Holly man faces five years for fatal hit and run

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A 30-year-old man from Holly Township was released on $10,000 bond following his Oakland County district court arraignment on Saturday, Jan. 17. Holly police believe Damien Lee Henry is responsible for a hit-and-run accident in Holly Village that killed 54-year-old Valerie Owen last October. Owen had recently moved from Lake Orion to Holly and was out on a walk. Henry was arraigned on one count of

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Auto show helps drive success of local dealerships

The biggest single attraction at the 2015 North American International Auto Show appears to be the new Ford GT, as it drew the most photos by visitors on Saturday. During the public weekend, the NAIAS logged 110,509 visitors, which can lead to more sales at local dealerships.

Snyder vetoes CPL bill

Would have made it easier for PPO recipients to carry concealed guns

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If you are already following GraceTheEvolution on Facebook, you’ve probably seen all of the updates the Times is about to share with you. However, if you are not into social media, then you will be happy to read that things are finally looking up for the critters at Genesee County Animal Control.

Stephani Lazar was replaced as the director at GCAC this month. The See ANIMAL CONTROL on 5

DANGER: 9-volt batteries are a fire hazard

Proper storage and disposal are important

By Yvonne Stegall
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Recently a video has been spreading like fire around social media, a video on how 9-volt batteries can actually cause a house fire. Some may think this is a myth, but Dustin Lucius, fire prevention officer at the Fenton Fire Department, said that all household batteries pose a fire threat to our homes. One Fenton family learned the hard way and there is a permanent display at the fire station showing the dangers of improper battery storage.

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failure to stop at the scene of an accident resulting in serious impairment or death, a five-year felony.
Looking back to the crash, at 7:25 p.m. on Oct. 21, 2014, Holly police responded to the intersection of North Holly and Quick roads after a citizen driving by called 911 to report that a female pedestrian, later identified as Owen, was lying in the road unconscious. It appeared that she had been struck by a vehicle. Owen was pronounced deceased at Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township where she had been transported.
The vehicle striking Owen was unknown as the driver didn’t stop or summon the police. The Oakland County Sheriff’s Office traffic investigators and Holly Det. Heath Wolkow were called in to investigate.
Wolkow collected evidence from the scene and turned it over to the Michigan State Police Crime Lab for analysis. During the investigation, she also developed information on a possible suspect, Henry. Through her investigation, Wolkow learned that Henry had moved from his Holly Township residence. She eventually located him and the suspect vehicle. Following interviews with Henry, other witnesses, and the return of lab reports, a warrant request was forwarded to the Oakland County Prosecutor’s Office.
Believing she knew of Henry’s whereabouts, on Friday, Jan. 16, Wolkow called the Wyandotte and Southgate police departments and asked for assistance. Officers of the Southgate Police Department located Henry and arrested him. Holly police then went to the location and took him into custody.
Holly Police Chief Michael Story is proud of the work done by Det. Wolkow. “Det. Wolkow worked very diligently on this incident. She effectively led an investigation with initially very scant evidence and turned that into a great deal of evidence to sift through,” said Story.
The police chief said Wolkow’s adroit actions with this investigation led to the suspect being identified and charged. “There were many hours spent with this investigation that included her own time. I cannot say enough about Det. Wolkow’s determination to bring this action forward.”

Painful recovery from 2009 crash opens eyes of outdoor enthusiast
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Now that we have some snow on the ground, some of us may be thinking about getting the snowmobile out for a ride. While it’s easy to poorly negotiate a turn or have something else go wrong, according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) there were 14 deaths during the 2013-2014 snowmobiling season.
These accidents are not just reserved to the young, inexperienced, riders. According to the statistics, those 14 deaths involved riders between 19 and 67 years of age, with just one in their teens. The average age was 42. It also isn’t just about men and their toys, as one of the deaths was a woman.
Linden resident Derick Hudson escaped death when he had an accident on his own snowmobile his senior year of high school, in December 2009. Hudson said, “It was at the end of Tickner Street in Linden where they were building the new homes. I had just brought the sled home from up north.”
He said it’s amazing the details you can remember when something like this happens in your life. “The rear end got away from me, it slid out and I hit a dry patch of pavement. It threw me off the sled and I slid about 20 feet, and hit a tree. The sled was flipping behind me and it slammed into my waist area and broke my pelvis.”
Hudson said it took him two to three months to recover from his accident, and it wasn’t cheap either. Luckily he was covered by his parents’ health insurance and he didn’t need physical therapy. He was on crutches for three weeks. While he was recovered by the next winter, he still didn’t get right back on. “I took about four years off from riding.”
Having learned a lesson the hard way, Hudson said, “If I could tell anyone anything about safety and your snowmobile or any ATV/ORV, it would be to respect the machine you’re riding. Don’t ride over your limits.”

The DNR offers information about safety courses for snowmobiling. While snowmobile safety is only required for those between the ages of 12 and 17, it is still recommended that anyone planning to ride a snowmobile get safety training. Modern snowmobiles are capable of high rates of speeds over snow and ice. With the countless hazards associated with operating a snowmobile, training is a crucial factor in safe and responsible snowmobile operation.
According to the DNR website, more than 6,200 miles of designated snowmobile trails are located throughout the state of Michigan throughout three national forests and many acres of privately owned lands. Michigan is one of only three states that offer a large system of interconnected snowmobile trails.

Linden man urges snowmobile safety

“Don’t ride over your limits.”

Derick Hudson
Linden resident

Snowmobile safety tips
• Always keep your machine in top mechanical condition.
• Always wear insulated boots and protective clothing including a helmet, gloves and eye protection.
• Never ride alone.
• Avoid, when possible, crossing frozen bodies of water.
• Never operate in a single file when crossing frozen bodies of water.
• Always be alert to avoid fences and low-hanging wires.
• Never operate on a street or highway.
• Always look for depressions in the snow.
• Keep headlights and taillights on at all times.
• When approaching an intersection, come to a complete stop, raise off the seat and look for traffic.
• Always check the weather conditions before you depart.

