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TIM JAGIELO  
The tournament Saturday brought 72 players, who swatted these blue rubber balls up and down the icy fairways.

# Frozen fun on Barnum Lake

► Serious fun, not golf, brings teams to annual 'Blue Balls Golf Tournament'

**By Tim Jagielo**  
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**Fenton Twp.** — Rarely do golf tournaments require sleds

laden with beer and boom boxes playing classic rock, but that was proper decorum on Saturday, at the Blue Balls Golf Tournament on Barnum Lake.

"Blue Balls" refers to the blue rubber balls teams swatted across the cleared fairways.

Put on by The Fireplace Bar and Grill, the seventh annual tournament takes place on the 39-acre lake, with nine holes, and a team of eight per hole, or 72 players.

It was less about technique, and more about having fun in **See FROZEN FUN on 8**



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**THOUSANDS HELPED BY ST. JOHN SCHOOL STUDENTS**

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Overdose kits are not new to the area. Police in Oakland County plan to carry them, and EMS is equipped with them in Linden and Fenton.

## Overdose kits now carried by local EMS

► Narcan reverses drug effects, could save lives

**By Yvonne Stegall**  
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News reports tell that deputies in Oakland County, approximately 25 of them, are now carrying Opioid overdose kits that include a nasal spray containing Naloxone to aid in reversing the effects of opiate drugs, including heroin.

Locally, EMS crews are equipped with similar overdose kits. Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said, "Because our EMS response times are so low I don't think

**See OVERDOSE on 7**

## 'Linus' spreads 8-12 inch blanket of snow, closes schools

**By Tim Jagielo**

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**Fenton** — By early Monday morning, the snow was still falling, and everything that could plow was out pushing snow from winter storm "Linus" out of the way.

According to an Associate Press (AP) report, the storm grounded 367 departing flights out of Michigan. It dumped a foot of snow in some parts of Michigan. According to WNEM, Flint received 8 inches of snow, and temperatures sunk below zero with the wind chill.

On Sunday night a tractor and plow cleared the Walmart parking lot, while a city employee cleared the walks around the Fenton Police Department. Hardy residents used snow

**See 'LINUS' on 8**

**“Ice on the back roads makes them very hazardous while main roads are clear.”**

**Ed Koledo** *Superintendent, Linden Community Schools*



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A DPW bobcat is used to clear the drive and parking lots outside Fenton City Hall and the police station on Sunday night.

## ET Rover rolls over — new deal made

► Genesee and Oakland County residents safe from property destruction

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It's a win for area residents who opposed a new gas pipeline from cutting through their property. Some Genesee and Oakland County property owners will be happy to know that their yards are now safe from the ET (Energy Transfer) Rover Pipeline.

**See ET ROVER on 9**



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Residents attend a public informational meeting on the ET Rover gas pipeline at Spring Meadows Country Club last October.

## Roads and Michigan sales tax history

► Do you remember the last time there was an increase in sales tax?

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With the news being filled with possibilities of a sales tax hike in Michigan; it makes sense to look back at the last time the sales tax saw an increase. A concerned resident called after the Times published a road tax article about the fact that they raised the sales tax in 1994 and that was supposed to improve our roads. Let's look back at Michigan history.

**See TAX on 6**



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**“The Super Bowl**

halftime shows become more inane and ridiculous each year. Millions of dollars wasted on costumes and lighting that most viewers couldn't care less about. Good game, ridiculous halftime show.”



**“I would like to give a big shout-out to the Fenton DPW for the great job they did on Sunday and Monday clearing our roads. Thanks guys, it is much appreciated.”**



**“To the parent**

who thinks gun use and safety should be taught in school. Why? Are you too lazy to do it yourself? That should be provided by the parent.”



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**COMMENT OF THE WEEK**

**“For everyone who thought Obama was responsible for \$4/gallon gas, they must love him now. Right? I would hate to see a double standard applied here.”**



# IRS budget cuts — good for some, bad for others

►Local expert says system is on schedule for now, but advises filing early

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In January, IRS employees received an email from IRS Commissioner John Koskinen telling them that staff reductions due to budget cuts would likely result in fewer audits and delays in technology upgrades. The effect on the general public could be a delay in tax refunds.

A possible delay in receiving tax refunds isn't the only issue with this \$364 million in IRS budget cuts, which leaves them with a \$10.9 billion budget, less than they had in 2010. It may also mean that you will have a longer wait if you call in for assistance this filing season.

Local CPA, Joyce King said, "The

forms are taking longer to prepare this year because of more questions about Affordable Health Care, but the ones going through seem to be getting their refunds as quick as previous years." King, with the office of Joyce M. King, PC in Fenton, mentioned that this is the kick-off week for income tax preparation, and many are still waiting for their forms from the healthcare act.

According to the reports, however, the lack in resources due to the budget cut means fewer agents to audit tax refunds, which might seem good to some, but that is also what will slow down refunds. Those of you who are used to your

quick turnaround shouldn't be banking on it this year.

One possible reason for the cuts is the implementation of the new healthcare law. Taxpayers will need to make sure they report on their taxes whether they have healthcare and those receiving the tax credits for healthcare payment will also have to report that. The IRS is required to enforce the law, which results in the need to make cuts in other areas, including taxpayer services and enforcement. Fewer enforcement agents could cost the federal government at least \$2 billion in lost tax revenue.

**“The forms are taking longer to prepare this year because of more questions about Affordable Health Care.”**

**Joyce King**  
CPA with Joyce M. King,  
PC of Fenton

See IRS on 6

From the  
**editor**

Sharon Stone



## American Sniper

I'll have to admit that part of the reason why I wanted to go see American Sniper was because Bradley Cooper had the starring role as U.S. Navy Seal Chris Kyle. My husband and I, along with some friends, decided to go see the movie at Trillium on opening night.

I had heard that the movie was really good and we were bummed when we learned that the 7 p.m. showing was sold out. I guess we should have known better. We bought our tickets for the Saturday showing and arrived early. We could all feel the excitement and tension as we waited in line.

I knew just the basics of the movie. I had not read the book, and I could not remember all the details about Chris Kyle.

The Saturday showing was sold out as well but we had our tickets. The movie drew us in immediately. Bradley Cooper was no longer the f-bomb dropping friend from the Hangover movies. He gained about 50 pounds and transformed himself into the real-life Chris Kyle. We felt his love for his wife, his children, and his country. We also saw his commitment to his fellow Navy Seals. He became known for protecting the other U.S. soldiers who were being shot at by using his precise shooting skills.

As we watched the movie, we felt proud of this man. We also felt the emotions that he and other veterans must feel from all the pressure and stress of living through war — and hell.

I'm not going to give away the ending of the movie for anyone who still hasn't seen or heard about it, but I can say when it ended, you could have heard a pin drop in that theater. As we walked out, the darkness and absence of talking was overwhelming. All you heard was the soft sounds of sniffing and people wiping away their tears. I still get goosebumps thinking about it. I am sure had there been a military person standing in the lobby, he or she would have been greeted by moviegoers asking for permission to shake their hand or to give them a hug.

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St. John School eighth-graders guide kindergartners at the service activity on Friday, assembling Valentine's Day goody bags for Catholic Charities of Flint.



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Kaleb Anderson, 13, helps fold a blanket in the library of the St. John School on Friday. Seventh graders were responsible for blankets.

## Thousands helped by St. John School students

► 'Hope soap,' lunches, socks, blankets and other items donated by families and assembled by students

By Tim Jagielo

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**Fenton** — In the Library of St. John the Evangelist Catholic School, the seventh-graders were busy making fleece blankets. Kaleb Anderson, 13, folded a finished blanket and added it to the tall pile of brightly colored fabric. By 10 a.m., 18 had already been assembled.

Each year, students do a service project. For 2015, all 367 students were mobilized to assemble different items for people in need, to be distributed by Catholic Charities of Flint.

Catholic Charities operates three soup kitchens, including the North End Soup Kitchen. It also provides counseling services, a community closet, sack lunches and child welfare programs,

regardless of religious affinity.

The students were called upon by Catholic Charities to help during Catholic Schools Week. Amy Start is outreach coordinator for Catholic Charities. She

said every school in the system, like Powers High School, lent a hand in some way. "That's what they're called to do based on their religious beliefs," she said. "We're very, very grateful."

St. John students alone will impact thousands of community members that need help, said Start. Students also learn the value of these regular everyday items they may take for granted, like soap and always having enough food. "I think it just makes them realize how grateful they are

See **ST. JOHN'S** on 9

**"I think it just makes them realize how grateful they are for their life, and at any age they can make a difference."**

**Amy Start**  
Outreach Coordinator,  
Catholic Charities

### STUDENT GIVING, BY THE NUMBERS

**120 sandwiches** for 60 lunches

**329 Valentine's Day** candy bags with personalized notes

**450 pairs** of socks

**268 blankets** donated, and made by students

**222 bottles** of dish soap bottled

**250 bottles** of laundry soap bottled

**150 personal** needs bags put together

**94 personalized** Valentine's Day placemats created

Source: Amy Start,  
Catholic Charities



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## FROM THE LEFT



Clarence Page

Nationally syndicated  
**columnist****Absent from 'American Sniper': Political context of unnecessary war**

I finally went to see Clint Eastwood's Iraq war movie, 'American Sniper,' after a partisan culture war broke out around it. If we had debated with this much gusto before we invaded Iraq, there might not have been a war to make a movie about.

