Police want to identify beef thief

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Fenton police are hoping that someone can identify the man shown in the photo at right.

Lt. Jason Slater of the Fenton Police Department said this man is suspected of stealing a whole beef tenderloin, priced at $111, from the VG’s grocery store on North LeRoy Street on Jan. 17.

The unknown man, in his 20s, walked into the store about noon. He went to the meat department, where he requested the tenderloin and paid for it with a $60,000 check. He then walked back through the store, put the tenderloin in a grocery bag, and walked out of the store.

See BEEF THIEF on 7

Will graduates be required to pass a citizenship test?

▸ Test your knowledge of U.S. civics questions

By Yvonne Stegall  
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Earlier this month Rep. Peter Lucido (R-Shelby Township) introduced a bill that would direct the State Board of Education to include passing a civics test in the requirements for high school graduation. The bill has been sent to a committee on education.

For students concerned about the implication of this bill, should it become a law, it wouldn’t begin until the 2016-17 school year, and it does come with all new coursework to make it possible for passing.

The bill states that instruction would begin no See TEST on 7

Summary

▸ What would happen if high school seniors are required to pass the civics portion of the naturalization test in order to graduate? This may or may not be the future in Michigan schools.

Fire in wood stove ignites, engulfs home

▸ Two-story home up for sale is destroyed in Argentine Township

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Argentine Twp. — Twelve fire departments responded to a house fire in the 15000 block of Locust Grove at noon on Monday.

Argentine Township and Linden City fire departments were initially called to respond to the structure fire. A wood stove in the basement of a two-story home caught fire.

See FIRE on 6

Polar Plunge raises over $71,000

▸ Costumed jumpers brave icy Lake Fenton to support Special Olympics

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See PLUNGE on 8

Cyberhacking is newest threat to personal security

▸ Security breaches can open your accounts to criminals from around the world

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Who invented the flu shot this year? Everyone that got the shot is sick. Should we get a refund or should future shots be free from the government for a healthy America?

Summary

▸ Google your Social Security Number, your phone number and your birth date. The government knows who’s hacking you.

“Again, our state legislators are acting in typical knee-jerk fashion to a solitary event. A soccer referee has died at the hand of a player and they think we need a law against assault ing a referee. Check the books, assault and murder are already illegal.”

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After-school program a hit with kids

OASIS offers free hangout for Linden Middle School students every Thursday

By Yvonne Stegall
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Every Thursday in Linden there is an after-school hangout available to middle school students. This program is offered by Linden Middle School (LMS) in conjunction with Hope Lutheran Church.

OASIS is a free after-school hangout program located in the lower level of Hope Lutheran Church. A bus is available to transport the students from the middle school to the church.

The program is every Thursday, after school lets out (2:45 p.m.) to 5 p.m.

The program has been running since the middle of January and sees about 20 students attend each week. It offers the kids some time to “hang out” with friends socializing, playing games, participating in gym activities, and more.

Kim Colmer, with Hope, said, “It’s turned into a great thing.” There are usually eight to 10 adult volunteers on hand and four to eight teen volunteers.

Colmer said the idea came after a child from Kid’s for Hope, a national mentoring program, moved on to a middle school that had this type of program. They decided it sounded like a good idea and worked it out with Linden Middle School Assistant Principal Michael Gagne.

Colmer said, “We’re really pleased. It’s about having a place for kids to go and have fun and socialize.”

They offer homework help if needed, snack bar items are available for purchase, and kids can play volleyball, basketball, ping-pong, and pool. They also have some home-made goods for free for kids who can’t afford to buy something from the snack bar. They are planning a free pizza day soon.

The program runs throughout the school year. For more information, contact Colmer or Amy Watts at (810) 735-4807 or hopeclm@gmail.com.

Get in some free fishing this weekend

No license needed Feb. 14 and 15

By Yvonne Stegall
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Looking for a unique way to celebrate Valentine’s Day this year? Take your loved one ice fishing this weekend for Michigan’s Free Fishing Weekend.

On Saturday, Feb. 14 and Sunday, Feb. 15, everyone in Michigan, whether you’re a resident or just visiting, can fish without a license. You still need to follow limits and all the other regulations, however. This information is readily available on the DNR website at Michigan.org.

Michigan has two free fishing weekend’s annually, one in winter and one in the summer.

Many Michigan lakes schedule events that coincide with Free Fishing Weekend, although you can just go out on your own to a lake with public access. If you don’t have a friend with lake access and want to get out with more people, Holly’s Seven Lakes State Park is having a Free Ice Fishing Derby at Seven Lakes State Park, on Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Holly event will offer loaner equipment and instruction to participants, and takes place at the Fisherman’s Cove Shelter at the park.

That is the only official DNR registered event in the Times area this year, but if you are interested in visiting other events in Michigan, they can be found at michigan.gov/freefishing. All events are subject to weather conditions.

According to the DNR website, “Michigan has celebrated the Winter Free Fishing Weekend annually since 1994. With more than 3,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline, tens of thousands of miles of rivers and streams, and 11,000 inland lakes, Michigan and fishing are a natural match.”

Ice fishing safety

• Ice conditions vary from lake to lake. Find a good local source — a bait shop or fishing guide — that is knowledgeable about ice conditions on the lake you want to fish on.

• Purchase a pair of ice picks or ice claws, which are available at most sporting goods stores.

• Tell a responsible adult where you are going and what time to expect you back.

• The DNR does not recommend taking a car or truck out onto the ice at any time.

• If you are walking out onto a frozen body of water with a group, avoid crossing ice in a single file.

• Never venture out alone without telling a responsible adult on shore your plans.

• Test ice thickness with an ice spud before you settle on a spot.