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Derick Hudson (right) poses with a group of friends before taking their snowmobiles out for a ride in Rogers City last winter.

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SO MUCH TO SEE AT THE
North American International
AUTO SHOW

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France needs a better ‘melting pot’

In the language of headline writers, he is ‘Muslim Man,’ hailed as a hero for hiding hostages during last week’s terrorist attacks by Muslim fanatics in France.

When the kosher supermarket where he works in eastern Paris came under siege, Lassana Bathily put his own life at risk to hide a half-dozen terrified customers in a walk-in refrigerator.

But when the 24-year-old shop assistant managed to escape through a back exit, police immediately forced him to the ground, handcuffed him and took him into custody.

Police held Bathily in handcuffs for an hour and a half to help them plan their attack that freed the surviving hostages.

That’s when he became ‘Muslim Man,’ a hero in the headlines. Thousands signed an online petition that called on French President Francois Hollande to grant Bathily automatic citizenship for his heroism.

But Bathily’s experience symbolizes the frustrations and cultural anxieties of immigrants who want to assimilate into the mainstream but run into roadblocks. Paris suburbs become breeding grounds of multigenerational poverty, crime, resentment that drives too many dispirited youths into the arms of Islamic militants.

And that helps to fuel a backlash of support for ultra-right political parties that flirt with neo-Nazism.

Unlike America’s multiculturalism, which aims to help people from diverse backgrounds bridge their differences, European multiculturalism tends to encourage more separatism.

As much as some hardliners complain that immigrants don’t really want to leave their enclaves and assimilate into the mainstream, the American experience tells us that assimilation is a two-way street. Newcomers need to feel invested in their new home country. Then they and, even more eagerly, their children will feel as though they have a stake in joining and improving the mainstream culture.

Or as I have heard veterans of America’s civil rights movement say, we may have arrived on different ships, but we’re in the same boat now.”

THE GOVERNMENT OF the people, by the people and for the people that our founding fathers established has become the government which forgot the people. In the process, they’ve become a select group of self-serving, double-talking, dishonest hypocrites. Of the 545 people that rule this nation — we appoint nine and elect 536 of them. Sad commentary on us it seems.

TO THE PERSON who paid for my dad and my dinner at Mega Coney Island. Thank you so much. God Bless you.

THE BAN GAY marriage law was only voted on by a small portion of the people. It was not voted for by 75 percent of the people. All laws are subject to checks and balances. The courts decide if they are legal.

EVEN WHEN YOUR local school says they are in the top five in their district some students are still failing. It is time for a new goal and new structure in public education so that everyone graduating has the tools to be as productive as possible.

HEY, JOE GRABES, why in Michigan, a part of America, can I get a license to brew beer but not be able to distribute it myself? Let me know.

THOSE WHO FORGET the past are doomed to repeat it. Remember Selma and be inspired.

DUE TO THE upcoming lack of fire protection, Tyrone Township is accepting volunteers for a bucket brigade.

AMERICA IS ROARING back financially and you can only whine about our president traveling? Look at the stock market, low interest rates, jobs everywhere and the economy improving. It’s his policies that are making this happen.

PRESIDENT OBAMA HANDLED the Paris terrorist attacks typically. The mass killing was the result of an act of violence, some extremists, and a few lone wolves. Isn’t the term lone wolves itself a contradiction? He is a talking points shill for Islam. If his lips are moving they seem to be telling a lie, covering a previous lie, or laying the foundation for a future lie. It’s disgraceful.

I WOULD NEVER single President Obama out as a bad president. He is just one more in a line of nearly 50, with the only exceptions being Lincoln and Roosevelt, a Republican and a Democrat. They are all crooks and thieves.

FOX NEWS BASHERS need to cite their sources when offering fact check percentages. My opinion is that these Hotlines skew the facts to fit their own ideology. After watching all the major news outlets available on TV, I find Fox to be the most balanced when it comes to presenting news stories. They do not censor by omission and allow the viewer to draw their own conclusion.

FOR THE GIRL who was forced to memorize the Quran to graduate from high school, don’t we have an America anymore? We can’t even cite the 10 commandments in the school. Something’s fishy.

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Dave Holec
Fenton Township

“Anything American made. Most of the vehicles that I had were Chevys.”

Yvonne Hobbs
Tyrone Township

“A Cadillac, my good friend bought one and they are beautiful.”

Sandy Shepherd
Fenton Township

“A car that is economical, is reliable. I currently drive a Pontiac Vibe.”

Dwight Murphy
Fenton Township

“I would want a Prius because it charges itself. It is also environmentally responsible.”

Ellie Vance
Fenton

“Any four-door sedan because they are the most useful and easy to get in and out of.”

Larry Magaw
Holly

Nationally syndicated columnist

Why all the love for George Clooney?

Social media is agog over George Clooney’s tribute to his wife, Amal, at last weekend’s Golden Globe Awards in Hollywood. Women, especially, are swooning in their tweets and Facebook postings.

Said Clooney, ‘Listen, it’s humbling to find somebody to love, especially when you’ve been waiting your whole life, especially when your whole life is 53 years … Amal, whatever alchemy brought us together, I couldn’t be more proud to be your husband.’

I admit the tribute was sweet and his wife is drop-dead gorgeous, but Clooney has only been married four months. Maybe in Hollywood four months is considered a long-term relationship, but let’s see if they make it to their 40th anniversary, as my wife and I did today.

I think that our culture has redefined ‘love.’ In 1984, when Tina Turner sang ‘What’s Love Got to Do with It,’ that song had been the anthem for a generation.