That's what annoys me about the powerfully bracing movie that grossed more than \$250 million in its first two weeks. By focusing on the fighters in that war, not the politicians who sent them there, it wins us over by avoiding questions of how or why we got into Iraq in the first place.

For that, a number of prominent commentators have accused the film of glorifying war. Projecting all of that large-scale chaos, courage, villainy and heroism up on the big screen tends to drown out subtleties, such as whether the war was necessary in the first place.

Eastwood, who directed the movie, might well have had that in mind when he revealed at the recent Producers Guild Awards nominees breakfast that his movie's 'biggest anti-war statement is what [war] does to the families left behind.'

In delivering that message, the film succeeds. 'American Sniper' is a biopic about the late Navy Seal Chris Kyle (played superbly by a bulked-up Bradley Cooper), a sniper credited with 160 confirmed kills, the most in U.S. military history.

The war takes a toll on him and his family through his repeated deployments. Yet he keeps returning through a sense of duty that is familiar to countless veterans.

Amid all the barbs and jabs exchanged by peaceniks and warmongers, Eastwood's point should not be lost. It is not only possible but essential for us to be both antiwar and pro-troops.

It's hard to bring a war to a satisfying end if you're not clear about why it began. 'American Sniper' brilliantly shows sacrifices that our troops have made for their country in a highly questionable war. It will take more than a movie to show us how to avoid the next one.

**WHEN THE STATE** raises the taxes for the new roads I would like to nominate Center Road and U.S. 23. That whole exit is horrible and an embarrassment. What must out-of-towners think when they have to replace a tire and their suspension is shot.

**THE TWO YOUNG** fellows on the front page doing hard work delivering papers, I give them kudos. They have been raised right. Just like waitresses deserve tips, so do they for their work.

**I'D LIKE TO** explain some simple economics. Obama inherited a bad economy and then proceeded to make it worse. He has more than doubled the national debt. He has no plan to pay it off or help out. This hurts businesses, job, our economy, and he has increased taxes.

**TYPICAL LIBERAL, YOU** don't agree with me so you call me ignorant. You nailed it — they now call it climate change because there is no global warming.

**TO THE PERSON** in the black SUV backing the trailer into a driveway on Main Street Saturday, how about next time you slide into the left turn lane and wait a few seconds instead of almost causing an accident in both lanes.

**MR. SCIENCE GUY** seems to think all ice and snow is above the water level. Does that include the polar caps, Antarctica, the glaciers, snow on the mountain? What happens when that runs down? Hold your bowl on your lap and fill it high with ice, then see

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what happens? Take some science classes.

**I TAUGHT SCHOOL** in Flint for 30 years and when I left there were 23 lunch cards for my homeroom of 24 kids. Free lunches are sometimes the only food children get.

**ABOUT FIVE YEARS** ago we had coyotes on the south side of Fenton and we solved that problem. To let your livestock and animals keep getting injured by them is unacceptable. If you can't figure out a solution, we can help you.

**TO THE CALLER** who was watching TV in 1963 and saw no violence at the marches, I was a young mother watching and I saw violence. I saw the bus burn. I saw the KKK kill people. I think you need to get a little more information or have a better memory.

**SO AMERICANS ARE** all being forced to buy health insurance whether they can afford it or not. What's next?

**A GROUP CALLED** 'True the Vote' has found almost seven million overlapping voter registrations in 28 states, plus voter fraud has been proven in numerous states and illegal aliens have voted across the country. Why won't the Democrats pass a bill allowing a national ID voter registration card? We need to preserve the sanctity of the individual vote.

**I HAVE BEEN** wondering the same thing — where are the Cornerstone residents going to park? Hope we get an answer.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

## FROM THE RIGHT

Cal Thomas

Nationally syndicated  
**columnist****GOP abortion bill: Right and wrong**

As thousands descended on Washington recently for the annual 'March for Life,' the Republican House of Representatives was busy watering down an antiabortion bill that restricted abortions after 20 weeks, except in cases of rape or incest, with exemptions allowed only after a police report had been filed. A small group of moderate Republican female lawmakers challenged the bill and lobbied for a less restrictive measure.

Politics wins. Life loses. The symbolism behind such a bill on the 42nd anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade decision is understandable, but if Republicans are serious about advancing protection for the unborn, they will adopt a different strategy. They might start by looking back 50 years to the civil rights movement.

People who are old enough to remember, or have seen the film 'Selma,' recall how pictures and personal stories helped move the hearts and change the minds of many Americans in support of civil rights legislation. Pictures of blacks being beaten by white police officers shocked much of the nation.

In a recent column for The Washington Times, Ken Blackwell of the ACLU cited figures from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and wrote: 'black women continue to have the highest abortion rate of any ethnic group, with a gruesome 483 abortions for every 1,000 births.'

If 'black lives matter' — and they do and should — they need to be protected in the womb, as well as in the streets.

Congressional hearings should also include people who survived abortions and are glad they did. Women who regret having had abortions can testify that if they had had more information they might have made a different choice.

This is the key to advancing the pro-life argument. Republicans should be about 'empowering women,' giving them more information so that they will be fully informed before choosing whether to sustain a life, or end one.

This is the smart way to advance the pro-life vs. pro-choice debate and change the dynamic and direction from its current stagnation. Republicans will try it if they are smart. But that, too, could be debatable.



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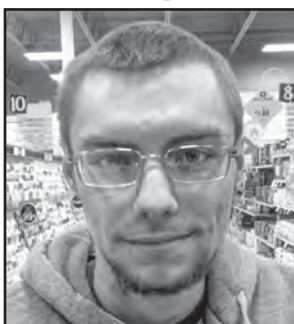
"Nine years, old because they are not old enough to have the best judgment."

— Donna Hajec  
Fenton Township



"I think 10. I have two kids with them, as long as they have the parental controls."

— Stephanie Elmen  
Fenton Township



"Seven, because they might break it and it's expensive to replace."

— Brandon Maynerd  
Clearwater, Florida



"Ten, because kids should be kids. They should go out and play."

— John Mincey  
Tyrone Township



"Early teens because they have a better idea of what is right and wrong."

— Joahn Covert  
Livingston County



"Fifteen, because early teens are too young to have cell phones or anything like that."

— Nancy Moran  
Fenton



# Kids and screen time

►How much is too much, when it comes to TV, computers and video games?

By Sally Rummel

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Whether your child is watching TV, using a smartphone, playing on the computer or enjoying video games, he or she is likely having more “screen time” than is good for one’s physical or developmental health.

The American Academy of Pediatrics discourages electronic media use by children younger than age 2, and also recommends limiting older children’s screen time to no more than one or two hours a day.

“It’s a slippery slope,” said Joe Simmert, D.O., board certified pediatrician at The Children’s Office. His practice recently took over the Fenton office of retired pediatrician Chandra Puttagunta, M.D. “It’s a definite culture that’s not going away and kids are going to stay connected to that culture. Kids as young as 1 or 1½ intuitively know how to play a game when they’re handed a tablet. They’re super-intuitive. They get fluid with screens very quickly.”

In his practice, Simmert suggests that parents limit all screen time — TVs, phone, computer, video games — to 60 to 90 minutes a day, no matter what their age. “Their other time should be spent in physical activities or activities that encourage problem solving.”

He definitely sees issues with kids who have too much screen time. “Kids are losing the ability to problem-solve,” he said. “The constant stimulating flow of data in a passive way results in a loss of learning how to gather data on their own. They kind

## Summary

►Kids’ screen time has become a controversial issue, as younger and younger children are plugging into cell phones, tablets, computers, etc.



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Pediatricians suggest limiting screen time to no more than 90 minutes a day total for children. Excessive screen time can cause a myriad of problems for developing youth.

of ‘shut down’ and get bored with other activities. They don’t learn consequences of their actions because everything’s a ‘re-do’ in a video game.”

Simmert also sees excessive screen time as a “significant player” in the predominance of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), in addition to the influences of society and the role of genetics. “When we were kids and watched TV, the screen was small compared to the huge screens today, plus the high stimulation of extremely high definition.” Mayo Clinic adds that excessive screen time has been linked to a rise in obesity, an irregular sleep schedule, behavioral problems, impaired academic performance, desensitization to violence and

less time for active, creative play.

Simmert, 51, has grandchildren of his own, and he lets them reach for a tablet or screen for a certain period of time, then suggests they join him in putting together a puzzle. “It’s about parents not letting screen time dominate their kid’s activities.”