• If you are with a group, avoid standing together in a spot. Spread out.

• Wear a life jacket and bright colored clothing.

• Take a cell phone for emergency use.

• Look for large cracks or depressions in the ice and avoid those areas.

• Remember ice does not form with uniform thickness on any body of water. Underwater springs and currents can wear thin spots on the ice.

Source: Michigan.gov
Lobdell Lake Chili Cook Off draws 2,500

Annual event keeps growing; raises money for July 4 fireworks lake show

By Tim Jagielo

July 4 fireworks lake show

Lobdell Lake Chili Cook Off — For 12 hours, the Lobdell Lake Chili Cook Off transformed the area around Clairmont Drive into a winter festival, where beer, music, fun and chili are celebrated.

The PA system pounds dance and rock music across the crowded lake, and also makes announcements for illegally parked vehicles.

It’s probably hard to find a happier group of people, accumulated atop a frozen lake in the middle of the winter. But tri-county area people really know how to use their lakes. The cook off has been going on for 14 years, and seems to get bigger each year.

Chip Nowiki, one of the organizers took an educated guess, and counted roughly 2,000, to 2,500 visitors after piecing together images from an aerial drone. “It’s just crazy,” said Nowiki. Last year he guessed there were 1,000. It’s hard to guess, considering some visitors enter off the adjoining road, while others drive

See CHILI on 9

Truck breaks through ice

Totally submerged Chevy Silverado pulled from Lobdell Lake

By Sharon Stone

According to Argentine Township Police Chief Dan Allen, Bill Britton Jr., 57, of Argentine Township had been

out on Lobdell Lake on Saturday for the chili cook-off event. He reportedly lost his glasses and drove back out onto the lake Sunday to find them.

About 1 p.m., the Argentine Township police and fire departments responded to the lake when they heard that a vehicle had broken through the ice. Woody’s Towing responded quickly with manpower and

See ICE on 7

The quest to find his glasses ended with

a six-hour recovery operation, which was fortunately covered by insurance.

Visiters cast their votes for “People’s Choice” for the 2015 Lobdell Lake Chili Cook Off. There were more than 20 entrants into

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Can college kids take a joke?  

Chris Rock has stopped performing on college campuses, he said in a recent interview, because college audiences are getting “way too conservative.”  

‘Not like they’re voting Republican,’ he said in an interview with Frank Rich published in Vulture, ‘But in their social views and their willingness not to offend anybody.’  

Could Rock be right? I find the possibility disturbing, since I enjoy topical humor.  

Rock detects a new uptightness in today’s campus audiences. The youngsters are raised on a cult of, ‘We’re not going to keep score in the game because we don’t want anybody to lose.’  

For example, the issue came up when Rock was asked about a protest that tried to cancel HBO host Bill Maher’s December commencement speech at the University of California, Berkeley.  

More than 4,000 people signed an online petition to cancel to protest his views on Islam.  

I strongly disagree with Maher’s surnaming of an entire religion for the crimes of its radical fringes. But, I also disagree with those who think silencing him would be a sensible response.  

As Maher put it, ‘Whoever told you you only had to hear what didn’t upset you?’  

Chris Rock says he began to notice about eight years ago that comedy on campus ‘is not as much fun as it used to be.’  

Media interviews with other stand-up comics found some similar reactions, particularly on such sensitive topics as race. White people, men and Christians tend to be safer targets. But, as one comedian told the Christian Science Monitor, to talk about sensitive topics like minorities, ‘a comic has to earn it.’  

Public tolerance was tested past the breaking point when cellphone video of Michael Richards’ impromptu N-word tirade at a Los Angeles comedy club wound up on YouTube, ruining his career. But as Rock says, comedy is the one art form that is being created, polished and refined even as it is being performed. Great art often comes from very raw beginnings. We lose something valuable in our society if we forget how to take a joke.

FROM THE LEFT

Clarence Page
Nationally syndicated columnist

Hyphenated-nation

As if we aren’t already divided enough by race, class, gender, political party, economic status and sexual orientation, the federal government is reportedly thinking about creating a new category of Americans just in time for the next census.  

According to the Associated Press, The U.S. Census Bureau will test the new Middle East-North Africa classification for possible inclusion on the 2020 census if it gets positive feedback about the proposed change by (last) Sunday, when the public comment period ends.  

Americans of Arab descent have previously been classified as ‘white’ in the census, but carving out a special category for them will allow this group access to federal dollars and likely create another group to which politicians can pander for votes.  

The unofficial ‘motto’ of the United States has been E Pluribus Unum: out of many one. With the exception of World War II and more recently the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001, in modern times that unanimity has been fragmented by ‘groups’ competing for national attention, face time on TV, political influence and money. Our national motto today could easily be, ‘out of one, out of ten.’  

Hyphenating Americans dilutes our sense of what it means to be an American. Division does not serve the interests of the country, or the interests of a divided people. It only serves the interests of those promoting division. Promoting division along racial and class lines is driving us apart at a time when our enemies seek to destroy us.  

The Founders were concerned about divisions, beginning with political parties. John Adams said: ‘There is nothing which I dread so much as a division of the republic into two great parties, each arranged under its leader, and concerting measures in opposition to each other. This, in my humble apprehension, is to be dreaded as the greatest political evil under our Constitution.’  

They were talking about divided parties. Imagine what they would think now that our divisions have multiplied and America now resembles a family quarrel with no winners and much to lose.  

No good can come of this. None has.

FROM THE RIGHT

Cal Thomas
Nationally syndicated columnist

What was your most memorable Valentine’s Day?

“Every Valentine’s Day with my husband, he is very caring and loving.”  