What is ‘love’? If it isn’t more than feelings, a superficial sugar rush that occurs when one is near someone special, what happens when the feelings subside? No marriage can be sustained at the level of teenage romance.

Some years ago, I introduced my wife to a colleague at a Christmas party this way: ‘I want you to meet my first wife.’ Later he sought me out and asked with a serious expression, ‘Why did you bring your first wife to the party if you have the second one? I’ve had.’ He looked at me surprised, as if I were a dinosaur at the Museum of Natural History.

Maybe in America it has worked for us. Has it always been perfect? Of course not. No marriage is and anyone who says so isn’t telling the truth. When two imperfect people marry, you double the imperfections.

So, happy anniversary, Charlotte Ray. I don’t look like George Clooney, but I’m grateful you find me appealing. Besides, in a very short time, George and Amal won’t look like they do today. I hope they stay married. I know we will.
Hartland residents duct-taped, injured in home invasion

State police ask for help in identifying suspects

On Saturday, Jan. 17 at approximately 9:13 p.m., Michigan State Police troopers were dispatched to a home invasion in-progress in Hartland Township in Livingston County. When troopers arrived on scene, the home invasion was no longer in-progress and the suspects had fled the scene.

Troopers provided first-aid to the victims prior to Livingston County EMS arriving on scene. A K-9 track was conducted and it was determined the suspects fled the area in a vehicle.

Victims told investigators that two men entered the residence and bound the wrists and ankles with duct tape. The suspects assaulted two of the victims causing injuries. Both injured victims were transported to University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor for treatment with non-life threatening injuries.

The investigation is currently ongoing and anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Michigan State Police Brighton Post (810) 227-1051. Troopers were assisted by Livingston County Sheriff’s Department, Oakland County Sheriff’s Office and Livingston County EMS.

Genesee County Animal Control relies on volunteers for many basic activities like walking, feeding and cleaning kennels.

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new director is Paul Wallace, who is backed up by a new Deputy Director, Karen Dombrowski.

Robert Angelo, with Genesee Resi- dents for Animal Control Evolution (GRACE) said, “We at GRACE could not be happier with the Board of Com- missioners’ decision to remove Lazar. The new leadership is already making positive changes.”

Some of those changes, according to numerous posts on Facebook include:

• Visitors to the shelter have reported being greeted warmly by the new Director and Deputy Director.
• People dropping off dona- tions have been thanked, helped with the unloading and asked for more.
• One volunteer overheard Director Wal- lace asking a ton of questions about how to get the “court case dogs,” some of which have been held in the shelter for months, released so that they can be adopted or transferred. He is very concerned about the ones that have been confined for so long.
• The new leadership has been observed working with the vet to make arrange- ments to vaccinate animals on intake. This is a best practice that keeps illness minimized.
• All of the cats have been tested for FIV and FelV. For the first time ever, adopters and people wanting to rescue cats can have confidence that they will not be dealing with one of these horrible diseases.
• Instead of being left in a general popu-

lation cages to suffer and spread illness and eventually be killed, three under-the-weather cats were moved to an isolation ward so that they could receive medical treatment, keep their germs contained, and get better in a quieter area of the shelter.

Angelo said, “Visitors who have stopped in at the shelter this week have written to tell us that the cages are clean, the shelter smells so much better, and that the shelter staff was welcoming.

Volunteers have been thanked for coming in to help.”

One of the biggest changes to note, which the Times has previously reported on is that the stray ward is now open to the public and no longer a “locked” ward.

“Volunteers are now able to take pictures of all the stray animals and circulate them to try to reunite them with their lost families. People looking for a lost pet no longer have to worry that they are hidden some- where in the building. In fact, there were several animals returned to their families last week,” according to a post on the GRACE Facebook page.

There will still be an area that is not open to the public, but it is rightfully reserved for animals that are a danger to the public or have health issues and need to be quarantined.

Angelo said, “Now that compassionate people are making the decisions, the condi- tions and the outcomes for the animals are going to improve. We are already seeing that happen.”
Placement of traffic signals requires studies, time

Fenton police chief says most dangerous intersection is Owen at Silver Parkway

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According to Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro, the intersection with the most accidents is Owen at Silver Parkway. The blame is that there is a lot of traffic in this area and numerous turning movements.

Knowing that a certain intersection is more dangerous than others may lead you to question how it is determined what traffic lights go where.

First, it depends on where your intersection is located. According to MDOT, your first step is to contact your local city, village or township office. The local authority can best determine who has jurisdiction over the intersection in question.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is responsible for all traffic signals on Michigan’s trunkline roadways (numbered M, U.S. and I routes) and receives hundreds of requests for signal studies annually. Requests are handled in the order in which they are received.

Evaluating a request for a new signal is a four-part process, according to MDOT. A preliminary inquiry is conducted, followed by crews placing counting machines at the intersection to find out traffic volumes. The results are then analyzed and a formal report is written. This process takes anywhere from three to six months.

Daniel Czarnecki, Fenton Department of Public Works (DPW) director said, “The study looks at many factors and determines if the traffic signal is justified, that it will improve the overall safety and operation of the intersection, and that the signal will not seriously disrupt progressive traffic flow.”

He added, “They look at things like the number and types of intersections, configuration, traffic volume, pedestrians, schools and other factors.”

“In evaluating the traffic information, MDOT follows federal and state guidelines called signal warrants that help engineers weigh the impact of a traffic signal on motorists. Eleven warrants are assessed when a location is studied, according to MDOT information. You can find the entire information on their warrants in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Devices (MUTCD) Chapter 4C.

