

Police want to identify beef thief

► **Suspect walks out of grocery store with \$111 beef tenderloin**

By Sharon Stone
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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
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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.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SCOTT SCHUPBACH

Nearly 270 people braved the icy water of Lake Fenton on Saturday to take part in the annual Polar Plunge, which raises money for Special Olympics. The event was hosted by the Fenton Moose Lodge.

Polar Plunge raises over \$71,000

► Costumed jumpers brave icy Lake Fenton to support Special Olympics

By Yvonne Stegall
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The goal for this year's polar plunge was to raise \$60,000, but the community came together for a great cause and at final count, more than \$71,000 was raised.

Event coordinator Pat Peters said, "It was awesome." She said the UAW alone brought in \$22,000 and have already set
See PLUNGE on 8

Summary

► Polar Plunge brings in more than \$71,000 for Special Olympics and organizer gets head shaved, just another weekend in Fenton.

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



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Fire departments from as far away as Burton responded to assist with battling the house fire in Argentine Township on Monday.

Cyberhacking is newest threat to personal security

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

By Sally Rummel
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Are you being cyberhacked?

One Fenton resident checked his Social Security Number on the Internet using Google, and found a person using his exact number from another Michigan town. If you Google your phone number and your birthday, separately
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Summary

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

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“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 assaulting a referee. Check the books, assault and murder are already illegal.”



“The Police Report the Times prints each week is very informative to residents with regard to crimes. It also makes us more appreciative of the police. I also have noticed the report grows longer as Fenton grows larger. The price of progress possibly?”



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COMMENT OF THE WEEK

“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?”

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 often have some home-baked goods 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 hopelclm@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.

“Ice fishing is great, especially for someone without a boat. It allows you freedom to get to where the fish are.”

Kevin Stegall, Local ice angler

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.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Visitors cast their votes for "People's Choice" for the 2015 Lobdell Lake Chili Cook Off. There were more than 20 entrants into the contest, but nearly 2,500 visitors walked, drove, or rode snowmobiles to the party on Saturday.

Truck breaks through ice

►Totally submerged
Chevy Silverado pulled
from Lobdell Lake

By Sharon Stone

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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



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The quest to find his glasses ended with a six-hour recovery operation, which was fortunately covered by insurance.

Lobdell Lake Chili Cook Off draws 2,500

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

By Tim Jagielo

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Argentine Twp. — 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.

Summary

►The 2015 Lobdell Lake Chili Cook Off attracted a record 2,000 visitors to the lake in Argentine Township. About \$3,200 was raised for summer fireworks.

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

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“(We) get a bunch of people together to just have fun.”

Chip Nowiki, Organizer.



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FROM THE LEFT



Clarence Page

Nationally syndicated
columnist**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 culture 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 smearing 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 safe 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.

I UNDERSTAND

PEOPLE fear change because they feel they will lose what they have now. Please try to understand when the change you fear denies others the opportunity to have what you have, you are taking a greater risk of lowering your standard of living.

GOVERNMENT FORCES EVERYONE

to have healthcare. What's next? How about making you have car insurance, wearing a seat belt, driving on the right side of road, obeying traffic signals, obeying laws etc.? What are they trying to do, make us civilized?

QUICK QUESTION TO the person suggesting free lunches should be removed, are you a pro-lifer?

PLAYERS SHOULD BE totally still with hand on their heart and eyes on the flag during the national anthem. It's distracting and disrespectful to swing your arms or start high-fiving other players before the anthem is over.

TOM BRADY FOR President. He and his team are totally committed to what this country needs. Deflation.

PARKING ON THE other side of the train tracks and one of the busiest roads in town — come on city of Fenton, what a joke. Let's do something right for once. I am sure the residents who live in the area are not happy about it either.

TO THE HOLLY varsity boys basketball coach: I understand not everyone on the team gets to play every game and that is fine. But do not humiliate boys when there are only 30 seconds left on

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the clock and put them out on the floor.

ISN'T IT INTERESTING how lying will get everyone, but politicians!

WHY DOES FENTON want to add retail buildings downtown when there are empty retail stores on Silver Parkway with ample parking? Why does the Times seem to ignore Silver Parkway?

IF THE TRI-COUNTY paper were to print the TV listing, I suspect I wouldn't be the only one to quit taking the other newspaper.

DO YOU THINK the spirit and imagination of Americans make them better equipped than federal government to define and solve our states' issues? Carefully listen to 2016 candidates' messages and check their believability. Choose candidates who support individual freedoms over more government intervention, local control over central control.

WHEN AMERICAN UNEMPLOYMENT is still higher than when Obama took office, he just authorized 5.5 million work permits for non-citizens, some here illegally. Plus, 9 Million foreigner workers already have work permits. How can this possibly help our middle-class workers get good paying jobs? Answer, it can't!

ONE THING WORRIES me more than how much damage Obama will do during the rest of his term — that he will try to remain in office after his term. The mainstream media would likely assist him.

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FROM THE RIGHT

Cal Thomas

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, many.'

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 political 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.

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What was your most memorable Valentine's Day?**streettalk**

"Every Valentine's Day with my husband, he is very caring and loving."

— Kathy Izzi
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 Affrica
Tyrone Township

American Legion to host public 'Benefit Center'

►Event to take place on Valentine's Day in Flint

The American Legion Department of Michigan will be hosting a Veteran Affairs Benefit Center Saturday, Feb. 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Gateway Center, 5353 Gateway Center, in Flint.