— Kathy Izzo  
Tyrone Township

“I liked when I was 10 years old and we had those Valentine’s Day parties during school.”  

— Bill Litogot  
Fenton Township

“When my husband bought me a full-sized mirror for the back of my door.”  

— Yolanda Chapa  
Waterford

“Definitely the birth of my son.”  

— Paula Smith  
Flint

“When my husband got a room at Las Vegas and he got me chocolate covered strawberries.”  

— Kathy Ross  
Fenton

“When my husband and I went to Scottsdale, Arizona.”  

— Lara Africca  
Tyrone Township

Compiled by Alexi Rose, intern
Holly Township to offer community forums

Public events provide officials, residents opportunity to share ideas and knowledge

By Yvonne Stegall
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Starting this Thursday, Feb. 12, Holly Township will begin hosting a monthly community forum. This first meeting is scheduled to take place at the North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) facility on Grange Hall Road, and will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Mark Cornwell, a member of the Holly Township Planning Commission, said, “We are excited about the prospect of sharing new ideas and potential solutions for solving issues faced by our fellow citizens.”

The first forum will have a speaker, Robert Washer, to discuss the opportunities, savings, and environmental stewardship that can come with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified building practices. Cornwell said, “These concepts will hopefully become standard practice in years to come and fortunately we have some outstanding examples on which we can draw guidance.”

The idea behind the community forums is to have a sounding board in which residents and community members can learn and be part of what is happening in the area around them.

Cornwell said, “I often find it sad that we live in this great era of supposed communication, yet we seem so disconnected. This is another reason why the idea of the Community Forum seems important — to create an opportunity for civic engagement other than a sporting event.”

They are working on setting up programs for March and April. Cornwell added, “We will hopefully have some demonstration projects during the summer and then kick off a new Forum Series in the fall.”

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

THIRD DAY of the SPORTS headline is that Tiger Woods had back issues. He has some issues, but it’s not his back. When he’s doing badly on the green he suddenly hurts.

TO THE MAN who takes bundles of papers from the Lion’s Club trailer in Linden to burn in your wood burner, you are stealing from a worthy charity and teaching your son a poor lesson. Stop it. The police have been informed.

HOW CAN YOU call the Robin our state bird when it baits on us in the winter?

I GET A bang out of Hillary. She’s awfully good at telling stories. If you want a female Obama to run for president, you’d get it with her.

THE CITY NEEDS more parking? There is a perfect area for more parking right behind the police station. They could put in a four-story structure that would accommodate all the parking. They could make a lot of money from us and could put it into parking then make it back in parking fees.

DO ANY OF your readers know if Obama has a committee that tours the country looking for the most puffybutt liberals they can find and he appoints them to the highest rank possible?

ANYONE WHO’S SPENT any effort at all knows where the public safety money went in Tyrone Township, it’s for the sewer fund. They said it at the meetings if anyone would have bothered to go.

THE PREMISE that there were no measles because they had gone away is a lie. They were gone because we were vaccinated. They didn’t come back because of illegals. You need to get vaccinated.
FIRE
Continued from Front Page
which quickly spread to the flooring of the first floor.

Homeowner Fred Bibber and wife Linda escaped safely. “When I got to the bottom stair, and went around, I saw fire.” He said the smoke was too bad to grab anything. “It was quick. The ceiling caught on fire. Once it caught on fire it was ‘bingo,’ you know.”

For a few minutes, Bibber’s hunting rounds fired off on their own from the fire. Until the cracking salvo ended, firefighters kept their distance. “It really sounded off,” he said.

Assisting Argentine Township were 11 fire departments — Fenton City, Fenton Township, Hartland-Deerfield townships, Mundy Township, Burns Township, Gaines, Burton City, Grand Blanc, Swartz Creek, Linden City and Vernontownship.

Firefighters cleared the scene at 3:30 p.m. At 5:30 p.m., firefighters from Argentine Township and Linden returned to the home to extinguish a small fire that rekindled in the attic.

Photographer Tim Jagielo contributed to this report.

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Senate Bill 34, Revise concealed pistol license procedures
To eliminate county concealed pistol licensing boards, and transfer their duties to the State Police and county clerks. A similar bill passed by the previous legislature was vetoed by Gov. Rick Snyder due to some specific provisions which have been removed from this version, including one requiring a concealed pistol license to be issued to the target of a personal protection order who is otherwise eligible for a permit.

Passed 28 to 9 in the Senate
State Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☑ YES ☐ NO
State Sen. Mike Kowell (R-Dist. 15) ☑ YES ☐ NO
State Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) ☑ YES ☐ NO
State Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ☑ YES ☐ NO
State Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ☑ YES ☐ NO

Senate Bill 12: Allow pension double-dipping by some “retired” state employees
To allow a retired state employee to simultaneously collect pension benefits and a regular paycheck for work performed as an Attorney General consultant or expert witness.

Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate
State Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☑ YES ☐ NO
State Sen. Mike Kowell (R-Dist. 15) ☑ YES ☐ NO
State Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) ☑ YES ☐ NO
State Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ☑ YES ☐ NO
State Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ☑ YES ☐ NO

House Bill 4078: Spend $24.7 million for state land acquisitions and recreation projects
To appropriate $24.7 million from the state Natural Resources Trust Fund for various land acquisitions and recreation projects. State oil and gas well royalty money is earmarked to this fund.

Passed 103 to 7 in the House
State Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☑ YES ☐ NO
State Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☑ YES ☐ NO

Precedent and stare decisis
I believe that in reading the title of this column a logical question would be just where is he going with this?

Indeed, it is an excellent question and where I’m going is to do my level best to explain two legal concepts that everyone may not be fully familiar with — precedent and the doctrine of stare decisis.