Many people may wonder why a traffic signal isn’t just installed when it’s requested. According to MDOT, unnecessary traffic signals can result in excessive delays, drivers disobeying signals, or using less convenient routes in an attempt to avoid signals, increased crash frequency (especially rear-end type crashes). Since these are things you want the signal to prevent, it makes sense to take the time to evaluate the situation first.

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to the county clerks, sheriff’s office and the Michigan State Police, according to Lt. Brett Selby, owner of Personal Defense Service CPL. The term “shall issue” is pending any prior convictions prohibiting to possession of firearms.

In his letter to Snyder, wrote, “I am particularly concerned by the fact that SB 789 would allow certain persons who are the subject of a personal protection order (PPO), to obtain a concealed pistol license (CPL).”

Under the current law, no person who is the subject of a PPO may obtain a license to carry a concealed pistol. Senate Bill 789 would limit this restriction to apply only in those cases where the PPO also includes express language stating that the subject of the PPO is not allowed to purchase or possess a firearm. When seeking a PPO, victims of domestic abuse may not know to ask the court for a specific restriction on the subject’s ability to purchase and possess firearms. Today, PPOs issued without this language still have the effect of preventing the subject from obtaining a concealed pistol license.

Because SB 789 would remove this blanket protection in cases when the PPO fails to specifically address firearms — whatever the reason for the omission — it may increase the risks faced by victims of domestic abuse.

Currently, Michigan law MCL 28.422 prohibits individuals from obtaining a license to purchase a pistol if they have received notice of the PPO order and had an opportunity for a hearing. If the judge included in the order that they are prohibited from owning or possessing firearms then it would affect the firearms they already own.

Selby said, “As a lieutenant, with over 20 years of service, I know very few police officers that have a tolerance or sympathy for subjects that are abusing spouses or those in a dating relationship, myself included.”

He said this includes male or female and male or females in dating relationships who are residents or former residents of the same household.

“Access to a firearm in these situations can go beyond dangerous and elevate an abusive encounter into a homicide with a firearm,” said Selby.

According to an FBI Supplementary Homicide Report, “In 2000, in homicides where the weapon was known, 50 percent (1,342 of 2,701) of female homicide victims were killed with a firearm. Of those female firearm homicides, 1,009 women (75 percent) were killed with a handgun.”

“Over the past 20 years, I have seen spouses kill spouses with knives, automobiles and their bare hands as well as with stolen fireworks.”

Lt. Brett Selby
Personal Defense Service CPL
**Pregnancy and the law (Part II)**

The relevant facts of the Peggy Young v United Parcel Service case are as follows.

The plaintiff (Young) was a driver for the defendant (UPS) in 2006. Among the requirements of the job was the ability to “lift, lower, push, pull, leverage and manipulate items weighing up to 70 pounds that were not oddly shaped.”

In 2006, she became pregnant. Her doctor put her on restrictions including not lifting more than 20 pounds for the first 20 weeks of her pregnancy. UPS told her that she could not return to work with these restrictions even for light duty work. At the time, UPS offered light duty assignments (on a temporary or permanent basis) only to (1) employees who were injured on the job; (2) employees who were eligible for accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA); and (3) drivers who had lost their Department of Transportation (DOT) certifications because of a failed medical exam, a lost driver’s license or involvement in a motor vehicle accident.

UPS did not offer such accommodations to employees with pregnancy limitations.

The legal issue before the Supreme Court is whether the Pregnancy Discrimination Act (PDA) was violated by UPS not providing Young with the work accommodations that they provided for nonpregnant employees.

Four federal appeals courts have found that such treatment of a pregnant employee does not violate the PDA while two appeals courts have indicated that it may be a violation.

In her appeal, Young argued that her condition was protected and what UPS did was illegal. UPS argued that their policy on light duty assignments was “pregnancy blind” as the people in the eligible category could be either men or women and the ADA does not give special protection for pregnant employees under the facts of the case.

Additionally it argued that the ADA has subsequently been amended to broaden the definition of disability, which could give additional protections to people such as Young in the future.

Finally, UPS indicated it has now changed its policy on pregnant workers to allow an accommodation for light duty work.

The final decision will be made before the Supreme Court term ends.

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**Police & Fire report**

**BREAK-INS IN ARGENTINE**

Argentine Township police are asking residents in the areas of Bird and Smith roads to be on the lookout for suspicious activity. Police took two breaking and entering complaints on Saturday, Jan. 17. Items taken were a 50-inch TV and jewelry. Argentine police are asking that if you see anything suspicious to call 911.

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**STORING TIPS:**

- Keep batteries in original packaging until you are ready to use them. If loose, keep the posts covered with masking, duct, or electrical tape. Prevent the posts from coming in contact with metal objects. 
- Keep them somewhere safe where they won’t be tossed around.
- Store batteries standing up.
- 9-volt batteries should not be stored loose in a drawer or other metal containers.
- Do not store them in containers with other batteries.

**DISPOSAL TIPS:**

- 9-volt batteries should not be thrown away with trash. They can come in contact with other batteries or pieces of metal.
- 9-volt batteries can be taken to a collection site for household hazardous waste.
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The Scion display feels more like a futuristic arcade or city scene, matching with the style of the brand. Displays ran between $1.5 and $20 million.

AUTO SHOW Continued from Page 3
The second annual Detroit Auto Show is really an international event, with all kinds of people all doing the same thing — walking around, taking photos inside, and next to their favorite new cars. While it’s easy to spot out-of-state plates, and many fly in from outside the U.S. to attend, folks from the tri-county area only have about an hour drive.

It takes a lot of energy to explore everything there, and there’s also a little more glamour than most of us experience in our daily lives. Brands can create the atmosphere surrounding their vehicles whether classy, club or sporty.

Kyle Chara, a spokesperson for the auto show said that in 2008, 803,451 attended the show. This year it will generate $400 million in economic activity. “That is like having the Super Bowl every year,” he said via email.