How parents can limit their child’s screen time

- **Eliminate background TV.** If you’re not actively watching a show, turn off the TV.
- **Keep TVs and computers out of the bedroom.** Monitor your child’s screen time and the websites he or she is visiting by keeping TVs and computers in your home’s main area.
- **Don’t eat in front of the TV.** That increases the time spent in front of the TV and encourages mindless munching.
- **Set school day rules,** limiting their screen time when they’re already busy. Avoid using screen time as a reward or punishment, which can make it seem even more important to children.
- **Talk to your child’s caregivers** so they also limit screen time in your absence.
- **Suggest other activities** that are fun to do, such as reading, playing a sport, playing a game, learning to cook, etc.
- **Set a good example** by limiting your own screen time.
- **Designate one day** a week or month as a screen-free day for the whole family, and do something together.

Source: Mayo Clinic

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**TAX****Continued from Front Page**

To summarize, in 1993 some residents were tired of paying high property taxes to cover school funding, so legislature passed a law eliminating all property taxes that paid for schools, which then left the schools with a slashed budget, by about 64 percent.

A new way to fund the schools was in need, and that is where Proposal A came in. In 1994, Michigan voters approved a new system for funding schools.

**Proposal A did three main things:**

1. It eliminated the use of local property taxes as a source of school funding and created a new state education tax. School districts began to get per-pupil payments from the state.
2. It increased the state sales tax from 4 cents to 6 cents on the dollar. The extra 2 cents was to go to the school aid fund, the state budget for schools.
3. It required the state's lowest-funded school districts to receive a basic level of education funding, which raised the amount they received and significantly closed the gap between

low-funded schools and others.

That being said, the last time sales tax was increased in Michigan had nothing to do with fixing the roads. The currently proposed 1-cent increase in sales tax would help the roads, among other things. The problem this proposal seems to be facing, however, is that it's part of an overall package that would

include increasing fuel taxes. The entire proposal means \$1.3 billion annually for roads and bridges, as well as \$95 million for local governments and \$300 million for public schools.

The recent EPIC-MRA poll of 600 likely voters showed that initially 46 percent would vote "yes"

on the proposal, while 41 percent would vote "no." After listening to details of the complex road-funding plan, however, "yes" dropped down to only 38 percent, and 47 percent saying they would vote "no." The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

When you are deciding how to vote May 5, Michigan.gov reminds residents that 29 percent of Michigan's roads are in poor condition and only 19 percent were rated "good."

**Summary**

► Last time the income tax increased it was for schools, not roads. It was also a trade off, eliminating some property taxes.

**Police&Fire****report****FOUR-WHEELER STOLEN**

Sometime between Jan. 21 and 23, unknown suspects stole a white and red 2005 Yamaha four-wheeler from a business in the 1000 block of North LeRoy Street in Fenton. The machine was stored outside temporarily and was not functioning. The four-wheeler was entered into Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) as stolen. It is valued at \$2,500.

**HUNTING EQUIPMENT TAKEN FROM CAR**

On Jan. 30, a 19-year-old Fenton male stopped by the Fenton police station to file a larceny from auto complaint. The teen told police he had parked his four-door Nissan at an apartment complex in the 15000 block of Silver Parkway at 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 29 and when he returned to it at 6 a.m. on Jan. 30, he discovered that someone had stolen his compound bow and other hunting equipment, worth a total of \$1,340. Police observed no signs of forced entry.

**'CUSTOMERS' MIGHT HAVE HAD OTHER INTENTIONS**

On Wednesday, Jan. 28, an attempted robbery was reported from a business in the 1400 block of North LeRoy Street in Fenton. Storeowners reported to Fenton police that two black women entered the store. While store items were being shown to one of the women, the other woman walked into a private office and rummaged through a purse. The unknown women then fled in a gold Grand Am. A "be on the lookout" was sent to the Genesee County Sheriff's Department for the car and women.

**COUNTERFEIT \$20 USED TO BUY CANDY**

Fenton police responded to a gas station in the 400 block of North LeRoy Street to investigate a counterfeit \$20 bill. A 39-year-old man told police that he had made a \$100 purchase in the Flint area and was given back \$80 in \$20 bills. When he went to the gas station in Fenton to buy some candy with one of the \$20s, the clerk noticed that it was fake. Police confiscated the \$20 and will turn it over to the Secret Service for follow-up.

**GENERATOR STOLEN FROM FENTON HOME**

On Feb. 1, Fenton police responded to a home in the 600 block of East South Holly Road to investigate a larceny complaint. A 37-year-old resident reported that sometime between Jan. 16 and Feb. 1, unknown suspects had stolen a \$900 Briggs and Stratton generator, which was attached to their house.

**Mark McCabe**

67th District Court

Ask the

**judge****The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Michigan Department of Community Health and the recent measles outbreak**

Every year the population of the United States and Michigan is faced with the prospect of being exposed to a wide variety of communicable diseases. Fortunately, we have specialized health agencies to help and guide people.

Nationally the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is a part of the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Its mission is to protect America from health, safety and security threats, both foreign and in the United States. The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) has similar functions.

In the news recently are reports of a measles outbreak, which may have originated in California, and has as of Jan. 30, 2015, spread to 14 states including Michigan. According to the CDC, the majority of the people who get measles are unvaccinated.

Both the CDC and MDCH have recently issued statements about the 2014-2015 measles outbreak.

Dr. Matthew Davis the chief medical executive with the MDCH is quoted as follows:

'As we are seeing with the recent outbreak in California, measles is a highly communicable disease that can affect both children and adults. The best way to protect our families and communities against measles is to get vaccinated.'

Measles can result in hospitalization, pneumonia, encephalitis and death.

The ultimate choice as to disease vaccination rests with the individual and, for children, with their parents. Michigan allows a parent to choose not to have their child vaccinated. However in order to be enrolled in school, the law requires a waiver and proof of education. This latest requirement is as a result of new administrative rule effective Jan. 1, 2015.

The key to reaching any decision is knowledge and I urge everyone to do the research and obtain the necessary knowledge in order to make an informed decision for the good of all concerned.

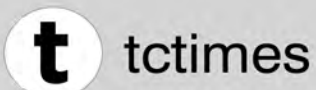


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**News briefs****Fenton Township ordinance enforcement officer retiring**

At the Fenton Township Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, Supervisor Bonnie Mathis announced the letter of retirement from Ordinance Enforcement Officer Robert Atkinson. Atkinson is in his 13th year in this role, and regretfully will be stepping down as of March 28. Mathis said, "This is going to be a hard position to fill. He knows what he is doing." In his letter of retirement, he thanked the administrative staff and Mathis for their support through the years.

**IRS****Continued from Page 2**

IRS workers this budget year, which runs through Sept. 15, will not be getting overtime and a partial hiring freeze is being implemented.

King said, "It's still early in the season, so it's hard to say how things will go, but right now things seem to be on schedule with last year."

Her biggest tip to those looking to beat any wait for their refund is to file early.



# Handy computing shortcuts

By Yvonne Stegall

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Whether you are on a Mac or a PC, there are numerous ways you can shortcut all of the different computing motions you make every day, from doing spell check to changing the zoom of your screen.

Most of you probably already know a few of the basic ones, like CTRL+P on your PC will print a document. However, there may be a few (or many) you didn't know. Here is just a taste of some of the various computing shortcuts you might like to start using to make your day a little easier.

## System controls

CTRL+A to Select All

CTRL+C to Copy

CTRL+X to Cut

CTRL+V to Paste

CTRL+Z to Undo

CTRL+B to Bold

CTRL+U to Underline

CTRL+I to Italicize

F1 for Help

F2 to Rename selected object

F3 to Find all files

F4 - Opens file list drop-down in dialogs

F5 to Refresh current window

F6 - Shifts focus in Windows Explorer

F10 - Activates menu bar options

ALT+TAB to Cycle between open applications

ALT+F4 to Quit program, close current window

ALT+F6 to Switch between current program windows

ALT+ENTE to open properties dialog

ALT+SPACE for System menu for current window

ALT+¢ to open drop-down lists in dialog boxes

BACKSPACE to Switch to parent folder

CTRL+ESC to open Start menu

CTRL+ALT+DEL to open task manager, reboots the computer

CTRL+TAB to move through property tabs

CTRL+SHIFT+DRAG to create shortcut (also right-click, drag)

CTRL+DRAG to Copy File

ESC to cancel last function

SHIFT+DRAG to move file

SHIFT+F10 - Opens context menu (same as right-click)

SHIFT+DELETE for Full wipe delete (bypasses Recycle Bin)

## Document controls

HOME to beginning of line or far left of field or screen

END to end of line, or far right of field or screen

CTRL+HOME to the top

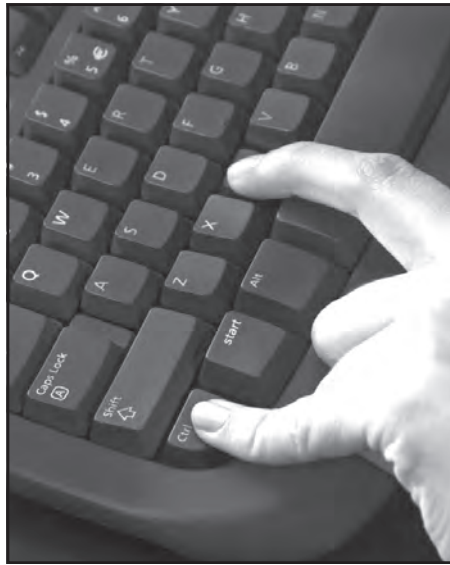
CTRL+END to the bottom

PAGE UP moves document or dialog box up one page

PAGE DOWN moves document or dialog down one page

ARROW KEYS move focus in documents, dialogs, etc.