As to ‘precedent’ it is a word that I’m sure everyone is generally familiar with. One dictionary definition tells us that it is an act or instance that may be used as an example for subsequent situations.

The law has a similar definition, which is ‘a decision by a court which is considered as furnishing an example of authority for an identical or similar case afterwords arising or a similar question of law.’

The term ‘stare decisis’ probably isn’t familiar not only because it is a Latin phrase and has an unfamiliar pronunciation (stair-ee-dee-sis) but also carries a unique meaning in the law.

Generally speaking under the legal doctrine of stare decisis courts are bound by strict rules and precedents which serve to define and point out their duty in every particular case that becomes before them.1

However stare decisis is not what has been termed an ‘inexorable command’ and our Michigan Supreme Court has explained that ultimately the concept is an attempt to balance two competing considerations: the need of the community for stability in legal rules and decisions and the need of the courts to correct past errors.

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Senate Bill 34, Revise concealed pistol license procedures
To eliminate county concealed pistol licensing boards, and transfer their duties to the State Police and county clerks. A similar bill passed by the previous legislature was vetoed by Gov. Rick Snyder due to some specific provisions which have been removed from this version, including one requiring a concealed pistol license to be issued to the target of a personal protection order who is otherwise eligible for a permit.

Passed 28 to 9 in the Senate
State Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☑ YES ☐ NO
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State Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) ☑ YES ☐ NO
State Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ☑ YES ☐ NO
State Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ☑ YES ☐ NO

Senate Bill 12: Allow pension double-dipping by some “retired” state employees
To allow a retired state employee to simultaneously collect pension benefits and a regular paycheck for work performed as an Attorney General consultant or expert witness.

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House Bill 4078: Spend $24.7 million for state land acquisitions and recreation projects
To appropriate $24.7 million from the state Natural Resources Trust Fund for various land acquisitions and recreation projects. State oil and gas well royalty money is earmarked to this fund.

Passed 103 to 7 in the House
State Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☑ YES ☐ NO
State Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☑ YES ☐ NO

Precedent and stare decisis
I believe that in reading the title of this column a logical question would be just where is he going with this?

Indeed, it is an excellent question and where I’m going is to do my level best to explain two legal concepts that everyone may not be fully familiar with — precedent and the doctrine of stare decisis.

As to ‘precedent’ it is a word that I’m sure everyone is generally familiar with. One dictionary definition tells us that it is an act or instance that may be used as an example for subsequent situations.

The law has a similar definition, which is ‘a decision by a court which is considered as furnishing an example of authority for an identical or similar case afterwords arising or a similar question of law.’

The term ‘stare decisis’ probably isn’t familiar not only because it is a Latin phrase and has an unfamiliar pronunciation (stair-ee-dee-sis) but also carries a unique meaning in the law.

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CYBERHACKING
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and together, any information leading to you has likely been stolen.
Is someone else using your information right now?
It happens hundreds of times each day, as criminals anywhere in the world attempt to access your personal information.
So, the goal is to stop money from your bank accounts, open credit card accounts in your name or file for tax refunds using imaginary information, but all in your name.
Recent news reports say that President Obama is seeking new laws to allow more coordination between private and public groups to fight cybercrime just as we now fight terrorism. Cyber security is becoming increasingly important in our everyday lives.
Here are three examples of cyber-hacking that have actually occurred to average people, according to National Public Radio:
Unknown persons, often from across the globe, gain access to your computer and lock your files so you can’t access them. You are directed to immediately pay them large sums of money, often $500, to get your files back. If you don’t pay, your files are destroyed.
Other criminals sit at a keyboard and open credit card accounts at major retailers using your data, but sending the actual credit cards to their own addresses. They can remove thousands of dollars of merchandise in a day or two — and you’ll fight for more than a year to get your record cleared and your credit rating improved.
Hackers use genealogy sites or other methods to file for federal tax refunds in the name of recently-deceased persons, making grieving families fight long battles to clear the name of their loved ones unnecessarily.
Local bank and credit union security officials agree that people need to practice “safe surfing” when on the Internet, and be sure their computer has anti-virus and anti-spyware installed.
“Fraud is pretty much a daily occurrence,” said Tara Lee, security officer for the State Bank, headquartered in Fenton. “We do everything we can to protect you. If they (criminals) can get inside your computer, they have access to everything.”
The State Bank advises people to use strong passwords with more than eight characters, upper and lower case with numbers and symbols. Also, monitor all your accounts for transactions, including credit cards, bank accounts and cell phone bills.
“It’s also very important to not click on a link or email,” said Lee. “It could be infected with a virus. Instead, go directly to the website.”

BEEF THIEF
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butcher cut up the tenderloin. Once the meat was packaged, the man placed it in a carrying shopping cart and allegedly walked out of the store without paying.
The man was wearing a tan jacket, a gray hooded Detroit Lions sweatshirt, blue jeans and black shoes.
Employees were unable to see where the man went after he walked out of the store.
If anyone recognizes this man, they are asked to call Fenton police at (810) 629-5311.

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equipment to pull out the submerged truck. The Dive Shop in Flint maintains the towing company’s dive equipment, which was used on Sunday.
Bill Wood of Woody’s Towing said he had two to three divers in the water and another five or six crew members on-site to retrieve the truck, which was about 500 feet from the boat launch. He said his crew had to cut a path through the ice with chain saws and use an airbag to drag the truck toward the launch site. “My guys were breaking through the ice as they walked,” he said.
In all, it took about six hours. The truck is considered totaled, however, because it is a truck, it has good salvage value, said Wood. He said the owner was fully insured and his truck was covered.