As always, there’s a combination of display vehicles that can be explored up close, while others are pristine, sitting on slowly rotating platforms, with specialists, also up on display, there to answer questions.

Downstairs things are a little more down home, with motorcycles, and super heavy duty U.S. Army excavating equipment.

The most “buzzy” display was the Ford performance area, where more crowds gathered around the new Ford GT supercar than anything else.

Jeep’s display for the 2015 Renegade was their newest offering, and Chevy’s, the all-electric Bolt subcompact concept was theirs. They also had their brand new Chevy Colorado.

Chura said that displays can cost anywhere from $1.5 million to $20 million, which isn’t hard to believe looking at the impressive lights, graphics and platforms.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED
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SUCCESS
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record of 13.8 million in 2004, followed by years in a recession which forced millions of Americans to postpone buying a new car or truck. Last year was another strong year, which laid the foundation for record sales this year.

An improving economy, strong leasing programs, exciting new products, in-car connectivity and low gas prices are helping to drive this trend toward a record year.

“Low gas prices have helped customers to be less dependent on buying a car or truck just for its fuel efficiency,” said Matt Lasco of Lasco Ford.

Low interest rates also allow consumers to pay more for the trucks and cars they’re buying, with longer loan terms and an average monthly payment averaging $457, according to J.D. Power. One-third of all auto loans for new vehicles are for a term length of six years. The strength of this year’s auto sales is also in the thrill of new products and features.

“Everyone is getting excited about the 2016 Buick Cascade, a two-door convertible debuting at the auto show,” said Lisa Consiglio, new car sales manager at Randy Wise Buick GMC in Fenton. “Buicks are now attracting a whole new younger crowd.”

Here’s what’s new this year at area dealerships:

**LASCO FORD**
Getting the most buzz at the auto show: the Ford GT, with a twin-turbocharged 3.5-liter EcoBoost V-6 capable of over 600 hp.

Our biggest sellers this year:
A three-way tie between the Fusion, the Escape and the F-150. The F-150 is the most exciting vehicle we’ve had in a decade. It’s been completely re-done from top to bottom. The customer feedback is incredible.

Sales forecast this year: 175 new cars per month, compared to 161 new cars per month in 2014.

— Matt Lasco, vice president

**RANDY WISE BUICK GMC**
Getting the most buzz at the auto show: the 2016 Buick Cascade, a two-door convertible, which is the first Buick convertible offered in the U.S. in more than two decades.

Most exciting new vehicles: GMC Canyon, a smaller mid-size truck and the Yukon XL, a full-size SUV with all new styling and seating up to eight.

Our biggest sellers: Terrains and Yukons. Everybody needs a truck!

Sales forecast for the year: expecting a huge increase with the improvement of lease programs and low gas prices.

— Lisa Consiglio, new car sales manager

**VIC CANEVER CHEVROLET**

Most exciting new vehicle: The all-new Colorado. It’s pretty sharp and there is a lot of interest in that truck.

Our biggest seller: The new Silverado. We’ve been seeing a steady rise in Silverado sales. The lower gas prices are making a big difference in truck sales, allowing a truck to fit in many families’ budgets.

Sales forecast for this year: We’re planning on a 10 to 15 percent increase in sales. The local economy seems to be really taking off. Last year was a great year for us, and we see it growing even more. We’ve also noticed a big increase in business purchases.

What Chevy vehicles are getting the most buzz at the Detroit Auto Show? The Colorado, the all-new Bolt (all electric car, gets up to 200 miles on a charge), and the Corvette always gets lots of attention!

— Matt Stevens, general sales manager

**HALL CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE & RAM**

Most buzz at the auto show: The new Jeep Renegade, coming out in late spring, early summer. It’s a crossover with great technology and fuel economy.

Our biggest sellers this year: The all-new design of the Dodge Charger and the Chrysler 300.

Our biggest seller: Jeep Cherokee and Ram 1500 were our highest-volume vehicles in 2014 and will likely be this year, too.

Sales forecast for this year: We’re up over 200 vehicles in 2014 and this year, we’re expecting to sell 1,000 new cars.

— Nick Golson, general sales manager

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Tigers place fourth at county

Fenton’s Dean headed to Siena Heights

Q: Who won the 1968 Winter Olympics gold medal in women’s figure skating?

A: Peggy Fleming did. She won five straight U.S. titles during her skating career.

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Who won the 1968 Winter Olympics gold medal in women’s figure skating?

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Peggy Fleming did. She won five straight U.S. titles during her skating career.

GIRLS BASKETBALL BRIEFS

Bronchos edge Clio

Holly outscored Clio 17-5 in the fourth quarter, earning a 42-37 victory against the Mustangs on Friday.

Holly trailed 32-25 entering the fourth quarter, but scored 17 points in the final eight minutes.

Kaitlyn Smith led Holly with 21 points, eight rebounds, three assists and two steals.

Paige Reid chipped in eight points and six rebounds.

Brooke Jackman netted six points and eight rebounds.

Dragons limit Linden in third quarter, 42-35

Linden (2-4, 4-6) scored just two third-quarter points, resulting in the loss.

Taylor Smith paced the Eagles with 17 points, while Sterling DeSeyner netted eight points. Megan Kenney chipped in six points.

LP’s offense struggles vs. Railroaders, 48-28

The Blue Devils were outscored 17-2 in the second quarter, resulting in the loss.

Hannah Garty and Sierra Arroyo led the Blue Devils (2-7) with six points each.

Autumn Beardsley and Sydney Sheyach each had five points. Beardsley also had eight rebounds.

HOLLY boys remain on top

Squad crushes Clio Mustangs, 80-65

By David Troppens
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Holly’s Jake Daniels scored a three-pointer just two seconds into the Bronchos’ contest with Clio on Friday night.

