would also encourage an inquiry-based method of instruction and applying concepts learned.

"They go a little bit deeper. It will require a higher level of thinking," said

**"Science is always a challenge and hopefully these new standards will get us where we need to be."**

Ed Koledo, Linden schools superintendent

Linden Superintendent Ed Koledo.

Every time the curriculum changes instruction for teachers has to be changed as well as textbooks. The Genesee Intermediate School District (GISD) will have classes for teachers for the new instruction.

The state Board of Education hopes the new science standards will boost achievements in science. Last year less than 20 percent of Michigan students passed the state science exam.

"Science has always been a challenge and hopefully these new standards will get us where we need to be," said Koledo.

Critics of Common Core and Next Generation believe that they take away

local control of what is taught in schools. The state Board of Education hopes to avoid a battle with the legislature. Last year, state lawmakers threatened new standards for math and English, known as the common core.



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Enihcam displays the CNC machines it sells in its showroom on Thompson Road in Fenton Township.

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Location is one of the reasons Enihcam, partnered with a worldwide machine specialist, SMTCL-Americas, chose the spot. "The main factor was the close proximity to the I-69/75/23 corridor. Lots of international trade is coming through that area," said Jeff Schram. It also helped that they both live around the area; Jeff is a resident of Tyrone Township.

Enihcam basically deals in CNC machines, which can be found in many industries. This includes medical, energy, wind energy, aerospace, construction and more.

A new company in the area means more jobs. The brothers expect that they will bring anywhere from 30 to 50 jobs to the area over the next three to five years, depending on demand. They currently have nine employees.

Jeff and Brian will be selling CNC machines out of their new location, which features a 7,000-square-foot showroom, designated completely for SMTCL equipment. The building has a total of 35,000 square feet.

SMTCL is a China-based company with locations worldwide and they create about 80,000 machines each year. The local Enihcam showroom has been named the Eastern United States parts

distributor for SMTCL.

While SMTCL is located overseas, it is looking to open a manufacturing facility in the U.S., and through pending negotiations with Gov. Rick Snyder they could possibly end up building in Michigan, bringing more jobs.

As far as Enihcam's role in all of this, Brian said, "We sell those machines to customers in Michigan." They don't just sell them though. They offer parts, service and even training. The goal is to send the purchaser away knowing how to run their new machine and feeling confident that it will remain in top shape even after they start using it.

Fenton Township Supervisor Bonnie Mathis said, "We are very pleased to welcome Enihcam Manufacturing to Fenton Township. We have been very impressed with Jeff and Brian Schram and the reputation of their company. Enihcam has done a wonderful job of renovating and updating what was an abandoned facility and we're excited at the projected growth of their company and creation of new jobs within our community."

Brian said, "It was a good opportunity for us to establish some real estate here and be part of the community." He said that Fenton Township and the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce have been helpful, warm and welcoming.



# Times News & Features



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO**  
The engine for the Huckleberry Railroad roars into the station to meet the waiting crowd. On Nov. 28, Genesee County Parks welcomed visitors for free.



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO**  
Crossroads Village was packed for the free admission day on Nov. 28. The festival was graced with idyllic holiday season weather.



## Crossroads Village — historical buildings, holiday lights

► Popular park offers free festival day as a 'thank you' to residents for passing millage

**By Yvonne Stegall and Tim Jagielo**

**Genesee Twp.** — Both Christmas Carols and snowflakes flit down upon the scores of visitors for the Crossroads Village free festival day, on Nov. 28.

Genesee County voters passed a millage increase to .75 mills, replacing the .48 mills levied for county parks up until now. As a "thank you," the popular historical park offered a free day for Genesee County residents, kicking off their holiday season.

The millage will cost the average Genesee homeowner about \$2.80 per month, for a total of \$33.55 every year.

There are 24 total buildings at Crossroads, which have come from all over Genesee County, and beyond. Two build-

ings at Crossroads Village came from Fenton, and one from Holly.

The Horton-Colwell Opera House was built by Dexter Horton and David Colwell in Fenton at the corners of LeRoy and Caroline streets in 1869. The first floor has a post office and the second floor has the opera house. Churches, schools and fraternal organizations frequently used the opera house.

The opera house was torn down and rebuilt smaller at Crossroads Village for the 1978 season.

The Fenton Carriage Barn was moved from Fenton in 1994, originally located on LeRoy Street. This Queen Anne barn now houses the broom making equipment.

The Ice House was moved from a farm south of Holly. The icehouse is insulated with more than 12 inches of sawdust and preserves ice all summer long.

Other buildings in the village include a blacksmith shop, chicken coop, school,



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A line of visitors went out the building to meet, and take pictures with Santa Claus, in one of the many historical buildings in Crossroads Village.

general store, windmill, law offices, gristmill, tavern and much more.

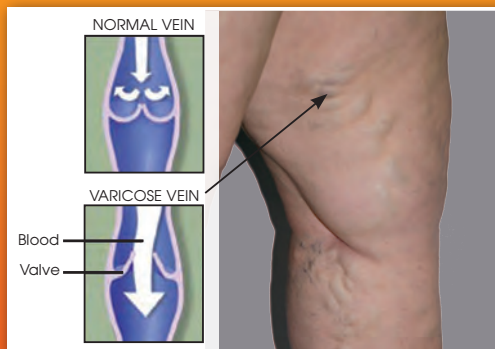
The village remains a wonderful place for families and schools to visit, and offers a myriad of learning on the history of this

area. Visitors can witness the blacksmith working, apple cider being made with an old-fashioned press and even what it was like to go to school in a one-room schoolhouse.

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## FROM THE LEFT



Clarence Page

Nationally syndicated  
**columnist****Losing the Bill Cosby we knew**

When asked about recent allegations against Bill Cosby, Chris Rock fell into what is for him an unusual position. He was at a loss for words.

I don't know what to say,' he told New York magazine. 'What do you say? I hope it's not true.'

A lot of us long-time Cosby fans have been at a loss for words ever since long-simmering allegations suddenly boiled over in recent weeks that he drugged and sexually assaulted women over many years.

Then Rock mused: 'It's a weird year for comedy. We lost Robin, we lost Joan and we kind of lost Cosby.'

Yes, we have. Unlike the losses of Robin Williams and Joan Rivers, Cosby is still alive but that's more than we can say for his comedy career or his stature as a civic role model.