News briefs
Mutual aid agreement with Linden and Fenton Township
The Linden City Council agreed Monday night to have a mutual aid agreement with Fenton Township.
The council made this informed decision with the assistance of a letter from Linden Fire Chief Brian Will. Among the many positive things about the mutual aid agreement is a reduced overall cost when it comes to fighting structure fires. The city of Linden has not had many structure fires, but this agreement makes it a quicker process for them to be called in to help Fenton Township.

Linden resignation and reappointment to SLPR Board
The Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation Board will be seeing a new member now. Victor Lukasavitz has requested a resignation from the SLPR Board. The Linden City Council appointed Brad Dick, council member, as the replacement for Lukasavitz, through the end of his term.

What to do if you’re a victim of cyberhacking or identity theft:
Many banks offer fraud protection programs that monitor account transactions, but there are also many things you can do to protect yourself:
► Monitor your financial statements and credit reports for suspicious activity that can lead to identity theft.
► If your credit cards are lost or stolen, notify your financial institutions to cancel and replace them.
► If your Social Security Number is out there, Consumer Reports suggests using a service to put a freeze on your credit reports at the big three credit bureaus — Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. This will prevent creditors from accessing your file if a criminal tries to open a new account in your name. Without access, creditors are likely to deny a credit application.
► If you’re not yet a victim of identity theft, you may have to pay $3 to $20, depending on where you live, to freeze your accounts in each bureau. When you apply for new credit, insurance or utility service, there might be similar fees to remove the freeze, according to Consumer Reports.
► But if you’re already a victim of identity theft, there is usually no charge. You generally must provide a police report to prove your claim, so you should file one right after your credit or debit card or wallet is stolen. Also contact the police if your computer, cell phone or other device has been lost or stolen, you receive notification that your personal data has been breached, or you discover unauthorized transactions in your bank or investment accounts.

TEST
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later than the eighth or ninth grade. The course would include the forms and functions of the federal, state, and local governments and would stress the rights and responsibilities of citizens.
Successful completion of this course would be required for graduation, and would include earning a passing score on a test that consists of questions identical to those on the civics portion of the naturalization test used by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.
Students will be able to take the test as many times as necessary in order to get a passing grade, 60 percent or higher.
This course, however, would not be a requirement for any high school students that have enlisted or been inducted into military service.
The naturalization test for U.S. citizens is an oral test, it is not multiple choice, and it is a random 10 questions chosen from a possible 100 questions. During an actual citizenship test, six of the 10 questions must be answered correctly in order to pass.
For the students, however, the focus would be on the 13 civics portion questions, at right.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE
1. Name one of the two longest rivers in the United States.
2. What ocean is on the West Coast of the United States?
3. What ocean is on the East Coast of the United States?
4. Name one U.S. territory.
5. Name one state that borders Canada.
6. Name one state that borders Mexico.
7. What is the capital of the United States?
8. Where is the Statue of Liberty?
9. Why does the flag have 13 stripes?
10. Why does the flag have 50 stars?
11. What is the name of the national anthem?
12. When do we celebrate Independence Day?
13. Name two national U.S. holidays.
Source: www.uscis.gov
Find answers to these questions with this story online at tctimes.com

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For the 2015 Polar Plunge, 268 took an icy leap for the Special Olympics.

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While eggplant isn’t for everyone, a one-cup serving meets 10 percent of daily fiber needs, 5 percent potassium, 3 percent vitamin C, 5 percent vitamin B-6, 1 percent iron and 2 percent magnesium.

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The power of red

► From calming to invigorating – color affects mood and more

By Yvonne Stegall
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Different colors have different effects on the mind and body of people. Some colors can make you calm and some can make you hungry. That is why certain advertisers use different colors in their ads to evoke emotion in people. That is also why designers focus a lot on color, whether they are designing clothes or home décor.

At this time of the year the site of the color red likely evokes feelings of love and thoughts of Valentine’s Day. However, red has much more meaning than just a symbol of love.

Ever heard of a power tie? Guys wear red ties to business meetings and interviews as a way to exude power and draw attention. Red is a great color for drawing attention. In fact, if you walk into a room full of people your eyes will probably be first drawn to those in red.

Red is not just a focus color, it is also an energetic color. Red speeds up the heart rate. That racing heart beat could also be one of the reasons why red is the color of love and romance.

Red is both a Valentine’s Day symbol and a Christmas symbol. They are both holidays about love and giving. However, it’s important to note that pink is the true color of love. Red means energy, passion, action, strength and excitement.

Knowing these facts about the color red, it makes sense that you shouldn’t over use this color, and definitely don’t use it in a baby’s room. Red is not the right color for the bedroom walls, unless you never want to relax and get some sleep.

When you want to stand out in a crowd, be the lady in red or the man in the red power tie. If you want to motivate people and get them moving and energetic, include red in advertising or office environments (but only as an accent).

The meaning of other colors

White is the color associated with purity, cleanliness and safety.

Black is the color of authority and power, stability and strength.

Gray is most associated with the practical, timeless, middle-of-the-road, solid things in life.

Blue is a calming color.

Green is the color of growth, nature, and money.

Yellow is associated with laughter, happiness and good times.

Orange is tied to fun times, happy and energetic days, warmth and organic products.

Purple is considered a royal color that is associated with wealth, prosperity, and rich sophistication.

Brown is most associated with reliability, stability, and friendship.

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Police & Fire report

SNOWBOARDS STOLEN
At 7 a.m. on Feb. 7, Fenton police responded to a home in the 16000 block of Maple Tree Lane to investigate the theft of two snowboards. The 47-year-old homeowner said her kids placed two Burton snowboards on the front porch at about 9:30 p.m. on Feb. 6 and when they returned to them on Feb. 7, they were missing. The snowboards have a combined value of $780.