The Bronchos’ offense never slowed down after that bucket, cruising to an 80-65 Metro League victory, keeping the Holly varsity boys basketball team undefeated (7-0, 7-2) in Metro play.

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Holly’s Parker Rowse (right) fights for a ball in the Bronchos’ 80-65 win against Clio.

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Lady Tigers lose battle of first-place teams vs. Flushing

By David Troppens
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Fenton — The Flushing girls varsity basketball team came into Friday night’s contest with the Fenton Tigers undefeated. The Tigers committed 27 turnovers and managed to make just 11 field goals, eventually resulting in the Raiders’ victory. Many of the Tigers’ top offensive guns struggled throughout the night. Emma Evo got seven points in the first half, but was held to just two points in the second half, and those two points only cut Flushing’s lead to 43-28 with 4:30 left in the game when she hit it, Sarah Cummings followed with eight points.

“We didn’t do some of the things we wanted to do. We got away from what we wanted to do a little bit,” Fenton varsity coach Nick Moore said. “They are a good team. We knew that going in. We knew they were athletic and going to press us. When we took care of the things we talked about, we were right there. When we got away from the things that we talked about, it was a different situation. But those things happen. You have to lean from it and move on.”

Fenton’s final lead of the game came at 10:9 on a putback hoop from Carly Granger with 6:58 left in the first half. From there Flushing went on a 14-7 run to take a 23-17 lead going into the half.

The Raiders blew the game open in the third quarter. Fenton cut the gap to 23-19 on an eight-foot basket by Cummings, but Flushing followed that hoop with seven straight points. A converted three-point play by Lauren Newman with 3:52 left in the third quarter gave Flushing its first double-digit lead at 30-19. Before the quarter was up, Fenton trailed 36-24. Fenton began the fourth quarter with three straight turnovers. A three-pointer by Flushing’s Carson Wilson upped the Raiders’ lead to 41-24 with 6:40 left, effectively icing the contest.

Granger and Evo led Fenton with five rebounds each, while Cummings had four.

Early play costs Tigers down stretch vs. Flushing

By David Troppens
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Fenton — Tim Olszewski was a frustrated coach Friday after Fenton’s boys basketball game against the Flushing Raiders. His team trailed for most of the night at home against Flushing, but still had a chance to win during the final 23 seconds.

With the Tigers trailing 44-42, Fenton guard Dillon Gardner attempted a driving shot but missed, enabling the Raiders to leave with the 44-42 victory. Just moments earlier, Gardner gave the Tigers the lead on a driving layup. He fouled on the play and he converted the free throw. Fenton led 42-41 with 45.1 seconds left at the moment. However, just seven seconds later, the Raiders responded when Nick Donley netted a three-pointer of his own, putting the Raiders up by two. Fenton had two chances to either tie or take the lead, but each ended in a driving layup that wasn’t converted.

But Olszewski wasn’t frustrated with the end-game play. He was upset with the other 31 minutes of the contest, which set up needing the late-game heroics.

“We committed too many errors that we were trying to offensively and it came back and bit us in the butt,” Olszewski said. “You have to understand the game and accomplish what we are trying to accomplish. You have to have to give them credit. We go up by one and they come down and hit a big three. If that doesn’t go in, we secure the rebound and the game has a different outcome. But hit the shots when they needed to and that’s a lot of credit to them.”

Flushing opened the contest with a deliberate halfcourt style. It helped the Raiders keep the score low early, but it never allowed anyone to blow the game open either. Both teams had just nine possessions in the opening quarter, resulting in a 5-4 Flushing lead after the period. From there, the game remained in a halfcourt nature, but not quite as deliberate. However, the Tigers, who are typically more up-tempo, never got a flow going during the entire game.

The Tigers trailed by as many as 14-9 in the second quarter after a layup by Flushing’s Ab-salon Johnson. However, the Ti gers went on an 8-2 run and took the lead back at 17-16 after two converted free throws by Gard-ner. Flushing’s Logan Pfeude conver ted two free throws late in the half, giving the Raiders an 18-17 halftime lead.

The Tigers (4-2, 4-3) trailed most of the second half. The Flushing lead grew to as many as 30-24, but Fenton’s Ross Eb-ert scored four straight points on a nifty eight-foot hook shot and on two free throws, cutting the gap to 30-28 entering the fourth period. Flushing’s two-point lead held for each of Fenton’s first five offensive possessions of the fourth quarter. Fenton went 0-5-for 5 from the field and turned the ball over during that span. Flushing finally opened the fourth-quarter scoring with a conventional putback three-point play by Danny Tay- lor, putting Flushing up 33-28 with 4:44 left.

Fenton’s offense finally woke up after that, putting together five straight possessions of at least one point, but Flushing responded by netting two buckets and a free throw, making sure the Raiders remained in control. That control appeared in jeopardy when Fenton’s Beau LePage hit a three-pointer, tying the game at 39-all with 2:06 left. About 1:15 later, Gardner hit his conventional three-point play, giving Fenton its final lead at 42-41, but the lead only lasted seven seconds. Event-ually, Fenton left its home court with a frustrating loss.

“They told the boys it was not a good loss but, let’s not make it a wasted loss,” Olszewski said. “Let’s learn from it and get ready for next week. If we don’t learn anything from it, then it’s a wasted game.”

Gardner ended with 11 points, while Ebert had eight points, seven rebounds and two blocks. LePage had eight points and three assists.

Lake Fenton 78, Durand 44

The Blue Devils’ Jalen Miller scored a game-high 24 points and also grabbed a game-high 12 rebounds, leading the Blue Dev-ils GAC Red victory. Lake Fenton (3-2, 5-3) out-scored Durand 41-16 during the middle two periods.