CTRL+ > next word



## Special Characters

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## OVERDOSE

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it is as much an issue here as other jurisdictions.” He added, “This type of protocol is most effective in areas with longer response times and a higher frequency of heroin abuse.”

Overdoses are tragic and traumatic, no matter how often they happen. Chief Aro said that you can't really quantify the problem by numbers. “We had only one accidental overdose last year that was heroin related. That isn't a large number, but to the parents or family of the victim it's one too many,” he said. “Talking to the families that have lost a child to this drug is a heart breaker.”

Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter said, “Linden has experienced very few incidents of accidental overdoses in the last few years. In speaking with families that have lost a loved one or who have family members that are addicted to heroin we try to direct them to the resources that are available in the community.”

As far as first response, Sutter said, “In most cases the Linden Fire Department, our squad car and EMS arrive within minutes of the call. Currently,

EMS has Narcan onboard. The EMS personnel and the County Paramedics have the training necessary to administer this drug.”

Fenton also has Narcan, according to Chief Aro. “(Fire) Chief (Bob) Cairnduff working in conjunction with STAT EMS and our 911 dispatchers have done a great job maintaining a very good EMS response time in Fenton, which averages around five minutes. Typically our car and EMS arrive within minutes of each other, and EMS currently has Narcan on the rig.” He added, “Our EMS responders typically have a higher level of medical training than our police officers and would be better suited to administer this drug and the follow up care if the drug was effective.”

In the event of an overdose, the opioids in heroin attach themselves to receptors that would normally be firing from one to the next and receiving information, including telling the body to breathe, and shuts them down, which can lead to an overdose.

When a nasal spray, like Narcan is administered, even if they are close to death, they sit straight up and often do not recall what just happened.

**“We had only one accidental overdose last year that was heroin related.”**

**Rick Aro**  
Fenton police chief

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A city DPW truck plows a Fenton neighborhood off Main Street in Fenton Sunday evening.

## 'LINUS'

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throwers in the dark, and scraping shovels could be heard Monday morning.

Department of Public Works (DPW) cleared roads large and small. No doubt, many residents could still not get out of their driveways Monday morning.

All local districts were closed due to the weather.

Linden Community Schools Superintendent Ed Koledo said there isn't technically an amount of snow that can trigger a snow day. "Sometimes it is a matter of how deep the snow is and if the snow plows have had a chance to get to back roads and subdivisions," he said. "Sometimes ice on the back roads makes them very hazardous while main

roads are clear and dry."

Koledo said district department heads sometimes start at 4:30 a.m., driving the roads and seeing if they're passable.

I-75 and U.S. 23 were as dicey as promised late Sunday afternoon and evening.

The same storm that affected the Midwest has since moved onto the east coast, dropping up to 18 inches near Bangor, Maine.

## Compared to last year

Snowfall totals according to the National Weather Service were 16.2 inches for Flint, and 13.1 in Linden during the snowstorm the first week of January last year. Snow drifts buried cars and large parking lots were mazes of snow piles. Temperatures sunk to minus 13 degrees, beating the historic low for that day — which was minus 9 degrees, in 1981.

## FROZEN FUN

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the middle of a hardy Michigan winter. "It's something to do when you're cooped up all winter," said Pete Campbell of Fenton Township. He was out with his wife and friends, starting at the first hole.

Fireplace owner Mardell Landis said it's a chance for avid golfers to play the game they miss while snow covers their favorite greens, and have some cheap fun. Each team pays \$30, and each player gets a beer, a shot and a pulled-pork slider sandwich with chips.

The top three teams win a cash prize. First place also gets tickets to a comedy show at the Fireplace.

New this year was the New Holland Brewing tent, which featured New Holland beer and Arbor Brewing beer as well.

**“It's a great way to break up winter for the avid golfer.”**

Mardell Landis

Owner, The Fireplace Bar and Grill



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Mike Pucher of Rose Township takes a whack at the ninth hole on Saturday.



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A golfer finishes his turn at the Blue Balls Golf Tournament on Barnum Lake on Saturday. This annual event is one of several upcoming events to take advantage of the area's frozen lakes, and brought 72 players.

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## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**TO THE OBAMA** sycophant, it's OK to invite thugs and radical muslim terror supporters to the White House, but our only and best friend in the Middle East gets snubbed. It's wrong to discriminate but anti-Semitism is OK?

**OBAMA'S NEW BUDGET** is out and instead of reforming Social Security and Medicare and lowering our national debt, he has again chosen his normal path of spending and a bloated economy. His changes include free daycare and free community college. Our country cannot afford this. I've already paid for my children's daycare and their college, I should not have to pay for others. Again, Obama socks it to the middle class to pay for all his programs.

**KUDOS FENTON DPW**. As a resident on Eddy Lake Road, I want to thank you for all of your efforts on Eddy Lake

and Dauner this last year. It did not go unnoticed.

**LOVED THE KING'S** article about 'no such thing as free.' I am sick of paying a fortune in taxes to support lazy under-serving people!

**TO THE PEOPLE** who don't want the Koran to be studied, if you don't understand it, you won't know how your enemy thinks.

**PAYING TUITION FOR** kids to get Cs at a community college? Are you kidding me? That bar should be set much higher. There's that old saying 'expect more out of someone — you get more out of that someone.'

**THE PEOPLE WHO** don't think there is such a thing as climate change should start listening to real scientists, not Rush Limbaugh. We've lent it a hand and it's here.

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Students made 120 sandwiches for 60 lunches on Friday.

## ST. JOHN'S

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for their life, and at any age they can make a difference."

On Friday, blankets, socks, lunches, laundry detergent, goodie bags, personal notes and lunches were put together in a few hours.

While this isn't the first year St. John School worked with the non-profit organization, it was the first time Catholic Charities came to the school. The students started at 8:45, and Catholic Charities came back for the goods at 11 a.m.

This was a way to get all the students involved, kindergarten through

eighth-grade.

Walking through the hallways of the school on Friday morning, one could see a sampling of kids in each grade, busy helping others at various classroom stations.

While seventh-graders made blankets, the second-graders assembled pairs of socks, and others filled small bottles of laundry detergent called "hope soap," 60 bagged lunches with 120 sandwiches. Kindergarten and eighth-graders assembled goodie bags.

The service project resulted in a pile of goods lining the school hallway near the

entrance, put together and picked up at 11 a.m.

### Summary

► All of the students at St. John the Evangelist Catholic School in Fenton helped gather and assemble hundreds of care items for Catholic Charities of Flint.

## ET ROVER

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On Monday, Rover Pipeline, LLC announced it has signed a contract with Vector Pipeline and its affiliates. According to a press release from Vicki Granado, media relations spokesperson for ET Rover, the new contract is for firm transportation capacity to deliver gas to markets in Michigan and the Union Gas Dawn Hub in Ontario, Canada.

State Rep. Joe Graves (R-51st District) posted about this news on his Facebook page. In an email he said, "Since I learned about the proposed pipeline, my focus has been on providing local residents with the information they needed regarding the pipeline process and answering residents' questions."

I heard from many constituents who expressed their concerns regarding this proposed pipeline and while the state of Michigan had no regulatory oversight, I wanted to be a helpful resource to my constituents."

This capacity arrangement with Vector eliminates the need for Rover to build its pipeline through Michigan's Shiawassee, Genesee, Lapeer, Oakland, St. Clair, and Macomb counties.

This also means that the hundreds of jobs the new pipeline proposed won't be coming to the area.

Graves said, "I am happy with today's announcement that ET Rover was able to reach an agreement to utilize an existing pipeline to transport gas to

its markets in Michigan. I am happy for the numerous residents who were concerned about the impact of this proposed pipeline who can now move past this issue."

This new deal works with Rover's ongoing efforts to minimize the project's footprint, according to the release. "It is also consistent with the

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) guidelines and expectations, which encourage companies to evaluate alternative routes that maximize the use of existing utilities and utilize existing rights-of-way, where possible." As a result, 110 miles of pipeline through Michigan will be eliminated.

Modifications are still underway, with the intentions of submitting their proposed project route to the (FERC) this month. "Pending regu-

latory approval, Rover is still expected to be in service from the production areas to the Midwest Hub near Defiance, Ohio, by the end of 2016, and from the Midwest Hub to markets in Michigan and the Union Gas Dawn Hub by mid-2017" according to the press release.

At the Fenton Township Board Meeting on Monday, Supervisor Bonnie Mathis also mentioned the pipeline changes. She said, "I think it's just absolutely wonderful. The people kept going to the meetings and fighting it, and they won."

**"I am happy for the numerous residents who were concerned about the impact of this proposed pipeline who can now move past this issue."**

**Joe Graves**  
State representative  
(R-District 51)

## MICHIGAN VOTES

WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS  
RECENTLY INTRODUCED

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. Since the January 15 opening day, members of the new 98th Legislature have introduced 196 bills and proposed 12 amendments to the state constitution. It will be several weeks before any bills get a vote so this report describes some new bills of interest.