NO HEADLIGHTS LEADS TO POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA ARREST
At 11:58 p.m. on Feb. 6, a Fenton police officer initiated a traffic stop at North Road at Leroy Street on a black Chevy Malibu for not having its headlights on. The officer made contact with the driver, a 19-year-old male from Fenton. A strong odor of marijuana came from the car when the officer spoke with the teen. There were two 16-year-old females from Fenton Township also in the car. The officer recovered marijuana from underneath the driver’s seat. The driver, who appeared to be under the influence of marijuana, was arrested. After he was sober, he was questioned. He has a March 23 court date for possession of marijuana. The two females were transported to the police station and released to their parents.

Varicose Vein Screenings

Wednesday, February 25

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Holly’s Steven Redmond (right) drives to the basket against Flint Metro League champions. He scored 11 of his 13 points in the first quarter.

**Holly’s Thornton headed to IUPUI**

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Linden’s Thornton has been playing soccer since he was 5.

And ever since his sister, Samantha Thornton, started the process of finding her collegiate home, he’s known he’s wanted to follow in her footsteps and play college soccer as well.

The Linden senior fulfilled his dream during signing day, signing to play Division 1 men’s soccer with Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis on Wednesday.

“I can’t explain it,” Thornton said. “I’m happy and excited to move on to the next chapter in my life. I’m excited to get down there and start playing.”

Thornton has been a mainstay of the Linden varsity boys soccer team for four seasons and has led the Eagles to back-to-back Metro League and Division 2 district titles. He earned the Tri-County Times’ 2014 Male Soccer Player of the Year honors last fall, scoring 14 goals and dishing off 17 assists while playing primarily in midfield.

However, he also spent some time, in critical games, on defense. Thornton is expected to be a center back with the Jaguars.

He also was looking at Calvin College, University of Detroit Mercy and Robert Morris University.

**Holly earns co-Metro title**

**Bronchos defeat Linden, winning outright crown on Friday**

By David Troppens
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**Linden** — Championship teams know how to close key games.

And the Holly Bronchos, led by senior star Jake Daniels, did just that on Friday night en route to a co-title.

Facing a pesky and determined Linden squad, the Bronchos led only 51-46 after a bucket by Tyler Hoeberling with just over six minutes left in the fourth quarter. However, Daniels scored 11 of his game-high 32 points in the final six minutes, leading the Bronchos to a 69-55 victory at Linden High School on Friday night.

The win also clinched the Holly Bronchos (11-0, 12-2) a share of the Metro League title. Holly can clinch the outright title with a win at home against Swartz Creek on Friday.

“It’s awesome, but that’s just one goal for the season,” Daniels said. “We have a lot more to fulfill. We have a lot more to achieve and we are going to do it.”

“It’s great to win back-to-back Flint Metro League titles,” said senior Isaac Casillas. “The Metro League is pretty good every year, so to win the Flint Metro League is good. I’m proud of us.”

It wasn’t easy for the Bronchos to earn the victory by any stretch, as the Eagles (0-10, 1-13) put together one of their best efforts of the season at home.

Linden jumped out to an 8-2 lead and never looked back, as the Bronchos defeated the Eagles 69-55 on Friday.

**BEN THORNTON**

Linden senior will be playing college soccer at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis in the fall.
Eagles post another big home upset

By David Troppens
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Linden — Never underestimate the power of Linden’s eight-player varsity girls basketball team.

And certainly don’t underestimate the Eagles’ limited roster while they are at home.

The Eagles showed why for a second time this season, earning their second upset victory at home against one of the Metro League powers on Friday night. Linden senior Taylor Smith drove through the middle of the lane, hit her layup, was fouled and converted her free throw, giving the Lady Eagles a 46-45 lead with 10.2 seconds left in overtime. Holly was unable to convert on any of its final three shots on its final possession, earning the Eagles the 46-45 overtime victory.

Smith was the Eagles’ star in the fourth quarter and in overtime, scoring 13 of her team-high 17 points during that span. She also hit a key 15-foot jump shot with 1:03 left in OT, tying the contest at 43-all at the time. Linden trailed 45-43 when she executed her conventional three-point play because Holly’s Kaitlyn Smith hit a baseline layup just seconds prior to Taylor Smith’s bucket.

“I was coming down and when I went back in the middle, I thought if I went with my right hand she (Holly defender Smith) would block it, so I went with my other hand,” Taylor Smith said about her final drive of the game. “At first I thought they were going to call a charge, so I thought, ‘Oh my God.’”

Smith quickly found out she was going to the line instead. It was the second time this year the Eagles beat a Metro power at home. Earlier this year, Linden defeated Fenton on its home court.

“I think (getting these wins) is a total confidence booster because at the beginning of the season we were thinking we had only eight girls and we didn’t think we could play at everyone’s level,” said Linden sophomore Sterling DeGayner, who scored 16 points. “This was the first time we were in overtime and I think we handled it well. I think we played up to their level.”

It was a close and low-scoring game throughout the contest. Both teams enjoyed six-point leads at different times of the game, but never more. The last six-point lead was earned by Linden when Smith hit two free throws with 2:50 left in regulation, making it a 39-33 Eagles’ lead. However, Holly responded with the final six points in regulation. The first three were provided by Kaitlyn Smith free throws and the final three came on a three-pointer by Paige Reid with 9.8 seconds left. Linden had a final chance to win it in regulation, but missed the shot.

Linden was paced by Smith’s 17 points, seven assists and six rebounds, while DeGayner had 16 points, four rebounds and two steals. Megan Kenney netted 12 points and had 11 rebounds.

“These guys have been working extremely hard,” Linden coach Ben Varner said. “I don’t know what we are going to do but I know they are going to play hard, and they do. They play extremely hard.”