Earlier a Netflix special, a new NBC show planned for next fall and a growing number of dates on his comedy tour have been cancelled or 'indefinitely postponed.'

Can Cosby ever make us laugh again?

Like any other accused, he deserves the presumption of innocence. But we're talking here about the court of public opinion, not a court of law.

The charges are not by any means new. Through the years, he has faced other similar allegations and steadfastly denied them all. In 2006, he settled a civil lawsuit for an undisclosed amount that alleged similar charges.

But if Cosby thought he had put that behind him, he had not counted on today's Twitter-age media and a new public sensitivity to rape allegations.

He gave a similar response to an Associated Press reporter earlier and has since cancelled other scheduled TV interviews.

And we, his long-time fans eager to give him the benefit of our doubts, wait for something more to hold onto.

But Bill Cosby's fall is huge because he has been held so highly in our heads and hearts. We may still enjoy his old recordings, but they don't sound the same. The title of his currently troubled comedy tour, 'Far from Finished,' should have a question mark behind it.

**CAN FENTON TOWNSHIP** explain why the new township shop built on Silver Lake Road seems to be used as a business' personal shop and storage yard? Obsolete trucks, employees meeting to leave for projects outside the township. Enough is enough with the favoritism.

**OBAMA CANNOT AUTHORIZE** amnesty. He's prioritized the deportation of dangerous criminals over those that would break up families. Illegals gaining work permits will pay into Social Security and Medicare but aren't eligible for benefits. It's actually a win-win for the elderly Fox News viewers who've voiced the most outrage.

**THE DESIGNERS, ARCHITECTS** and construction crew did a great job on the Cornerstone building. It is attractive and fits into the downtown area quite well. I look forward to enjoying the restaurant and bar already there.

**IN RUSSIA, THE** government controls the news media. In America, the news media control the government. That's why Obama can ignore the Constitution, and why Congressional Republicans are afraid to say much about it.

**TO ALL THE** parents picking up their kids at Tomek, our kids live on Fifth Street. Fifth Street is not a drag strip, slow down!

**DID ANYONE ELSE** see the halo around the full moon Sunday night? It was awesome.

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to the GDP, an increase of \$791 billion in total income for all Americans, \$184 billion in additional state and federal tax revenue. Whitehouse.gov, based on 11 million people. Guess you'll have to divide that in half.

**WHY DO SOME** customers have to talk so rudely to the store employees? C'mon, we're all in this together. Remember the old saying, 'you get more with honey, than with vinegar.' Merry Christmas everyone.

**GREAT ARTICLE ON** what health insurance is costing all of us. After seeing what some are paying, I'm blessed to be a teacher.

**JUST CAN'T GET** enough of Chevy Chase in Christmas Vacation. Love that movie!

**JUST WHEN YOU** think it can't get any more goofy, it does. Our industrious Emperor made a person ambassador to Hungary. I think it was, and their only qualification is that they directed soap operas for TV. That's appropriate since his entire administration is like a soap opera.

**THE POSTAL SERVICE** really blew it with these Rudolf stamps. Where is Yukon Cornelius? They blew it. I can't believe it.

**WHY AREN'T STUDENTS** tested under the MSTEP program for history, or do they not teach that anymore? They say those that don't learn history are doomed to repeat it.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

## FROM THE RIGHT

Cal Thomas

Nationally syndicated  
**columnist****Response to Ferguson rioters: Restitution and shaming**

No matter whose side you are on in the upheaval following the killing of Michael Brown by police officer Darren Wilson in Ferguson, Missouri, everyone should agree on the profound sadness of it all: sadness that an 18-year-old boy-man walked a path that led to his destruction; sadness that a police officer felt the need to defend himself by shooting another human being; sadness over the rioting and looting that followed a grand jury's decision not to indict Officer Wilson; and for some, sadness that Wilson was not indicted.

Much of the sadness was encapsulated in a sound bite I saw on one TV network. An African-American business owner, surveying the destruction of his store, plaintively asked, 'How am I going to feed my kids?'

I have an answer and it is one that should be applied to anyone convicted of riotous behavior, destruction of property and looting. It's called restitution.

Restitution is an Old Testament concept instituted to remind people that when one harms another person, or steals or destroys property, someone else suffers and deserves reimbursement.

As the authorities in Ferguson examine videos that show the faces of many of the rioters and looters, charges will undoubtedly be filed. If convicted, the perpetrators should be forced to pay for the damage they caused. If they have jobs, their paychecks should be garnished. If they are on welfare, those checks should be forwarded to the businesses they destroyed. This should be the practice going forward.

A close relative of restitution is shaming. The convicted should be brought before those harmed by their behavior and publicly shamed. No one seems to be ashamed of anything nowadays, but shaming might help prevent future violence. Perhaps if people realize that their behavior will cost them something, they might think twice about harming others.

We've gotten away from personal responsibility and accountability, preferring instead to cast lawbreakers as 'victims,' when the true victims are often ignored. Too often too many feel justified in taking and destroying the property of others.

If they don't feel ashamed, they should.

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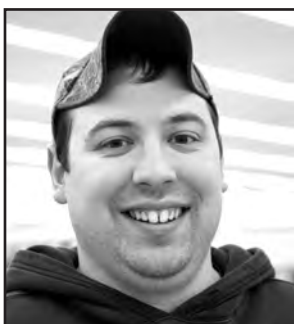
"Probably more. I had open heart surgery last year and we didn't shop much."

— Vonda Goss  
Fenton



"Probably about the same amount, about \$600."

— Jack Spring  
Fenton Township



"We're gonna spend more this year. About a thousand dollars because we have a big family."

— Rick Morris  
Grand Blanc Township



"A tighter budget, so we do creative shopping. Family members get \$50 max."

— Joyce Dillon  
Wixom



"I would think we are going to spend about the same, about \$500."

— Richard Benoit  
Linden



"Mine is going to be less. It was a little harder for me this year."

— Jenevieve Warden  
Byron



## SLASHER

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while I was nose-deep in a book. It was just before 7 p.m. on Friday night, and our train was getting ready to make its next stop at the Niles railroad depot, just over the state border after leaving Indiana.

### CHAOS BEGINS

Suddenly, two young men and a young woman in their 20s burst into our half-filled passenger car from the rear, running fast, but not shouting or even speaking. We couldn't figure out who was chasing whom or what was happening. They got all the way to the front of our car, near where we were sitting across from our traveling friends, and then tried to hide in some empty seats.