### Senate Bill 31: Create new sports official assault crime

Introduced by Sen. Morris Hood, III (D), to authorize penalties of up to three years in prison and a \$10,000 fine for assaulting on a sports official. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

### Senate Bill 33: Require schools give parents information on their children

Introduced by Sen. Phil Pavlov (R), to require the state Department of Education and public school districts to disclose to a student's parent or guardian upon request any educational, personal, or other information they collect about the student. Also, whether the information was shared with other persons or entities, including details on what information and to whom. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

### Senate Bill 68: Expand scope of practice for nurses

Introduced by Sen. Mike Shirkey (R), to revise the "scope of practice" allowed for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, making it possible for them to provide more medical services without being under the direct supervision of a physician. Similar bills in the past have struggled due to opposition from the physician's lobby. The bill would also authorize subsidies to APRNs who practice in "underserved" areas. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

### Senate Bill 70: Extend, expand college job training subsidies to some employers

Introduced by Sen. Peter MacGregor (R), to make permanent a program authorized by a 2008 law that allows community colleges statewide borrow up to \$50 million to provide job training subsidies to particular employers, and earmark certain future state income tax collections to repay the debt. Senate Bill 71 would eliminate the \$50 million cap on these subsidies. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

### House Bills 4027 & 4086; Senate Bills 23 & 30: Exempt some pension income from income tax

Introduced by various Republican and Democratic sponsors, to exempt certain pension income from state income tax. None of the bills specify spending cuts or replacement taxes to offset the roughly \$343 million the exemption would reduce state tax revenue. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

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# Dental health

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Your oral health offers clues about your overall well-being

## Good teeth = good health

### Summary

► The health of your mouth is an indicator of your health in general, so it is important to take your oral hygiene routine seriously.

By Sally Rummel

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If you're the kind of person who is reluctant to go to the dentist on a regular basis, do your heart a favor and schedule that appointment.

Yes, you are reading that correctly. Your oral health can offer clues about your overall health, and problems in your mouth can affect the rest of your body.

"There's an intimate connection between oral health and overall health and what you can do to protect yourself," said Nikki Mazhari, DDS of Sonoma Dental Group, with an office in Fenton. "Oral bacteria has also been associated with causing infection of the inner lining of the heart. There are other diseases, such as Alzheimer's and osteoporosis, which are linked to early gum disease and tooth loss."

Jeremy Grove, DDS in Linden explains it this way.

"Our mouth is full of bacteria. Most of them are good, but some can cause diseases such as cavities and gum disease. Usually our body's natural defenses and proper oral hygiene are enough to combat these bad bacteria. When there is an imbalance and bad bacteria increase, we can either look at the patient's oral hygiene or the body's natural defense."

See **GOOD HEALTH** on 13

**“There’s an intimate connection between oral health and overall health and what you can do to protect yourself.”**

**Nikki Mazhari, DDA**  
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# It's never too late to correct your smile

**Times**  
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► Whether you're a tween, teen or adult, there are braces to fit your need and budget

**By Sally Rummel**

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At 32, Kelly Slavik is older than the teenagers who are usually wearing braces, but she's taking her new smile in stride.

"This was the one thing I've wanted to change about myself for a long time," said Slavik, who's wearing Insignia custom-designed clear braces to correct an overbite. "This is my second time around with braces, which didn't correct the problem when I was younger."

Slavik is one of the many adults who are turning to braces to straighten or correct their teeth — either for cosmetic reasons or to take care of oral health issues that remain from childhood.

Years ago, orthodontic treatments were used only for pre-teens and teens having problems with their bite, according to Patricia McGarry, DDS, with an office in Linden. Today, close to 30 percent of all orthodontic patients in the U.S. are adults. Most adults can be successful candidates for orthodontic treatment, working closely with their dental professional to decide the optimum treatment plan for their particular needs. In spite of this trend, it still pays to start orthodontic treatment early for maximum effectiveness, according to her website, patriciamcgarrydds. The American Dental Association recommends that children receive an orthodontic evaluation by age 7.

No matter what the reason, braces for adults may involve more treatment, because their jaws are fully formed with little room for "give." Adults also often have other dental issues to contend with, such as gum disease.

Today, braces have gone high-tech, with new, stronger materials, computerized software to manage your particular treatment plan and faster treatment times.

**Here are a few new braces you'll find in the marketplace:**

• **Fast Braces** — Bo Shumaker, DDS of Michigan Smiles in Fenton is now using this new brand of metal braces, cutting treatment to half or even a third of traditional braces.

"The new bracket design and stronger, more durable wires are making the difference," said Sherry Stoutenburg, office manager. "The cost is only \$100 more than traditional metal braces, which usually take 12 to 18 months treatment." Clear braces are not available in this brand, but teens/adults can choose colorful bands.

• **Invisalign** continues to be a widely used plastic brace product for minor or moderate tooth crowding or spacing issues. The advantages of Invisalign over traditional braces is that a patient's teeth and gums can be kept clean and healthy during the period of orthodontic treatment, usually about six to eight months. "We often offer

Invisalign specials at our office, so be sure to ask," said Stacey Marr, from the office of Patricia McGarry, DDS. "You might get \$500 off your treatment plan or \$500 in free products to help your smile."

**"This was the one thing I've wanted to change about myself for a long time."**

**Kelly Slavik**  
Adult braces wearer

• **Ceramic braces** are a popular alternative for adults, because they blend in with the color of their teeth and are cosmetically less noticeable. Made of ceramic alloys, they are less resilient or absorbent to shock abuse or force than metal braces, and they tend to more about \$1,000 more expensive,

according to igetbraces.com.

• **Traditional metal braces** tend to be the most affordable style of orthodontic treatment, with a treatment time of about 12 to 18 months.

• **Lingual braces, usually metal**, sit behind the teeth on the tongue side. Although they are not visible, they may interfere with talking and are more expensive than other kinds of braces.

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# Dental in-office vs. at-home teeth whitening

## ►What's the difference, and which will work best?

By Sally Rummel

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In the search for a brighter smile and more youthful appearance, many people turn to whitening their teeth, either with a supervised whitening treatment from their dental office or using an over-the-counter product at home.

"I find that over-the-counter Crest Whitestrips are the best place to start if you are interested in bleaching," said Jeremy Grove, DDS, with a practice in Linden. "They are inexpensive and perform well if you are the ideal candidate."

He recommends that before a person starts the process, that he or she have a dental exam to determine if these will work well for them. "Some things that can limit the efficiency of Crest Whitestrips are existing fillings, crowns, internal stains on the tooth, severe tooth wear and recession," said Grove.

If the Whitestrips aren't an option or the results aren't as

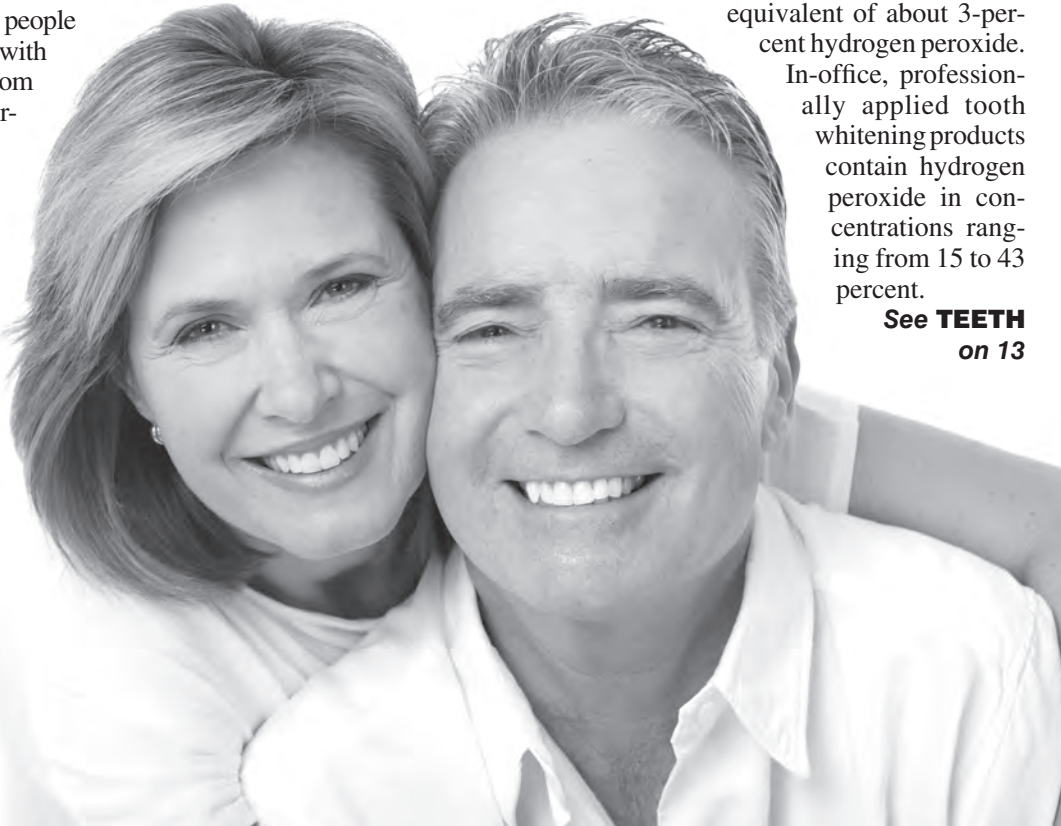
effective as one thought they'd be, customized whitening trays can be made in the dental office, said Grove. "The whitening agent is much stronger than over-the-counter brands and should be monitored closely

with a dental professional."