Holly’s Kaitlyn Smith netted 19 points. She also had eight rebounds. Brooke Jackman had 17 points, six rebounds and two steals. Paige Reid added seven points.

Linden’s Taylor Smith (left) tries to Holly’s Paige Reid during the Eagles’ 46-45 overtime victory on Friday.

Tri-county area posts three individual Metro League wrestling champions

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The tri-county area captured three Metro League champions and 14 placers overall at the conference’s annual wrestling meet on Saturday.

The Linden Eagles, who placed fourth at the meet, ended up with two of the champions and eight of the overall placers. Linden’s Austin McNeill (215) and Luke Zimmerman (112), and Holly’s Trever Hatfield (130) were the league champions.

McNeill capped his senior season by defeating two opponents, including Holly’s Wyatt Lupro by decision in the championship match. Meanwhile, Zimmerman earned two victories, including a decision win against Chio’s Drew Hutchinson in the finals to earn his victory. State-ranked Hutchinson beat Zimmerman earlier this season.

“Luke wrestled outstanding and finally got sweet revenge,” Linden coach Todd Skinner said. “It was nice to see him battling and letting people see he’s one of the best in the state.

“Another great win was Austin’s. He was in the finals last year and it was nice to see him go out a champion in his senior year.”

The final champion was Holly’s Hatfield. He won three matches, including earning the title with a major decision against Brendon Ladd. Wyatt was Holly’s sole runner-up.

“Trever and Wyatt were outstanding,” Holly coach Don Pluta said. “It was

Linden’s Luke Zimmerman (right) was one of two Eagles to win Metro League individual titles on Saturday.

Trever’s second league title. He won it at 125 last year. Wyatt’s finish was his career best. He beat a Kearsley kid in the semifinals who pinned him earlier this year.”

Zimmerman had two wrestlers finish in second. They were Patrick Kerr (140) and Bryce Davis (145).

Fenton’s top performer was Scott Becker (181), finishing second. Connor Putman (130) placed fourth for Fenton as well.

Other top-four placers for Linden were Justin Cygnar (103), Cade Dickson (160) and Aaron Steedman (171) in third place; and Dawson Blank (135) in fourth.

Holly’s other placers were Will Greer (152) and Nick Michels (275) who both placed fourth.
Lady Tigers win another OT contest

**Fenton outscores Swartz Creek 8-0 in extra session**

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It’s a trend.

For the third time in four games the Fenton varsity girls basketball team was pushed to overtime.

For the third time in those contests, the Tigers dominated the extra session and won the game.

The Tigers outscored Swartz Creek 8-0 in the overtime session to capture a 54-46 victory at Swartz Creek High School on Friday.

The Tigers tied it with two converted free throws by Sarah Cummings. Swartz Creek had the last legitimate chance to break the 46-46 deadlock, but missed the shot. Madison Shegos rebounded the miss. The Tigers got a half-court shot off before the buzzer, but didn’t convert it.

In the OT, the Tigers dominated. One of the key shots was a Shegos hoop off a nice touch pass off the break from Chloe Flagg.

“That’s three overtime games in two weeks. The funny thing is I didn’t realize it until my assistant coach said it was our third in four games,” Fenton coach Becki Moore said.

“We’ve been talking about complete games and complete team efforts. We had one on Tuesday against Clio (an overtime victory) and tonight was another one. A lot of kids contributed. A lot of kids are holding each other accountable for what is going on. A lot of kids played well tonight.”

Offensively, no one played better than Cummings. Swartz Creek double-teamed Emma Evo most of the night, but that allowed Cummings to score a game-high 27 points. She also had 11 rebounds and three steals. Moore said at least six of Cummings’ points came on putbacks. Cummings alsoizzled at the line, making 11-11.

Evo finished with seven points, seven rebounds, two steals and two assists, while Carly Granger netted six points despite being sick all week.

Foor had three steals and helped play strong defense on top of the Tigers’ 1-3-1 zone defense. Moore also credited Aly Lenz with strong defense on top of the zone.

Fenton (8-3, 8-6) played non-league Lapeer on Tuesday. The Tigers host Metro foes Swartz Creek on Friday. Tip-off is at 6 p.m.

Beecher 78, Lake Fenton 43

Beecher outscored Lake Fenton 38-20 in the opening half, eventually earning the victory against the Blue Devils.

Autumn Beardsley led the Blue Devils with 10 points, while Sierra Arroyo and Kim Roe had seven points each.

The Blue Devils (2-7, 3-11) travel to New Lothrop on Thursday.

WHAT SHE REALLY WANTS...

**HOLLY**

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lead after a jump shot by Hoerberling with 4:06 left in the opening quarter. Holly led only once during the first eight minutes. That came on a three-pointer by Daniels with 42 seconds left in the quarter. Linden’s Kevin Hoerberling answered it with a putback hoop, putting the Eagles up 14-13 after one quarter.

Daniels missed his first four field goal attempts of the contest, but he responded by finishing the quarter with seven points. He also helped the Bronchos establish their first legitimate lead. Just seconds after teammate Ian Hodges hit a runner to put the Bronchos up 26-24, Josh Simms dashed a nice pass to Daniels for a fast break layup and a foul. Daniels made the free throw, completing the three-point play, giving Holly a 29-24 lead. Holly eventually went into the break with a 30-26 lead.

“I struggled at the beginning,” Daniels said. “But as a shooter you have to keep confident, and my teammates help me that way. They kept looking for me and I started hitting shots later on.”