"There's a guy back there in our car stabbing people!" they shouted. In that instant, our average train journey completely changed, as did several lives of passengers aboard it, forever.

These three riders saw a lone fellow passenger running through their car moments before, stabbing several men, including a conductor, and a woman, to every rider's shock and instant horror. The man, later identified as 44-year-old Michael Williams of Saginaw had been acting suspiciously and began scaring passengers by running up and down the aisle stabbing people.

Not knowing what to do, these three riders ran away from the danger — but none of us knew whether that attacker would burst into our car in the next second.

### POLICE RESPOND

We soon realized that multiple police vehicles, two ambulances and several fire trucks were either already on the scene or arriving around us, as our train continued to stand still at the Niles Depot. We didn't hear any screaming or commotion; we just sat there listening to and watching muffled sounds and sights from the adjoining car behind us.

An Amtrak official came into our car next, saying the stabber had been tased and was being held down on the floor by several brave passengers, and the police, before being removed from the train into custody. He was charged Saturday with attempted murder, and was being held on \$1 million bond in the Berrien County jail.

He pleaded not guilty during his first court appearance on Monday. Williams was charged with four counts of intent to murder, with each charge carrying a maximum sentence of life in prison.

Meanwhile, injured passengers were being carried out on gurneys to awaiting ambulances.

We felt certain we had either a Guardian Angel or Good Samaritan directly in our midst, depending on your own perspective.

### OUR GUARDIAN ANGEL

A 40-ish aged man in the immediate next aisle from us, with whom we had been talking for most of the trip, didn't shy away from the danger; he ran toward it. A sales manager at a nearby local auto dealership, he is used to quick thinking and solving problems, which is why he immediately ran into the troubled train car behind us, grabbed a hammer-like object to stand at the door of our car, to prevent any person from causing harm in our car. Typically, his girlfriend said, he would've been carrying a firearm, but Illinois law doesn't allow carrying weapons.

This brave young man also helped at the scene, grabbing the mesh cloth protectors on the back of each train seat to use in applying pressure on knife wounds to stop the bleeding. His actions most certainly helped save the life of one of the injured passen-

gers, who was, ironically, an emergency room doctor. "He was self-diagnosing and telling me what to do," said this quiet, but self-assured good citizen, whose full name we didn't catch until our ride home.

Within minutes, sheriff's deputies, state police and Niles City police all came through our car, giving brief explanations that everyone was safe and any trouble had ended. They asked every single rider personally whether he or she was hurt or had any medical problems. It felt to us as if they had it under control.

### GETTING HOME

The next hurdle for the 172 passengers on board was how we were all going to get home, as the train was now a crime scene and would not be moving anytime soon. Amtrak officials were scrambling to get available buses and other trains to let us continue to our destinations.

Again, our Good Samaritan friend was already working behind the scenes to get us all home safely. He was certainly concerned that he and his girlfriend make it back to the Lapeer Depot, where their cars were parked. But he also included us and our traveling companions, Don and Penny Fausey of Fenton Township in that small circle.

Thanks to his quick thinking and actions,

he made sure we each had a seat on the next train that arrived on the scene, taking us to Battle Creek, then on an Indian Trail bus that shuttled us to East Lansing. Meanwhile, his brother picked up a seven-passenger van from the auto dealership, and met us in East Lansing for the final leg of our journey home. Next stop, Durand!

Instead of arriving in Durand at the expected 9:31 p.m. time as scheduled, it was 2:15 a.m. Saturday morning, when our van — instead of the train — pulled into the Durand Depot.

That was a much faster scenario than other riders faced that long evening. Friday's Train 364 didn't move again until 1:20 a.m., fully 5½ hours after our melee began. The tragic circumstances that had created such a drastic delay took less than 15 minutes and resulted in changed lives and injuries.

### PRAYERS FOR SAFETY

We all became united in praying for the injured passengers. "After the initial shock, everyone was more concerned about the injured, both physically and emotionally," said traveler Penny Fausey. "We were all trying to help each other in different ways, including the law enforcement officers who were working very

hard to soothe passengers' fears and keep everyone informed."

The latest news report on WJRT-ABC12 has confirmed that all four victims are reported to be in stable condition.

When our heads finally hit the pillow at home at about 3 a.m., we were grateful for our own safety and the safety of our fellow riders, the quick-thinking actions of our new train friend and police and Amtrak personnel. This rare and isolated incident didn't change our love and appreciation of train travel; it only heightened our own sense of mortality and the fragility of life in every circumstance.

### A QUESTION OF TRAIN SECURITY

Knives are prohibited on Amtrak trains, and Amtrak police perform random inspections of passenger baggage, according to a statement issued by Amtrak to the Kalamazoo Gazette on Monday.

The statement said incidents like Friday's stabbings don't regularly happen on Amtrak trains. It also encourages passengers to be aware of their surroundings, and if they see something suspicious, they should notify the Amtrak Police by calling: **1-800-331-0008**.

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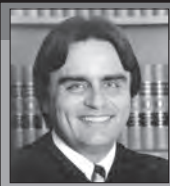
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### The proposed 4 a.m. closing law

On Jan. 16, 1919, the 18th Amendment to the United States Constitution was ratified by the United States Congress.

This Amendment prohibited the manufacture, sale or transportation of intoxicating liquors within or their importation into or exportation from the United States for beverage purposes. The shorthand word for this new law was 'Prohibition.' This Amendment was ultimately repealed by the 21st Amendment on Dec. 5, 1933.

When it was in force, I believe it is accurate to say that it marked the last time that the alcohol laws in all of the states were uniform.

Since it was repealed, the states have been free to enact their own laws, and today the laws in all 50 states vary to some degree.

One important aspect of all alcohol laws is when alcohol can be sold or served. In Michigan, the general rule is that both on- and off-premises sales are not allowed Monday through Saturday between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. Sunday sales are allowed with special permits and which can start as early as 7 a.m.

On Dec. 4, the Michigan Senate passed Senate Bill 247 which would expand the hours for alcohol sales on Saturdays and Sundays from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m.

A number of conditions would have to be met to obtain a permit including the sales location being in a Central Business District; one security person for every 50 customers from the hours of 11 p.m. Friday to 4 a.m. Saturday, and 11 p.m. Saturday to 4 a.m. Sunday; 360-degree video surveillance; local and Liquor Control Commission approval (subject to an exception); and a \$10,000 yearly permit fee.