Over-the-counter products usually contain a lower strength bleaching agent, with about a 10 to 22 percent carbamide peroxide content, according to WebMD. That's the equivalent of about 3-percent hydrogen peroxide.

In-office, professionally applied tooth whitening products contain hydrogen peroxide in concentrations ranging from 15 to 43 percent.

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## IN-OFFICE DENTAL WHITENING PROCEDURES

- The most common in-office whitening procedure uses custom-made trays filled with a bleaching solution that fit over the teeth. Because the dentist supervises the procedure, a stronger bleaching solution can be used compared to what you'll find in over-the-counter products. If the procedure is done in the office, a light or heat source may be used to speed up the whitening process.
- The dental office may fit you with custom-made whitening trays that can be used at home, with the advantages of stronger bleaching solution and maximum contact with your teeth.

## AT-HOME WHITENING PRODUCTS

- **Gel strips.** These are usually applied to teeth once a day for varying times, usually 30 minutes to two hours, depending on the strength of the brand.
- **Whitening trays.** Plastic trays filled with whitening gel fit over teeth like a tooth guard, but because they aren't custom-fit to your teeth, they may rub and irritate gums.
- **Whitening rinses.** Used like a mouthwash, these products contain whitening agents. They are easy to use, but the whitening process is very gradual.
- **Whitening toothpaste.** Containing mild abrasives that remove surface stains with gentle brushing, these products may cause tooth sensitivity.

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In addition to stronger whitening agents, a dental supervised whitening is different from over-the-counter whitening products in other ways, including:

- **Mouthpiece trays.** With dentist-supervised at-home bleaching products, your dentist will take an impression of your teeth and custom fit a mouthpiece tray for an exact fit. That allows maximum contact between the whitening gel, applied to the tray, and the teeth, and minimizes contact with gum tissue. With in-office procedures, the bleaching agent is applied directly to the teeth.

- **Additional protective measures.** In an office setting, your dentist will either apply a gel to the gum tissue or use a rubber shield that slides over the teeth prior to treatment, to protect your gums and oral cavities from the effects of bleaching. Over-the-counter products don't offer these protective features. A dentist can also better match the type of stain on a person's teeth with the best treatment to lighten those stains. With over-the-counter products, you are on your own.

- **Cost.** The least expensive option is an over-the-counter product with in-office whitening being more expensive.

- **Dental supervision.** With dental supervised whitening, your dentist can perform an oral exam and consider your complete medical history. That will help determine if bleaching is an appropriate course of treatment based on the type and extent of stains and the number and location of restorations. Your dentist can then match the best treatment, if appropriate, to lighten those stains. With over-the-counter products, you are on your own.

## SIDE EFFECTS OF WHITENING:

The two side effects that occur most often from teeth whitening are a temporary increase in tooth sensitivity, especially during the early stages of the bleaching treatment and a mild irritation of the soft tissues of the mouth, especially the gums. Both of these conditions are temporary and disappear within one to three days of treatment cessation.

To reduce sensitivity, wear the tray (or strips) for a shorter period of time, or stop whitening for two to three days to allow teeth to adjust to the whitening process.

You can also ask your dentist or pharmacist for a high fluoride-containing product to help re-mineralize your teeth. Apply the product to the tray and wear for four minutes prior to and following the whitening agent.

Brush your teeth with toothpaste made for sensitive teeth. These toothpastes contain potassium nitrate, which helps soothe the teeth's nerve endings.

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Several teeth-whitening options are available, including store bought white strips.

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## GOOD HEALTH

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“The most common natural defense is your own saliva,” he added. “When people take multiple medications or have a disease like Sjogren's Syndrome, the levels of saliva are greatly reduced and your natural defenses can't keep these bad bacteria in check. In patients who exhibit this, we will see a higher cavity and gum disease risk.”

Your oral health has also been linked to:

- **Diabetes.** This disease reduces the body's natural defense to infection, putting the gums at risk for disease, according to Grove. Gum disease appears to be more frequent and severe among people who have diabetes. People who have gum disease also have a harder time controlling their blood sugar levels.

- **Cardiovascular disease.** Some research suggests that heart disease, clogged arteries and stroke might be linked to the inflammation and infections that oral bacteria can cause.

- **HIV/AIDS.** Oral problems, such as painful mucosal lesions, are common in people who have HIV/AIDS.

“It's important that because of these potential risks, that one practices proper oral hygiene,” said Mazhari. “Brushing and flossing and regular visits to your dentist are all important practices that could help reduce future health problems and in the long-run, prevent expensive hospital bills.”

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## TRIVIA BASEBALL

**Q** Who became the first MLB team to permanently sew numbers on the back of uniforms?

**A** The New York Yankees became the first team to do it after it worked well in the minors. It started in 1929.



## Griffins' offense sparks 7-1 victory

By David Troppens  
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The Metro League Griffins keep on winning.

The Fenton-Linden co-op hockey squad made it five wins in six contests, defeating the Bishop Foley Venturers by a 7-1 score on Saturday.

"Their confidence is growing," coach Will Dawson said. "They are no longer hoping to win, but expect-

ing to win."

Dawson said the turning point for the season came during the winter break. The Griffins lost a pair of games, but then became a new team when the year changed to 2015. They are 6-2-1 in their last eight games.

"My offense is attacking now," Dawson said. "They are not letting the game come to them, but taking it to the opponent. The defense is much better. They are closing gaps and stepping up when it's appropriate."

On Saturday, the team took a 3-0 lead just one period into the game. Before Foley scored its first goal, the Griffins had already scored five.

Offensively, Dylan Miesch, Tyler Bourassa and Brendan Buerkel scored two goals each, while Jake Thompson had one goal and two assists. Blake Smiecinski, Miesch, Bourassa, Buerkel and Brandon Denier had an assist each. In net, Natalie Miller was strong, making 18 saves in 19 attempts. Fenton took just three penalties.

**TYLER BOURASSA**  
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# Sports

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## DAVID'S DABBLINGS

Without a doubt, it was the most controversial decision in the history of the great game's history.

And all of us who witnessed it on Sunday probably remained disgusted.

Of course, I'm talking about the selection for Most Valuable Puppy in Puppy Bowl XI.

Cara, albeit an adorable Shihtzu, was not the MVP. Not by a long shot. But that's who the viewers of the Animal Planet's Puppy Bowl selected. Her team, the Fluff, lost by a 73-45 miserable margin against the Ruff. And on the Ruff there were two puppies who scored FOUR TOUCHDOWNS! My pick was Henry, an English Springer Spaniel mix. The Animal Planet must've recognized the serious error because they later named the tiny 12-week old puppy the MVP during the 5 p.m. showing of the game. He scored four TDs. Finally, Falcor, a Clumber Spaniel, deserved recognition, scoring four TDs, albeit one being reasonably controversial Falcor proved to be the most physical of on the field, receiving one of the few penalties.

Regardless, Puppy Bowl XI was one for the ages, a contest I won't soon forget.

## Bronchos remain perfect

► Holly's 25-point run leads squad by Fenton

By David Troppens  
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**Holly**—The Holly varsity boys basketball team loves it when opposing squads want to play their high-scoring tempo with them.

The Fenton Tigers tried to with the Bronchos, and were successful for about four-and-a-half minutes on Friday. But after that, the Bronchos took over at the Horseshoe.

Trailing 13-5, the Bronchos scored 12 straight points to end the first quarter, taking a 17-13 lead into the second quarter. The Bronchos didn't stop there. They increased their run to an overwhelming 25 points, eventually taking a 30-13 lead. From there, the Bronchos cruised to a 74-57 victory against the Fenton Tigers.

"It's a lot of fun," said Holly senior Josh Simms when asked if he enjoys when teams try to run with the Bronchos' offense. "Basketball is a game of runs. We just have to make sure ours are longer. You don't notice (you are having a 25-0 run) during the game but it's nice. You just keep on playing. We have a lot of kids that put the ball in the basket. That's what



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Holly's Parker Rowse (right) drives with the ball during the Bronchos' 74-57 victory against Fenton on Friday.

we practice."

"It was awesome. We stuck to our guns," Holly senior Jake Daniels said. "We made plays and we made shots. At the beginning we were rushing a little too much and shooting quickly, but once we get

in our flow, it's hard to stop us."

It certainly is hard to stop the Bronchos (10-2 overall), who remain undefeated in Metro play at 8-0.

Fenton put a good shock in the  
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## Holly girls edge Fenton

By David Troppens  
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**Holly**—The last time the Holly varsity girls basketball team played the Fenton Tigers, the Bronchos fell behind early and lost.