Chris Bell had a strong game as well, scoring 19 points and dishing off a contest-best five assists. Jordan Bond, Spencer Foerster and Jake Zielinski net- ted eight points each.

Swarzcek Creek, Linden 44

The Devils outscored Lin-den 57-18 in the second half, re-sulting in the Eagles’ eighth loss in as many games this season.

Linden was paced by Tyler Hoerbinger’s 13 points, while Kevin Hoerbinger netted 11 points. Trent Strang chipped in seven points.
DEAN
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who push you to do well and are in-
tense in the right ways. When she called
to make me an offer, we talked on the
phone an hour-and-a-half about the
team. I’m excited to play for her.”

Dean will enter Siena Heights pri-
marily as a utility player who may also
pitch. That may come as a bit of a shock
for those who have followed Dean’s ca-
reer as a Fenton softball fan, considering
her position as the Tigers’ top starting
pitcher last year and this upcoming sea-
son. Last year Dean posted a whopping
20-2 record along with an earned run aver-
age of 2.30. She allowed just 113 hits and 38 walks while striking out 87 batters. However, Dean has also played
infield, and started as an infielder ear-
lier in her career with her travel career.
But just like as during her varsity career
Dean eventually worked herself as the
No. 1 pitcher for the Tigers, it has hap-
pened during her travel seasons as well.
“Paige has given up her normal posi-
tion — third base — to be our starting
pitcher,” Fenton varsity softball coach
Stefanie Roberts said. “She puts the
team first, always.”

“Pitching has been a love-hate thing
for me,” Dean said. “I didn’t think I’d
ever be pitching in high school let alone
may be pitching at Siena, too. Pitching
is now very important to me. It’s a role
I’ve kind of taken on. At the beginning
of my high school career I enjoyed the
infield. But I knew the role I had to do
for us to succeed, so I worked hard on
my pitching. I’ve learned if I work on
this and do my job, we can make it far.
I can do a lot of things.”

The Tigers did a lot of things with
Dean being the No. 1 hurler, including
capturing a Flint Metro League crown.
The squad also won a Division 1 district
crown.

When Dean has been given a chance
to perform offensively with Fenton,
she’s done well. She batted .339 last sea-
son, while posting a .429 slugging per-
centage and a .393 on-base percentage.

More about the Saints
The Saints are an National Associa-
tion of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA)
school and are typically about a .500
program. Last year the squad went 20-
21. Two seasons ago the team was 19-
23 and three years ago the Saints went
27-28-1. One real positive about playing
with Siena Heights is fact the pro-
gram has a JV team. So if Dean breaks
into the varsity position immediately
she’ll play. However, as is the case with
many young players, it sometimes takes
time to break into a starting position.

With a JV team, Dean will get playing
time on one of the two teams next sea-
son. Dean says players can bounce from
the JV and varsity teams regularly.

“With two different teams, I can play
a lot more,” Dean said. “I’m excited about
that. I’ll have to work hard to get a
starting spot.”

Dean is excited to get on campus
next fall. She already knows a few of the
girls on the team from past experiences.

“Everyone on the team is so nice,
very relaxed and laid back,” Dean said.
“Camps are so much fun, you can tell
everyone having a good time and love
teaching. I’m excited.”

TIGERS
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was pretty good. If we take out all the
other schools except the Metro, we would’ve won by 75 points. Our second-
tier kids would’ve counted and that’s our
depth. We aren’t taking the Metro League
lightly. But I’m not overly concerned.”

The Tigers two top performers were
Austin Landis and Zac Miceli. Landis
captured the team’s only county champi-
onship, winning the 100 freestyle (50.99).
He also qualified for the state meet in the
100 backstroke with a second-place per-
formance time of 57.86 seconds. Mean-
while, Miceli recorded two state-quali-
fying times. He took second in the 200
individual medley (2:06.76) and fourth in
the 100 butterfly (56.07). Miceli and
Landis also teamed with Kyle Banner
and Michael Fabatz to place second in
the 400 freestyle relay (3:29.73).

Four other individuals competed in
the finals. Banner also made two individual
finals, placing third in the 200 freestyle
(1:57.39) and fourth in the 500 freestyle
(5:27.20). The other placers were Adam
Kildow, fifth in diving (3:14.65); Ian
MacPhail-Fausey, seventh in the 200
individual medley (2:19.89) and Fabatz,
seventh in the 100 backstroke (1:05.41).

“From an individual swim standpoint,
we swam very well. Only a couple of kids
didn’t have their best events and most of
them swim lifetime bests,” Jones said.
“We wanted the kids to be swimming
their fastest ever coming out of Christ-
mas, and that’s where they are at.”

PREP REPORT
BOWLING
► Holly at Oakland County Meet:
The Holy boys bowed out in the quar-
terfinals, while the girls were eliminated
in the round of 16.

The boys qualified ninth for the elimi-
nation rounds, and defeated Troy
Athenas 338-229 in the round of 16.
However, the Broncos lost to South
Lyon in the quarterfinal 374-298.

Matt Hartson rolled a 604 three-game
series for Holly, while Matt Rakowski
rolled a 600. Albert Lewellen had a 568.
The girls qualified third in the three-
game series for Holly, while Matthew
Rakowski rolled a 532 series.

COMPETITIVE CHEER
► Flint Metro Meet #1:
The Fenton Tigers led area squads at the
meet by placing fifth with a total score of
667.14. Linden placed seventh (659.72)
and Holly took eighth (628.70).

Fenton’s scores were 207.6 in round one,
196.04 in round two and 263.5 in round
three. The Linden girls recorded scores
of 211.8 in the first round and 198.62 in
the second round and 266.3 in the third
round. A 12-point penaltykept the Eagles
from placing as high as fifth.