A similar proposal was made in 2009, but did not receive approval from the legislature.

As one can imagine, various arguments have been made both for and against such proposals including increased governmental revenue, increased profits for affected businesses, and a benefit to affected business districts on the pro side.

On the negative side, the possibility of additional traffic accidents and crime, and added pressure on local police resources are cited concerns.

If the state House does not take this up by the end of the year, the bill will die and a new bill would have to be introduced in 2015.

## Common sense winter safety

► **Fenton fire chief offers tips to stay warm and uninjured this winter**

By Yvonne Stegall  
ystegall@tctimes.com

Once you are of driving age it seems like your top priority when it comes to winter safety revolves around driving. We sometimes forget that the roads aren't the only unsafe place in cold and snowy weather. It's important to stay safe when you are outdoors in general, from bundling up to have a snowball fight with the kids to sending them out to wait for the bus, there are things you can do to prevent frostbite and more.

### PERSONAL SAFETY

In extreme cold temperatures, like we experienced last winter, it is very important to protect yourself even if you are going outside for a short period. If you must go outside, always wear several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing rather than one layer of heavy clothing. The outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellent.

Opt for mittens, which are warmer than gloves. Your fingers touching keeps your natural body heat flowing through each. Don't forget to wear a hat, which will help prevent loss of body heat. The use of a scarf to cover your mouth helps protect your lungs from the cold air.

Never send your child outside to wait for the bus or to play without proper clothing, even if the cold isn't that extreme.

### SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), falls are the number one cause of injuries to adults. Falls are more prevalent when sidewalks, driveways, and walkways are covered in snow and ice. Make sure you have a good snow shovel and ice-melting sand or rock salt on hand to keep sidewalks, steps and porches free and clear of winter related hazards.

Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said, "Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow. Overexertion can bring on a heart attack — a major cause of death in the winter. Use caution, take breaks, push the snow instead of lifting it when possible, and lift lighter loads."

Again, dress warm when you head out to shovel. Cairnduff said, "Keep dry. Change wet clothing frequently to prevent a loss of body heat. Wet clothing loses all of its insulating value and transmits heat rapidly."

### WINTER ACTIVITY SAFETY

Dressing warm isn't just for snow shoveling. When the kids go outside to enjoy the snow they need to be dressed warm, and so do you. Even walking in the cold weather can be dangerous. Cairnduff said, "Dress appropriate for the weather conditions and where you are walking. If you are going to be walking outside when there is cold and snowy conditions, shoes with hard soles or heels should not be worn."

If going outside for activities like sports or sledding, take an extra pair of gloves and a hat as those seem to be the first things that get wet or lost."

Stay dry, stay warm and stay prepared. "Even firefighters have to be prepared as most of the firefighters carry extra socks in their gear as well as an extra pair of gloves," Cairnduff said.

“Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow. Overexertion can bring on a heart attack — a major cause of death in the winter.”

Bob Cairnduff, Fenton fire chief

### FROSTBITE AND HYPOTHERMIA

**Signs of frostbite:** Occurs when the skin and body tissue just beneath it freezes. Loss of feeling and white or pale appearance in extremities, such as fingers, toes, earlobes, face, and the tip of the nose.

**What to do:** Cover exposed skin, but do not rub the affected area in an attempt to warm it up. Seek medical help immediately.

**Signs of hypothermia:** Dangerously low body temperature. Uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness, and apparent exhaustion.

**What to do:** If symptoms of hypothermia are detected, take the person's temperature. If it is below 95 degrees, seek medical attention immediately. Get the victim to a warm location. Remove wet clothing. Warm the center of the body first by wrapping the person in blankets or putting on dry clothing. Give warm, non-alcoholic beverages if the victim is conscious. Seek medical help immediately.

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## News briefs

### Fenton Police Department to purchase replacement vehicle

Last month one of Fenton's police cars was damaged after it was struck by another driver. As the cost of the repairs exceeded the value of the car, the insurance company covering the police car declared the vehicle a total loss, and paid \$6,200 to the city. After researching replacement options, Police Chief Rick Aro learned that while Impalas are no longer available through the state bid process, there were some available in the area. The council accepted Aro's request to purchase an Impala from Vic Canever Chevrolet at a cost not to exceed \$23,585.

### Linden keeps trash contract with Republic Services

Republic Services was the lone waste company to turn in a bid for the Linden City contract. They also turned in an alternate bid to switch the city to a carted trash system. Linden City Council voted unanimously to accept the bid for a carted trash system, which would tentatively start in April 2015. Republic Services will be sending out information to residents prior to the changeover, so that they know all about the carted system. Some council members expressed concern over storage for the large, 95-gallon carts, but found that after a trial period residents can opt to change to a 65-gallon size. The footprint of the big cart is no bigger than a normal sized trash can, however they stand taller.

### Linden City announces holiday office hours

Originally, Linden City offices were only going to be closed for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day this year. However, after a unanimous vote, Linden City office employees will get an additional day off to spend time with their families. The offices will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 24 to Friday, Dec. 26. The office will reopen the following Monday, Dec. 29. Offices will also be closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

### Heron Pathfinder donates to Holly Community Service Center

The Holly Heron Pathfinder Club was able to donate 3,500 cans of food last week to the Holly Community Service Center. The club also made hygiene kits to be distributed by the Adventist Community Center. The Heron Pathfinder Club has canned food drives every year.

## MICHIGAN VOTES

WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS  
VOTED ON RECENTLY

*MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released on Friday, Dec. 5.*

### Senate Bill 1149: Authorize new state Senate office building

To authorize the sale of the Farnum Senate office building in Lansing and construction of a new building for Senators' offices.

**Passed 25 to 13 in the Senate**  
State Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☐ YES ☒ NO

State Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

### Senate Bill 1073: Grant medical facility rationing exception to McLaren Health Systems

To authorize a special exception to the health care facility rationing imposed by the state's "Certificate of Need" law that would allow McLaren Health Systems to build a new facility in Clarkston. The CON program prohibits new or expanded health care facilities and technology unless providers get permission from a state commission.

**Failed 11 to 26 in the Senate**  
State Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

State Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☐ YES ☒ NO

### Senate Bill 1150: Reduce maximum truck weights

To reduce the maximum weight of trucks allowed on Michigan roads from 164,000 to 80,000 pounds. This would not necessarily reduce the maximum weight per axle, which could mean more trucks to carry the same weight.