This time, it was the Bronchos who took the early lead.

And while the Tigers fought back at one time to tie the game, it was the Bronchos who won the contest at the Holly Horseshoe  
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Holly's Paige Reid (right) drives by Fenton's Sarah Cummings in Holly's win.

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# Holly wrestlers post solid showing at meet

By David Troppens

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Don Pluta has liked what he's seen out of his young Holly varsity wrestling team most of this season.

He had another reason to feel good on Saturday.

Despite having just 10 wrestlers, the Bronchos found a way to win two of their five matches at the Oakland-Macomb Wrestling Duals.

Holly earned its victories against Sterling Heights Stevenson 39-39 and against L'Anse Creuse 33-27. The Bronchos defeated Stevenson through the tiebreaker system.

"We were giving up four weight classes, and during the first dual we lost our 112-pounder to a possible concussion, so we had to wrestle mostly with nine kids, and we found a way to win two matches," Pluta said. "I'm

pretty excited. We had some kids wrestle better. We keep getting better every weekend. We had kids who have gotten pinned before not get pinned. We had other guys who came through for us. Our good kids had good says, but we had others step up."

In the victory against Stevenson, many younger wrestlers stepped up. Freshman Collin Dallwitz (171) earned a pivotal pinfall victory, while fellow freshman Carson Cuthbert was bumped to 125 and captured a 5-3 overtime win. Sophomore and first-year wrestler Dan Stallard (135) earned a pinfall win and even some of the wrestlers who lost had key efforts. Nick Michels (285) only lost to a wrestler who placed seventh in Macomb County by a 5-2 score, keeping the team score tight.

"They are doing the stuff we are preaching and sticking



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Holly's Dan Stallard (face showing) earned a key pinfall win against Stevenson during a weekend tournament.

to our program," Pluta said. "They are making success. We are battling every individual match and the kids are doing their part. I'm proud how they are coming along."

Jimmy Gray (189), Wyatt Lupro (215) and Trevor Hatfield (130) each went 5-0. Gray performed his record with five pinfall wins. Cuthbert and Dallwitz each went 4-1.

# Eagles place second at Bill Evans Memorial Tournament

By David Troppens

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Linden varsity wrestling coach Todd Skinner figured he'd learn a lot about his team at Battle Creek Central High School's Bill Evans Memorial Tournament on Saturday.

Skinner probably liked what he learned.

The Eagles finished in second place in the individual tourney, earning three champions.

Luke Zimmerman (112), Patrick Kerr (140), and Austin McNeill (215) all earned championships.

Dawson Blank (135) also made it to the championship round, but had to settle with second place.

Other Linden placers were Aaron Steedman in third place, Bryce Davis in fourth, Jaylin Steedman in fifth, Cade Dickson in seventh, Myca Milhauk in seventh and Justin Cygnar in eighth.

"Overall, we wrestled very well," Skinner said.

"We had more champions

than any other team. Austin McNeill has been in the finals for three straight years so it was great to see him win this tournament. It's a great finish heading into the conference meet this weekend."

The Flint Metro League Meet is Saturday at Clio High School.

## BRONCHOS

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hometown crowd for a few minutes. Sparked by Dillon Gardner's seven points in the first quarter, the Tigers took a 13-5 lead. The rest of the first quarter was all Holly. With 2:32 left Adam Tooley converted a free throw, making it a 13-6 deficit. That free throw began a run of 12 points in just 2:32. The run continued with a coast-to-coast breaking layup by Simms and then a three-pointer by Ian Hodges. Tooley continued it with a breaking layup and Daniels continued it with a driving layup. The first quarter ended with a breaking layup by Hodges, giving the Bronchos a 17-13 lead after one quarter.

The second quarter began with Simms hitting a layup while getting fouled. He finished the three-point play and started another run of 13 straight Holly points to open the second quarter. By the time Hodges ended the run with a three-pointer with 5:21 left in the first half, Holly led 30-13.

Fenton spent the rest of the contest trying to dig out of the hole. At one time, Beau LePage converted three-point shots on four straight Fenton possessions, cutting the gap to 34-25 with 1:31 left in the half, but Daniels delivered a pass to Simms for a three-pointer, upping the gap back to 37-25 with 52 seconds left in the half. Before the intermission came, Hodges earned a steal and a breaking layup putting Holly up 39-25 at halftime.

The Tigers cut the gap to 11 with a driving layup by Gardner with six minutes left, and had two three-point shot attempts — one by Austin Bossenberger and the other by LePage — to close the gap within eight, but both shots didn't convert. Holly iced the game away with a Daniels' layup, followed



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Fenton's Ross Ebert (right) battles for a rebound during Holly's Isaac Casillas. Holly won the game 74-57.

by a Parker Rowse assist on a Tooley layup. Holly led 65-50 and the lead was never in danger again.

"I'm proud of my guys for battling," Fenton coach Tim Olszewski said. "We still have some goals we want to achieve and I'm confident in our kids' character and ability. We are still very capable of meeting those goals."

Simms led the Bronchos with 23 points, while Hodges had 14 points. Daniels chipped in 13 points, while Tooley had six points. Daniels and Tooley led the squad with seven rebounds. Fenton's Gardner finished with 24 points, while LePage netted 11 points.

## Fenton swim team defeats Bronchos

By David Troppens

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The Fenton varsity boys swim team were big favorites entering the squad's dual meet against the Holly Bronchos.

The Tigers proved why by the time the event was over.

Fenton earned 10 first-place finishes in the 12 events and took the top three spots in five of the nine individual events, easily cruising to a 134-45 victory against the Tigers' rivals to the east.

The Tigers dominated the relays. Zac Miceli was a part of all three relays, leading Fenton to three firsts. the 200 medley relay of Austin Landis, Noah Sizemore, Michael Fabatz and Miceli won with a time of 1:52.08, while the 200 freestyle relay team of Miceli, Ian MacPhail Fausey, Kyle Banner and Brennan Henson also won (1:40.23). The 400 freestyle relay team of Miceli, Banner, Fabatz and Landis capped the meet with a first in 3:36.98. Fenton took the top two positions in the free

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## Bell posts big game for Blue Devils vs. Cavaliers, 73-68

By David Troppens  
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Chris Bell had a monster game for the Lake Fenton Blue Devils Friday night.

Bell scored a game-high 22 points and dished seven assists, leading the Blue Devils to a 73-68 win.

Lake Fenton scored 21 points in the third quarter, earning the Blue Devils a 55-41 lead. Corunna scored 27 points in the fourth quarter, but were unable to catch Lake Fenton.

Isaac Golson was the only other Lake Fenton player to score double-digits after Bell. He scored 16 points. Jake Zielinski netted nine points and eight rebounds, while Jalen Miller had eight points and seven rebounds.

### Clio 59, Linden 53

The Eagles were paced by Tyler Hoerberling's 18 points, while Jake Thorn netted 12 points. Mike Gold had 10 points, 13 rebounds and four steals, while Kevin Hoerberling netted 10 points.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### Clio 55, Linden 50

Taylor Smith led the Eagles with 21 points, while Sterling DeGayner had 15 points. Megan Kenney netted eight points



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Lake Fenton's Chris Bell (left) scored 22 points in a win against Corunna.

and grabbed 15 rebounds.

### Corunna 55, Lake Fenton 45

Corunna outscored Lake Fenton 14-7 in the final period.

Lake Fenton was paced by Kaitlyn Begley and Autumn Beardsley, who had 11 points each. Beardsley also had 13 rebounds and seven blocked shots. Begley also dished off four assists. Hannah Garty had nine points, while Sierra Arroyo had eight points.

## HOLLY

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with the 46-42 victory on Friday night.

In what was a battle for second place in the Metro League, the Tigers took their only lead at 4-2 on a hoop by Emma Evo with 6:02 left in the opening quarter. However, the Bronchos answered back with the final 13 points of the period. It started with a 10-foot jump shot by Kaitlyn Smith and ended with a layup by Smith as well. In between, Jackman scored seven points, helping pace the Bronchos to the lead.

From there, the Tigers were forced to play a game of catch-up which didn't end until there was 1:10 left in the contest. Sarah Cummings scored on a putback, tying the game at 42-all. However, Smith scored on a baseline layup and then hit two free throws in back-to-back possessions, earning the Bronchos the win. Fenton did have a chance to take the lead late. Cummings had a good look at a three-point shot that just missed. Seconds later, Smith hit the free throws to ice the victory.

In the first game between the two area rivals, the Bronchos fell behind by an 18-7 score after one quarter. This time, that wasn't an issue for Holly.

"Fenton is definitely our biggest rival and it's a good feeling to beat them," Smith said. "We knew it was going to be a



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Holly's Kaitlyn Smith (right) tries to get by Fenton's Chloe Foor in Holly's victory Friday.

tough game and it's always such a close game and a hard-fought battle. We lost the first game, but we had the motivation to be ready and to win this game.

"It's really important, coming out in the first period ready to play hard. We did that and that's all I can ask for from my teammates."