The Eagles remained strong in the second half. Linden did fall behind by as many as 10 in the third, but a conventional three-point play by Johnny Campbell off a breaking layup, cut the Eagles’ gap to just 43-40 with 1:13 left in the third. Linden trailed just 45-40 after three quarters.

The Holly lead was just 51-45 with about six minutes left when a 12-5 Holly run ended the contest. Daniels hit a putback six-footer and that was followed by back-to-back treys by Adam Tooley and Daniels. The run ended with a nice Hodges assist on a Casillas hoop, putting Holly up 63-50. Daniels iced the game by netting 6 of 6 free throws during the final 1:14.

The Eagles will begin district play against Holly later this year. They can take some solace that they found out they can hang with the Bronchos.

“The first time we played Holly, it was very brutal for us,” Linden post player Kyle Korman said. “We were only five down going into the fourth today and we stayed with them until the end. That’s definitely a real booster since we are going to play them in a month at districts.”

Daniels netted 10 of 11 free throws to aid his 32-point performance. Casillas and Hodges finished with eight points, while Simms netted seven points and two assists. Holly hit on 23 of 46 shots, with seven of those field goals being three-pointers. Tyler Hoerberling had 13 points, while Campbell and Logan Steiert had 10 points each. Kevin Hodges had 11 assists, while Korman finished with 13 boards. Mike Gold had seven rebounds.

**WRESTLERS**

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Senior Tristen Nevadomski (160) won the other individual crown for Lake Fenton. He defeated New Lothrop’s Erik Birchmeier by a 7-1 decision in the finals. In earlier rounds he won matches by pinfall and tech fall.

Hunter Cocoran (119) and Jackson Nevadomski (125) made it to the finals, but had to settle for second place finishes.

Other placers for Lake Fenton were A.J. Geyer (121), Devan Melick (130) and Ryan Franks (171) who each finished in fourth.
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Notice is hereby given that the City of Fenton Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on Thursday, February 26, 2015 for the purpose of considering rezoning properties in the vicinity of the Silver Lake Road/Poplar Street intersection from B2, General Business District and IND, Industrial to B2D, General Business District/PUD, Planned Unit Development. The tax identification numbers for the properties are 53-26-553-021, 53-26-553-014, 53-26-553-020, 53-26-300-016, 53-26-552-040, 53-26-552-041, 53-26-552-021, 53-26-552-039, 53-26-555-001, 53-26-555-002, 53-26-555-001, 53-26-555-002. The purpose of the request is to encourage a unified commercial/R&D office development through the use of design guidelines, along with the associated flexibility provided by the PUD designation.

The public hearing will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers, 301 South Leroy Street. The purpose of the public hearing is to describe the proposed rezoning request and receive public comment on the proposal. All interested parties are welcome to attend and present their comments.

A copy of the rezoning request is available for public inspection at the City of Fenton offices, 301 South Leroy Street, during regular business hours. Written comments concerning the rezoning may be submitted at the above address prior to the hearing and will be made part of the official record. All minutes of meetings are available at the City Clerk’s office.

Comments and questions may be directed to the City of Fenton Zoning and Building Administrator, Michael Reilly, at 810-629-2261.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Natural Arian leadership qualities make you the person others will follow in tackling that important project. But don’t get so involved in the work that you neglect your personal life.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Aspects favor sorting through your possessions, both at work and at home, to start giving away what you don’t use, don’t need or don’t like. Relax later with someone special.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The issues are not quite as clear as they should be. That’s why you need to avoid getting involved in disputes between colleagues at work or between relatives or personal friends.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You’ll get lots of support from others if you own up to your mistake quickly and give a full and honest explanation. Learn from this experience so that you don’t repeat it.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) There might be some early confusion over a major move, whether it’s at work or at home. But once you get a full breakdown of what it entails, it should be easier to deal with. Good luck.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Creating order out of chaos, even in the most untidy spaces, should be no problem for organized Virgos. So go ahead and do it, and then accept praise from impressed colleagues.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Whether it’s for business purposes or just for leisure, a trip might be just what you need right now. You would benefit both from a change of scenery and from meeting new people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) While things generally go well this week, a romantic situation seems to have stalled. But you can restart it if you want to. Then again, maybe this is a chance to reassess the situation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A meeting that was promised quite a while back could finally happen. So be sure you’re prepared with everything you’ll need to make your case sound convincing and doable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) A workplace blunder could create a problem down the line unless you deal with it right now to see how and why it happened. Don’t be surprised at what you might learn.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) This is a good time to re-sort your priorities and see if adjustments are called for. Be honest with yourself as you decide what to keep, what to discard and what to change.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Letting yourself be bathed in the outpouring of love and support from those who care for you will help you get through a difficult period sooner rather than later. Good luck.

DVD RELEASES

NIGHTCRAWLER Nightcrawler is a pulse-pounding thriller set in the nocturnal underbelly of contemporary Los Angeles. Jake Gyllenhaal stars as Lou Bloom, a driven young man desperate for work who discovers the high-speed world of L.A. crime journalism. Finding a group of freelance camera crews who film crashes, fires, murder and other mayhem, Lou muscles into the cut-throat, dangerous realm of nightcrawling—where each police siren wail equals a possible windfall and victims are converted into dollars and cents. R, 1 hr. 57 min

ALEXANDER AND THE TERRIBLE, HORRIBLE, NO GOOD, VERY BAD DAY Disney’s Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day follows the exploits of 11-year-old Alexander (Ed Oxenbould) as he experiences the most terrible and horrible day of his young life—a day that begins with gum stuck in his hair, followed by one calamity after another. But when Alexander tells his upbeat family about the misadventures of his disastrous day, he finds little sympathy and begins to wonder if bad things only happen to him. He soon learns that he’s not alone. PG, 1 hr. 20 min

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