**Failed 15 to 22 in the Senate**  
State Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

State Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☐ YES ☒ NO

### House Bill 5217: Limit employer liability for ex-con with state "certificate of employability"

To limit the liability of employers in personal injury, property damage and wrongful death lawsuits arising from the actions of an employee who is an ex-convict hired after the individual was granted a "certificate of employability" by the state Department of Corrections, as proposed by House Bill 5216.

**Passed 27 to 11 in the Senate**  
State Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☐ YES ☒ NO

State Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

### Senate Bill 952: Establish new local and school budget process requirements

To prescribe procedures, notification and budget-cutting requirements, and monitoring for a public school district that experiences a gap between projected revenue and actual spending (a deficit), or is in the midst of "rapidly declining financial circumstances," including substantial declines in enrollment. The state Department of Education could potentially assume authority over financial and academic matters, or withhold funding from a district that fails to take the required actions.

**Passed 24 to 14 in the Senate**  
State Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☐ YES ☒ NO

State Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

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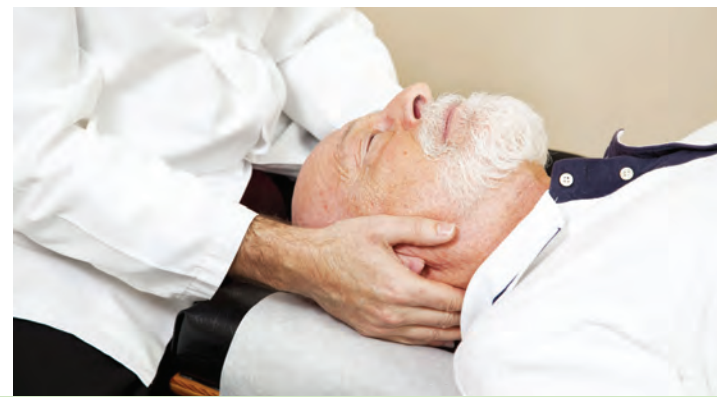




# Chiropractic Care

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Featured Section

As an alternative health practice, chiropractic care has become more popular for its holistic approach to health and preventive care. Many chiropractors also incorporate nutrition counseling and massage therapy into their practices.



## Chiropractic not only 'has your back'...

...but also offers a holistic approach to a person's total health

By Sally Rummel

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Back and neck pain used to be the primary issues that sent patients to a chiropractic office.

Through a spinal manipulation commonly known as an "adjustment," a chiropractor manually applies a controlled force into joints that have sustained some kind of tissue injury that has caused pain, inflammation and diminished function.

Chiropractic is used most often to treat neuromusculoskeletal complaints, including back pain, neck pain, pain in the joints of the arms and legs and headaches, sometimes as the result of injury — other times from improper lifting, etc.

Today, chiropractors are seeing a huge rise in non-traumatic injuries, resulting from the endurance of people sitting eight to 10 hours in front of a computer, which puts extensive pressure on the low back, causes neck pain, tightness across the

shoulders and tension headaches. In addition, there is carpal tunnel syndrome, migraines and a big increase in repetitive strain injuries on children, from hours of gaming console play and computers.

Chiropractors practice a drug-free, hands-on approach to health care that includes patient examination, diagnosis and treatment. They are also trained to recommend therapeutic and rehabilitative exercises, as well as to provide nutritional, dietary and lifestyle counseling.

While spinal manipulation continues to be a major component of chiropractic care, the holistic view of this alternative practice has changed the way many people view chiropractic today — bringing it much more into the mainstream of wellness and preventive care.

"People are starting to use chiropractic as part of a wellness lifestyle," said Dr. Erica Peabody of Café of Life in Fenton. "They're asking bigger questions about their health. The spine and nervous system controls everything the body does. When it's normal and in balance, the body works as it is meant to."

While Peabody doesn't limit her practice, she has earned a reputation for caring for pregnant women, infants and children. "People who start using chiropractic early as part of a healthy lifestyle get the most benefit from it," she said.

Because chiropractic care in-

corporates a holistic approach including nutrition, this becomes a specialty for many chiropractors who see the benefit of healthy nutrition in repairing tissue.

Dr. James Callard of The Callard Clinic in Fenton has incorporated nutrition testing and therapy into his practice for many years. "Nutrition is the building block for allowing tissues to heal," said Callard. "In order for the body to function properly, it must not only have the correct foods for building and repair, it must also be void of toxic chemicals, heavy metals and other irritants."

He said that nutrition testing is affordable and only takes about 30 minutes. Nutrition therapy will then closely monitor the results, advising patients what to eat and what not to eat for optimum health, along with supplementation.

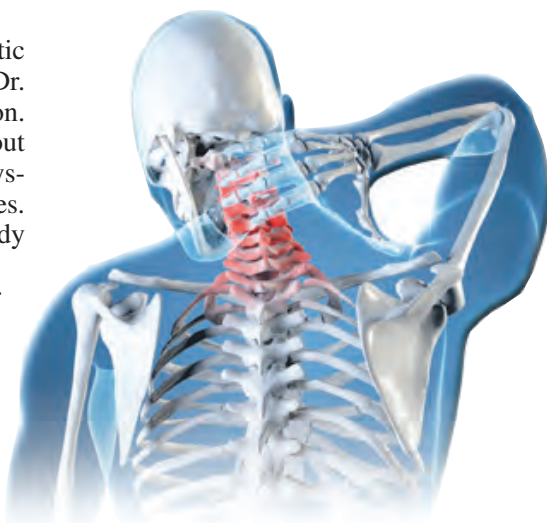
Dr. Scott Anderson of Anderson Chiropractic in Fenton Township also helps treat his patients holistically with a new Nutri-Most program, which he said balances hormones and

promotes fat loss. "It's an all-natural program," said Anderson. "The weight loss then helps the patient with spinal adjustments for back problems, since they're carrying less of a weight load. It's amazing how fast it works, done in a healthy way."

He sees chiropractic care as the number one holistic health practice. "It's one of the safest and helps with pain (back, neck, joints), helps allergies, asthma, sinus problems, headaches and migraines," he said. "It's always been 'mainstream,' but now there's more of a collaborative effort with the medical community and chiropractors to work together for the betterment of the patient."

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### ARRESTED

#### Continued from Front Page

home sleeping. Evidence indicates the suspect even entered the homeowner's bedroom.

The intruder stole the man's wallet and used stolen keys to steal the homeowner's 2015 Ford Explorer that had been parked inside the garage. Cash, credit cards and assorted jewelry pieces were also stolen.