“We were 12th in all three rounds in
sixth after a 212.0 score in round one.
However, the Broncos posted a 167.80
in round two and a 248.9 in round three.”

► Holly at Bedford Invitational:
The Broncos placed second in their divi-
sion with a three-round combined
score of 591.46. The squad posted a
184.7 first round and followed it with a
148.06 in the second round and a 258.7 in
the third round.

► Linden at Clino Invitational:
The Eagles placed third at the meet
with a total team score of 611.26. Linden
recorded a first-round score of 196.5 and a
second-round score of 179.5. The Eagles
ended the day with a round three score of
257.5. The Linden Middle School team
also competed and finished their two
rounds with a score of 333.90.

WRESTLING
► Lake Fenton at Brandon Team
Tourament: The Blue Devils placed second
at, going 4-1. The squad lost to Brandon in
the finals, but beat Waterford Mott,
Farmington Hills Harrison, Orchard Lake
St. Mary and Flat Rock prior to the finals.

► Lutheran North: Hunter Corcoski,
Devon Melick and Trent Hillger all won
5-0 in the tourney.

► Linden at Chelsea Invitational:
The Eagles placed third at the meet
with a total team score of 611.26. Linden
recorded a first-round score of 196.5 and a
second-round score of 179.5. The Eagles
ended the day with a round three score of
257.5. The Linden Middle School team
also competed and finished their two
rounds with a score of 333.90.

GYMNASTICS
► Linden/Fenton/Lake Fenton at
Jeanne Caruss Memorial Invitational:
The area co-op gymnastics team took
eight out of 18 teams with a team
score of 130.82.

Blake Hutchings led the squad with
a seventh-place finish in the floor
round, placing seventh on the bars and
the beam. Miranda Stephens took seventh
on bars, while Jessica Richert took
ninth on the floor.

► Metro League Griffs 3, Dear-
born Heights Crestwood 1: The Grif-
flins, a co-op hockey team with students
from Livonia, Livonia Fenton, Livonia
Franklin and an assist from Brandon Buerkel
to earn the victory. Connor Phillips also
scored and had an assist. Brandon
Dienar had two assists. Adam Glomb
was the winning goalie, making many
time saves. At one time, he had to kill a
five-minute major penalty and did so
without allowing a goal.

► KB United 11, Grand Rapids 4:
The Keasley/Brandon/Holly co-op
squad got seven goals from Shawn
Larsen, leading them to the victory.
Scott Brauer had two goals and two
assists, while Nate Fanagan and Evan
Flood had a goal and two assists each.

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- Explanation of the death
- Don’t try to explain the death. Your person has died. It is not comforting.
- Any mention of replacing the person
- Parents who lost a child don’t want the advice that they can try again.

**Funeral Etiquette**

**This is not about you.**

- Save the funny quotes for later, after the person has enough time to grieve.
- Never write anything negative about the deceased. This is not the time to discuss what the deceased left to his or her heirs.

**Jeanette Katherine McCready**

**1921-2015**

Jeanette Katherine McCready - age 93, of Fenton, died January 16, 2015. Funeral services will be held at 11 AM Thursday, January 22, 2015 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 267 W. Highland Rd., Hartland. Pastor Christopher Thoma will officiate. Burial will follow in Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be held 4-6 PM Wednesday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton.

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Answer in this Sunday’s edition of the Tri-County Times

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**HOROSCOPES**

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19)

Use that Arian charm to help make a difficult workplace transition easier for everyone. News about a long-awaited decision can be confusing. Don’t jump to conclusions.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20)

Although you might well be tempted to be more extravagant than you should be at this time, I’m betting you’ll let your sensible Bovine instinct guide you toward moderation.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20)

An opportunity for travel could come with some problems regarding travel companions and other matters. So be sure you read all the fine print before you start packing.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22)

Make an effort to complete your usual workplace tasks before volunteering for extra duty. Scrambling to catch up later on could create some resentment among your colleagues.

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22)

A financial matter could have you rethinking your current spending plans. You might want to recheck your budget to see where you can cut back on expenses until the situation improves.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Standing up to support a colleague’s viewpoint—even if it’s unpopular—can be difficult if you feel outnumbered. But you’ll win plaudits for your honesty and courage.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Be careful about “experts” who have no solid business background. Instead, seek advice on enhancing your business prospects from bona fide sources with good success records.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

A personal matter takes an interesting turn. The question is, do you want to follow the new path or take time out to reconsider the change? Think this through before deciding.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

While progress continues on resolving that recurring problem, you might feel it’s taking too long. But these things always need to develop at their own pace. Be patient.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Someone close to you might have a financial problem and seek your advice. If you do decide to get involved, insist on seeing everything that might be relevant to this situation.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

A new career is a big step. Check that offer carefully with someone who has been there, done that, and has the facts you’ll need to help you make your decision.

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**DVD RELEASES**

**LUCY**

From La Femme Nikita and The Professional to The Fifth Element, writer/director Luc Besson has created some of the toughest, most memorable female action heroes in cinematic history. Now, Besson directs Scarlett Johansson in Lucy, an action-thriller that tracks a woman accidentally caught in a dark deal who turns the tables on her captors and transforms into a merciless warrior evolved beyond human logic. **R, 1 hr. 29 min**

47% liked it 39% liked it

(Audience score on rottentomatoes.com)

**ANNABELLE**

Capable of unspeakable evil, the actual doll exists locked up in an occult museum in Connecticut—visited only by a priest who blesses her twice a month. New Line Cinema’s supernatural thriller “Annabelle” begins before the evil was unleashed. John Form has found the perfect gift for his expectant wife, Mia—a beautiful, rare vintage doll in a pure white wedding dress. But Mia’s delight with Annabelle doesn’t last long. **R, 1 hr. 38 min**

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