"I think we came into this game knowing we weren't going to lose to them," said Jackman, who scored a varsity career high of 16 points. "This could be the last time I play them because I am a senior, so there was a lot of motivation to come out and win the game."

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style relay events.

In the individual events, Fenton coach Brad Jones spread the first-place wealth among his swimmers with seven different participants earning individual firsts. They were Andrew Gabler in the 200 freestyle (2:10.13), Jack Hall in the 200 individual medley (2:39.11), Joe Perrera in the 50 freestyle (26.04), Adam Kildow in diving (1:69.45), Per-

rera in the 100 freestyle (57.72), Banner in the 100 backstroke (1:05.16) and Noah Sizemore in the 100 breaststroke (1:13.97).

The Tigers swept the top three spots in the 100 backstroke, the 200 freestyle, the 200 individual medley, the 50 freestyle and the 100 freestyle.

The Bronchos took the top spot in two events. Zach Zerwick placed first in the 100 butterfly (1:08.75), while Ryan Prast took first in the 500 freestyle (6:42.74).

## PREP REPORT

### GYMNASTICS

► **Linden/Fenton/Lake Fenton gymnastics at Tecumseh Invitational**: The hometown first-year squad placed second in the eight-team event, posting a team score of 131.325.

Miranda Stephens placed fourth in the all-around, taking third on the bars and fifth on the vault. Jessica Richert was fifth in the all-around, placing fifth on the beam. Blake Hutchings was second on the vault and fourth on the beam.

Linden caps its home portion of its season on Thursday at 6 p.m. at Hyatt Elementary School at 6 p.m.

### COMPETITIVE CHEER

► **Holly, Linden at Grand Blanc Invitational**: The Bronchos placed fourth, while Linden finished fifth in Division 2 action. Holly's final team score of 677.54. The Bronchos started with a 208.9 in the opening round and followed it with a 184.04 in round two. Holly finished with a 284.5 in round three.

Linden finished with a 666.34 total score. The Eagles started with a 206.2 in round one and followed it with a 184.24 in round two. The Eagles capped the meet with a 275.9 in round three.

### ► Fenton at Lake Orion Invitational:

The Tigers placed 10th in their division, posting a total score of 633.66. Fenton opened with a 212.0 in round one and followed that with a 194.46 in round two. The Tigers finished with a 235.2 in round three.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

#### ► Linden freshmen 44, Flushing 40:

The Eagles were paced by Zane Arnold's 12 points, while Zach Horst netted nine and Blake Knox scored eight.

► **Linden freshmen 51, Clio 25**: The Eagles (9-2) trailed 16-13 after one quarter, but outscored the visiting Mustangs 38-9 the rest of the game, earning the easy win. Nine Eagles scored with Nick Koan leading the way with 12 points. Noah Diacomantonio and Owen Wagnitz had eight points each.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### ► Lake Fenton JV 32, Corunna 29:

Renee Shaw rebounded her own miss and scored on the putback, breaking a 29-all tie, earning Lake Fenton (6-1 in the GAC) the victory. Moments earlier, Megan Lynch hit a three-pointer with 1:21 remaining, helping spark the win as well. Sage Fuller led the Blue Devils with 11 points, while Lynch and Shaw had 10 points each.

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**BLIGHT ORDINANCE #207 - Replaces Ordinance #60**  
**Article V Sec. 14-371 to 14-374**

**New Blight Ordinance Language**  
**Section 14-371: Purpose**

- A. Protect, promote and provide for the health, safety, sanitation and general welfare of the citizens of Groveland Township
- B. It shall be the duty of every owner, possessor, occupant, tenant or user of any real or personal property to provide for the abatement, elimination or removal of any and all blight and / or blighted conditions

**Section 14-372: Standards of blight and blighted conditions**

- A. Structures, properties, uses and activities in violation of the following standards are defined as blight and/or blighted conditions.
  1. Front yards.
  2. Deteriorated vertical members.
  3. Motor vehicles.
  4. Junk, rubbish, garbage and refuse.
  5. Residential areas in nonresidential districts.
- B Where a provision of this section is found to be in conflict with the standards or provision of any zoning, building, safety or health ordinance or code of the Township existing on the effective date of this chapter.

**Section 14-373: Supervision and Enforcement**

- A. The Township Supervisor and Board designate therein that the Township Supervisor should be responsible for the administration, supervision, and implementation of the enforcement of this Section.

**Section 14-374: Violations**  
 A thru O Wording available at Groveland Township Office

**Proposed new Municipal Civil Infractions Ordinance Language**

**Sec. 2-151. Definitions.**

**Sec.2-152. Municipal Civil Infraction Action; Commencement.**

**Sec. 2-153. Municipal Civil Infraction Citations; Issuance and Service.**  
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**Sec. 2-154. Municipal civil Infraction Citations; Contents.**  
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**Sec. 2-155. Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau.**  
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**Sec. 2-156. Schedule of Civil Fines Established; Municipal Civil Fine schedule shall be posted at the Bureau.**

At a regular meeting of the Groveland Township Board held on October 14, 2014, the Codified Ordinance was approved an adopted by a vote of 5-0.  
 Copies of Blight Ordinance #207 in complete text are available for your inspection at the Groveland Township Office, 4695 Grange Hall Road, Holly, MI 48442 during regular business hours. Ordinance will be available on the website (www.groveland-township.net) with the next scheduled update – please contact the Township office.

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## Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriams

### Leola Charlotte Everly

1929-2015

Leola Charlotte Everly - age 85, of Holly/Fenton, passed on to Heaven this past Sunday morning, February 1, 2015. Charlotte was born February 11, 1929, in



Holly, MI to Charles H. and Mabel D. (Lovell) Jewell. She was preceded in death by her four brothers: George T. Pooley, Lelan C. Jewell (her twin), Duane E. Jewell and Marlin L. Jewell. In 1950 Charlotte married Lott "Skip" Everly (deceased 2008). She is survived by their three children: Caryn (Steve) El-lison, Sherlynn (Jim Clark) Everly, and Tom (Mary Humphries) Everly; six grandsons and ten great-grandchildren. Before retiring in 1985, Charlotte excelled at her career as a legal secretary in Pontiac and Bloomfield Hills. She especially cherished her time as secretary to Oakland County Circuit Court Judge James S. Thorburn. Charlotte was devoted to her faith and her church throughout her life. She served in the First Baptist Church of Holly in many ways, not the least of which was singing in the choir for 70 years! The family will receive guests Thursday evening, February 5, 2015 from 4-8 PM. The funeral service will be held at 11 AM on Friday, February 6, 2015 at Dryer Funeral Home, 101 First Street, Holly, MI 48442. Interment will immediately follow at Lakeside Cemetery, Holly. Memorial contributions can be made to First Baptist Church of Holly, 15030 N. Holly Road, Holly, MI 48442. **www.dryerfuneralhome-holly.com.**

### Goldie Jackson

1926-2015

Goldie Jackson - age 88, of Holly, died Friday January 30, 2015. Goldie was born in Little Birch, West Virginia to the late Henry Cleveland and Mary Faye Jackson. Goldie is survived by her sisters, Lucille Vest, Jessie Eagle; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by husband, Carlin Jackson; her sisters, Luella Facemire, Bonnie Facemire; and her brothers, Robert Jackson and Homer Jackson. Visitation will be at Dryer Funeral Home on Friday, February 6, 2015 from 12 noon until the start of the service at 1:30 PM. Special thanks to all who helped care for her at Caretel Inns of Linden and Genesys Hospital. She had so many new friends. **www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.**

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HOROSCOPES

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)**  
You need to be certain that all the right conditions are in place before you take that first step. It can't hurt to listen to good advice from those who have your best interests at heart.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)**  
Be careful not to get involved in other people's disputes unless you know the facts behind the disagreements. That's the best way to be assured of making wise and honest decisions.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)**  
You still need to be careful about how you're going to spend those energy reserves you finally got around to restoring. Best advice: Avoid overdoing it. Let things take their course.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)**  
Your aspect continues to favor travel -- alone or with that special person. So if you've been putting off making those getaway plans, it's still a good

time to get started on them.

**LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)**  
Those so-called golden opportunities that continue to dazzle the Lion still need to be carefully checked out. Be suspicious about anything that looks like the "perfect" prospect.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)**  
Changes at the workplace could make it more difficult to do things the way you prefer. But the wise Virgo who shows some flexibility could find it paying off in a big way.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)**  
You might want to check out the explanation you were given for a sudden shift in your duties. There's a possibility that you haven't been told all the facts that you deserve to know.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)**  
Having confidence in your abilities is important, especially when you could be facing a new challenge, whether it's in the workplace or in a

personal relationship. Good luck.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)**  
A new work-related opportunity might not be all that it seems. Before making any decisions, you might want to check with others who have had some experience in that area.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)**  
A situation involving someone close could benefit from your timely intervention. Avoid being judgmental. There'll be plenty of time later for those "little talks" you like to have.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)**  
Travel could be a surprise element in that new project. Be prepared for other previously undisclosed aspects that also might come to light as you proceed with the work.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)**  
Try to balance your work-related responsibilities with the time you're spending on your recently revived social life. An old friend might be planning to return after a long absence.

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