Police learned that several of the victim's credit cards had been used at businesses on the east side of Flint.

Through their investigation, Fenton police developed a suspect, the 30-year-old Fenton man, who lived near the victim.

Police made contact with the suspect

### HOT LINE CONTINUED

I'D LIKE TO know who the jerks are who don't want us to remember the reason for the season. We're supposed to spend tons of money celebrating what? We're supposed to say 'Happy Holidays,' but never 'Merry Christmas.' Why?

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and arrested him on Dec. 5. Investigators presented their case to the Genesee County Prosecutor's Office and the prosecutor authorized a four-count felony arrest warrant. Charges include auto theft and offenses related to using the stolen credit cards.

Slater said other police agencies are interested in this suspect and believe he may be involved in other larcenies in the area.

The victim's vehicle was recovered from an apartment complex off Torrey Road in Fenton. Police are still attempting to recover jewelry pieces.

As of Tuesday morning, the suspect had not been arraigned. Once arraigned, police will release the suspect's identity.

### MEMBER

#### Continued from Front Page

Genesee County Clerk's office needed time to count the write-in votes.

Voters in Linden Community Schools were asked to vote on three vacancies on Election Day. However, only two people had filed by the deadline day as official candidates for the ballot.

Once that deadline passed, three residents in the district filed as write-in candidates, including Christopher Anderson, Michael Goodman and Jason Rowden.

During the general election, Michael Murphy (3,807 votes) and Peter Ponzetti (3,143 votes) were elected to six-year terms ending at the end of 2020.

The county tallied the results of the write-ins and it was determined that Jason Rowden was the newest school board member. He received 69 votes. Goodman received 55 write-in votes and Anderson received 15.

Rowden, 39, has his bachelor's degree in business administration, a degree in mathematics and a master's degree in education. He is in his 12th year of teaching for Howell schools.

Rowden and his wife Amy, along with their two children have lived in the Linden school district for 12 years. Amy works at Argentine Elementary

and their children attend Linden schools. Rowden said Linden is a great community with an outstanding school district. "I am very happy that my children are growing up and receiving an education here," he said.

"I ran as a write-in candidate because this would be a great opportunity to use my background to help Linden Community Schools continue to be a leader in Pre K-12 education," he said.

A short-term goal of Rowden's is to familiarize himself with how Linden Community Schools operates. He is also excited to meet and get to know the stakeholders of the school district. "I believe that building relationships and communication are keys to success."

As for long-term goals, "I would like to

see Linden Community Schools continue to be fiscally responsible, to rise to the challenges that offices at the state level have given our students and staff, and to be a leader in student achievement."

Ponzetti, 34, is relatively new to the school district, having moved there in 2013. He has a young son.

Ponzetti has an MPA from the University of Michigan-Flint, a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University and associate's degree from Mott Community College. He is employed at DM Burr Group.

For goals, Ponzetti said he would like to work on implementing policies and approaches aimed at increasing student enrollment. He said he would like to work on maintaining district compliance with state/federal law and education mandates. Lastly, he said he wants to work on "Ensuring that district budgeting represents the best interests of staff, students/parents and the community as a whole."



Peter Ponzetti

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Scott Maker, president – term ends Dec. 31, 2018  
Steve Murphy, vice president – term expires Dec. 31, 2016  
Michael Murphy, treasurer – term ends Dec. 31, 2020 (reelected on Nov. 4, 2014)  
Steven Losey, secretary – term ends Dec. 31, 2016  
David Kincaid, trustee – terms ends Dec. 31, 2014  
Ellen Maier, trustee – term ends Dec. 31, 2014  
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Scott Maker – term ends Dec. 31, 2018  
Steve Murphy – term ends Dec. 31, 2016  
Michael Murphy – term ends Dec. 31, 2020  
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## TRIVIA COLLEGE FOOTBALL

**Q** How many points did the Michigan football team allow in 1905?

**A** During a 13-game season, the Wolverines allowed just two points. Amazingly, those two points (on a safety) resulted in the team's only loss, a 2-0 defeat against the University of Chicago.

## DAVID'S DABBLINGS

Generally, it's really easy to rip on college athletics and argue a great product is being destroyed by the NCAA. However, in the case of the first-ever four-team BCS playoff series, I will give the NCAA some credit. I think they selected the correct four teams. I would've rather seen undefeated Florida State as the top seed, followed by Alabama, Oregon and Ohio State, but who really cares what the rankings are as long as the correct four teams made the playoffs? I don't.

Baylor would've been my fifth-ranked team based on the fact the Bears defeated TCU earlier this season. But Baylor wasn't even a close fifth in my opinion. The Big 12 didn't have a playoff game helping elevate the victor of that contest's resume. In the end that was a big difference. Ohio State beating Wisconsin gave the Buckeyes not only another win, but another one against a quality foe (ranked Wisconsin), enhancing their strength of schedule.

# Sisters making tracks on BMX circuit

► Swigert daughters capture top 10 efforts at BMX GN event

**By David Troppens**

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Courtney Swigert used to race motocross, but about two years ago that changed.

"We saw some accidents and started (to re-evaluate) it," said Swigert's father, Damian. "I would've hated to see her get hurt because it was the sport she thought I wanted her to do."

So there was a change made to BMX (dirt bike) racing. And since then, the sport has become a family affair.

Damian Swigert, who once used to be a strong BMX rider himself, and his wife Paula, now travel the United States with their two daughters as the girls satisfy their need for speed on dirt courses around the nation.

The two girls, both State Road Elementary students, are pretty good at their craft, too. Ella, 5, recently captured third at the BMX Grand Nationals held in Tulsa, Oklahoma from Nov. 27 through Nov. 30, while older sister Courtney, 8, placed fifth in the girls 8-year old division. In the season point standings, Ella was even better during her first BMX season, capturing first in the nation in her age group. Meanwhile, Courtney finished ninth during her second complete BMX season.

To earn their positions in the season point standings, the organization counts the six best scores posted during the season. They add that total to the score earned at the Grand Nationals to determine a rider's overall



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BMX competitor and Fenton resident Courtney Swigert (left) competes at a BMX national race. She placed fifth at the recent BMX Grand National event and tied for ninth in the overall season point standings.

ranking. The girls' season performances mean they will compete with national plates designating the position they finished. Both

girls were thrilled with their performances. "I thought I would do good (at nationals),"

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## Weigh-in irregularities resulting MHSAA violations for LF wrestling program

**By David Troppens**

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The Lake Fenton varsity wrestling program will be facing a little more adversity than their opponents this season.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) recently handed down a season-long probation and have suspended two coaches for varying lengths of time for the 2014-15 season. Varsity wrestling head coach Vance Corcoran was sus-

pending for two weeks, while assistant coach Shane Steckroth was suspended for a week stemming from violations about conducting weigh-ins for wrestling events, said Mark Uyl, assistant director of the MHSAA.

"We were informed last wrestling season there could be potential irregularities involving weigh-ins," Uyl said. "We allow schools to conduct a home weigh-in a day before the competition, but there must be an administrator

or a designee who is not a wrestling coach present."

Uyl said the program did not comply with these guidelines, resulting in the probationary period and the suspension time.

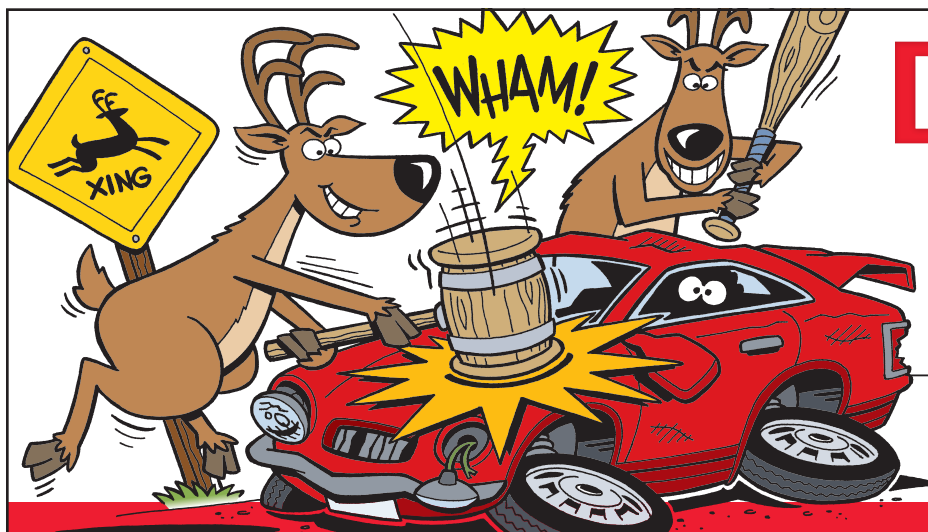
"There was supposed to be an administrator conducting weigh-ins, and (the coaching staff) had some done without someone there," Lake Fenton Superintendent Wayne Wright said.

The infractions concerning weigh-ins may track as far back

as the 2010-11 season, and ended around January last year when the MHSAA was contacted. Since then, Wright, who was an athletic director at Montrose earlier in his career, said Lake Fenton's program has been complying by the laws.

"It's a done deal," Wright said. "The new AD (Vincent Cicalo) has been given strict directives to make sure the weigh-ins are done properly. I will be doing some

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## VIOLATIONS

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weigh-ins myself.”

Cicalo wasn't the athletic director when the violations occurred. Tony Simmons, who resigned the position last spring, was the athletic director during the entire period. Corcoran wasn't able to discuss the violations or the suspension. The suspensions will be staggered so that either Corcoran or Steckroth will be in attendance for every practice or meet.

The probationary period means the MHSAA will keep a closer eye on the Lake Fenton wrestling program throughout this season. If there are violations during the period, other repercussions could occur. If there are none, the probationary period will end. Uyl said he's been impressed with Lake Fenton's compliance since January.

“The biggest thing we find is many times school sports are a learning experience and mistakes will be made,” Uyl said. “When they are made it's up to those involved to correct them and to move forward. The school district has done that in an exemplary way. They've learned and we trust the wrestling program will be in full compliance this year.”

# Holly's regular-season win streak halted by Milford

By David Troppens

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The Holly varsity girls basketball team looked poised to enter its first overtime game of the young season Friday at Holly High School against the Milford Mavericks.

With 25 seconds left, Paige Reid hit a three-pointer, deadlocking the game at 34-all.

However, the Mavericks' Hailey Kasab attacked the baseline and scored on a bucket with just three seconds left, earning Milford the victory.

It was Holly's first loss in a regular season game since Feb. 5, 2013, when the Bronchos lost a road contest at Clio 48-26. The loss ended the Bronchos' 25-game-winning streak during the regular season.

“It was two or four points pretty much the whole game,” Holly coach David Hall said. “Nothing major went wrong. We had a couple of turnovers that led to transition baskets late in the game and that hurt us a bit. We played hard, but we didn't shoot well and probably were not as in synch as we needed to be to win. They were a good team.”

The Bronchos (1-1) trailed early 10-1, but Holly outscored the Mavericks 11-2 the rest of the quarter, creating a 12-all tie after one quarter.

Holly trailed late in the sec-

ond period but Kaitlyn Smith made two-of-three free throws after being fouled on a desperation three-pointer. That cut the gap to 19-17 at the break.

Holly took a 27-25 lead into the fourth quarter, and it remained close throughout. However, the Kassab hoop clinched the win.

“We are still a young team,” Hall said. “We have to be better at having leaders on the floor and getting people into their places. The girls are good at taking care of (themselves), but they have to do a better job making sure people are where they need to be. Overall, I love the attitude and effort.”

Smith led the Bronchos scoring a game-high 16 points. Reid added 11 points, while Michaela Luchow netted seven points. Brooke Jackman led the squad with seven rebounds.

## Hartland 38, Fenton 30

The Tigers led 30-25 entering the final quarter, but never scored another point, eventually resulting in a 38-30 home loss to the Hartland Eagles.

Hartland, who lost a tight 37-32 verdict at home against Holly four nights earlier, outscored the Tigers 13-0 in the final quarter.

Fenton had its share of shots, but the Tigers were not hitting them, missing seven layups during the final eight minutes of



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Holly's Kaitlyn Smith (right) led the Bronchos with 16 points against Milford. She's pictured here during a recent contest against Hartland.

the contest. Hartland also controlled the boards in the fourth quarter as well.

The Tigers took control of the contest in the second quarter. Trailing 8-6 after one quarter, Fenton outscored Hartland 16-6 in the next eight minutes. Fenton led 22-14 entering the half. However, that was the only quarter the Tigers scored

double-digits. Fenton was outscored 11-8 in the third quarter, cutting the Tigers' lead to 30-25.

Emma Evo led the Tigers with 10 points. She also had 10 rebounds and three steals. Katie Conroy had five points while Sarah Cummings and Chloe Foor had four points each. Freshman Maddie Carr chipped in seven rebounds.

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Ella said. “It felt good winning all of those nationals.”

“My biggest race ever was at this Grand National,” Courtney said.

“I was so excited to make the Grand National Main. I didn't (qualify for the main) last year and I wanted to go this year. It was hard because I'm tiny for my age.”

Courtney had to place in the top four in a semifinal race to earn a chance to be in the final event of her age group. It was a tough task to accomplish considering there were five nationally ranked contenders in her heat. She was able to place fourth, just beating out a girl in that spot. Courtney's mother, Paula said the battle for fourth was very close, but Courtney pulled it out.

“She had to beat some girls she never beat before. I had some ulcers that weekend,” Paula said.

“The best thing is to never look back,” Courtney said. “You never look over in the gate, focus on the race and you have to look forward the whole time.”

Both girls love life on the BMX circuit. It does keep the family busy, traveling all around the nation (and Canada) during weekends.

“I like traveling and seeing all of my friends,” Ella said.

“I get to spend time with my mom and my dad.”

“I enjoy traveling and seeing all of



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Ella Swigert is only 5, but she's already a BMX National champion, placing first in the BMX National point standings during the 2014 season.

my friends,” Courtney said. “And I think BMX is so cool.”

“I don't want to quit. It's so fun doing it, so why quit doing it? I really want to set goals for myself, get fit and go to other places.”




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James Garrett Burgess - age 67, of Fenton, died Thursday, December 4,



2014. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Those desiring may

make contributions to American Cancer Society or Make A Wish Foundation. James was born March 27, 1947 in Detroit, the son of Donald and Evelyn (Peplinski) Burgess. He owned Burgess Advertising. He loved life and was passionate about it. He is survived by his wife, Rosemary; sons, Brett James Burgess, Michael James Burgess and David James Burgess; step-children, Jacqueline Schafer and Christopher Bruner; five grandchildren; brother, Don; twin sisters, Suzanne and Marianne. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



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### Curtis B. Gould 1924-2014

Curtis B. Gould - age 90, of Fenton, died Thursday, December 4, 2014. Ser-



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Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road Fenton. Entombment at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Visitation will be held at 1 PM until time of service. Those desiring may make contributions to Fenton Little League. Mr. Gould was born on November 12, 1924 in Boyne City, the son of Leslie H. and Thelma E. (Spees) Gould. He was a graduate of Flint Central and Michigan State University. He married Patricia Murphy on August 16, 1947 in Grand Haven. Curtis served his country in the US Army-Air Corps. He worked as a Manufacturer's Representative retiring in 1995. Curtis served on the Fenton Village Council in the early 1960's and was very active in Fenton Little League. Curtis is survived by his wife, Patricia Gould; sons, Mark (Cinny) of Lowell, David (Denise) of Gastonia, NC, Craig (Stella) of Holland; nine grandchildren, Brian, Allen (Olga), Jeff (Katie), Tim, Dan (Jeni), Andy (Lindsey), Patrick, Rachel (Junior), Michael; six great-grandchildren, Jimmy, Nathan, Kyle, Cam, Megan, Juliette; sister, Kathryn Carr of Linden. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Robert; son, Bruce. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries pages of [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### Sally Lee Bush 1927-2014

Sally Lee Bush - age 87, of Linden, left this earth late on the evening of December 5, 2014. A celebration



of Sally's life was held at 11 AM on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at Sharp Funeral Homes,

Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Following the service, Sally was entombed at Tyrone Memory Gardens. Sally's family invited all who knew her to a visitation that was held Monday, December 8, 2014 from 4-8 PM at the funeral home. Sally entered this world on August 10, 1927 in Saginaw, the daughter of Stephen and Ouita Martuch. The best day of her life was June 19, 1948 when she married the love of her life, Leon Bush, in Flint. They spent the next 66 years, five months and 16 days on their honeymoon. Sally's spirit, grace, class, style, upbeat attitude, beauty and ever-present smile will live on through her beloved daughter, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Sally was a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and Spring Meadows Country Club. She is survived by her husband, Leon; daughter Bethany and husband Craig Rockman; grandchildren, Richard and wife Jennifer Koester; Kali and husband Dr. Partha Nandi; great-grandchildren, Annie and Ellie Koester, Charley Beth Holcomb, Partha and Shaan Nandi; sister, Lynne Case; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Robert Martuch. The family would like to thank Hospice Advantage and caregivers Tammy and Tammy for their loving care of Sally over the past several months. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### Larry L. Blissett Sr. 1943-2014

Larry L. Blissett Sr. - of Linden, formerly of Ladera Ranch, California, age



71, died Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at McLaren of Flint. In honor of his wishes,

he has been cremated. No services will be held, however in his memory memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Catholic School-Athletic Department, 514 Lincoln Street, Fenton, MI 48430. Larry was born on November 24, 1943 in Flint, Michigan to the late Alfred and Hazel (Ellsworth) Blissett. He was successful in the automobile business, beginning at Allen Cadillac in California, until his retirement in 2008. In addition to the appeal of the auto industry, he also enjoyed golfing, boating, and leisurely days in sunny Southern California. Known as "La La" by those closest to him, he had many memorable qualities. Larry was mostly admired by his family, friends and colleagues for his outgoing personality, generosity, and especially for his lively sense of humor and his ability to lift anyone's spirits with his wit, jokes, and his "walking lounge act" persona. Indeed, "La La's" spark and light is already dearly missed and his memory will be carried on by many. Surviving are: sons, Larry Blissett Jr. of Fenton and James Blissett of Linden; daughter, Lisa Blissett of Fort Wayne, IN; 6 grandchildren, Ashley Kevresian, Tyler (Mary), Kyle and Carson Blissett, Reyna and Hayden Fox; siblings, Vickie Blissett of Montrose, Ellen Foley of Wyoming, Cindy Glenik of Montrose, Joe Mason of Montrose; ex-wife, Connie Blissett of Fenton; daughter in law, Amy Blissett of Fenton. Please sign our guestbook or share an online condolence with the family at [www.oguinnfh.com](http://www.oguinnfh.com). **O'Guinn Family Funeral Home, Montrose Chapel, 810-639-6181.**

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