The event will take place during the department's annual Winter Meeting and the benefit center is open to the public. The center is open to all veterans, spouses, active-duty, or families who have questions about the benefits they have earned.

Accredited veteran service officers will be on hand to answer questions, file claims, and/or note concerns members of the community have about their VA care. Appointments will be on a first come, first served basis.

"Since the Phoenix VA scandal broke, veterans have had concerns and many questions about their benefits and filed claims," said Gary Easterling, the Michi-

gan Legion Veteran Services director, "We want to give veterans an opportunity to speak one on one with a veteran service officer; as we like to say 'Don't Face the VA Alone.'"

Veterans are encouraged to use an accredited veteran service officer to help file a claim with the Veterans Administration. Accredited service officers are trained to make sure the application is completed right and thoroughly to help the veteran receive all of the benefits he or she is entitled to.

The American Legion has been assisting veterans receive the benefits they have earned since 1920 in the State of Michigan. The Michigan American Legion Veteran Service office has an average of \$10 million a month in VA benefits awarded to Michigan Veterans.

The American Legion is the largest wartime era veteran service organization with more than 82,000 members in Michigan.

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 En-

ergy 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."

"I often find it sad that we live in this great era of supposed communication, yet we seem so disconnected."

Mark Cornwell
Holly Township
Planning Commission

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IT'S NICE TO read at least one world leader, the King of Jordan, is going to attack ISIS.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

THIS MORNING'S 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 bails 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'll 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 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 pussyfoot 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.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Argentine Township Supervisor Bob Cole chats with homeowner Fred Bibber (orange hat) as his home is consumed by the blaze on Monday.

FIRE

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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 crackling 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 Vernon Township.

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.

MICHIGAN VOTES

WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS VOTED ON RECENTLY

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released on Friday, Feb. 6.

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 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



Mark McCabe

67th District Court

Ask the judge

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 afterwards 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 (stairy des'isis) but also carries a unique meaning in the law.

Generally speaking under the legal doctrine of stare decisis, principles of law deliberately examined and decided by a court of competent jurisdiction should be followed unless there is a good reason not to. Alexander Hamilton in the Federalist Papers said that to 'avoid an arbitrary discretion in the courts, it is indispensable that courts should be bound by strict rules and precedents which serve to define and point out their duty in every particular case that becomes before them.'

However stare decisis is not what has been termed an 'inexorable command' and our Michigan Supreme Court has explained that ultimately stare decisis 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.

Put in simpler terms, the trial courts are required to follow a type of 'rule book' set by precedent and it is up to the appellate courts to change the rules when necessary. To use an NFL football example, when it is necessary, a rule such as 'completing the process' of making a catch can be reviewed and changed.

Our legal precedents are sometimes changed and it is important for those in the legal community to keep up with these changes.

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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. Their goal is to steal 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 combat cyber threats just as we now fight terrorism. Cyber security is becoming increasingly important in our everyday lives.

Here are three examples of cyberhacking 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 address. 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 in an 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 grey hooded Detroit Lions sweat-shirt, 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.



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 suggest you put a security 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 form 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. citizenship 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

ICE

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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 air-bag 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.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SCOTT SCHUPBACH

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

PLUNGE

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their goal to \$30,000 for next year.

As promised, because the goal was raised, or exceeded for that matter, Peters had her head shaved on stage before the awards ceremony. As far as how it feels to get your head shaved in front of a crowd, Peters said, "It's very different, but liberating at the same time."

She went on to say that without the com-

munity this event could not happen. It's community togetherness that makes it a success. "It's very heartwarming to see everyone out there supporting the Special Olympics," she said.

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Pat Peters
Fenton Polar Plunge coordinator

As groups and individuals, many of whom were wearing creative costumes, plunged into the icy waters in front of hundreds of cheering spectators, the Genesee County Sheriff's Department dive team was on hand if any medical emergencies arose.

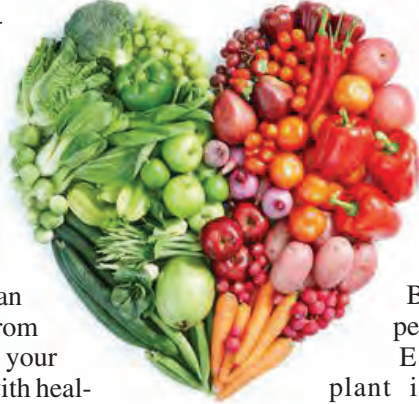
From A-Z... BENEFITS & CHARACTERISTICS OF FRUITS *and* VEGETABLES

D is for dragon fruit... **E** is for eggplant...

By Yvonne Stegall • ystegall@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792

Part four of an ongoing series

D and E aren't popular letters when it comes to fruits and vegetables, so they've been combined to give you a good taste of what these letters can bring to the table. From the simplest weed in your front yard to a berry with healing properties, here are this week's choices.



EGGPLANT

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.

Eggplant is a versatile vegetable. Use it to replace pizza crust, add it to stir-fry, have it grilled and added to a burger, or sauté them for a pasta dish.



DANDELION

You might just think of the dandelion as a nuisance weed in your front yard, but they really are a healthy snack that adds something interesting to each meal. Dandelions are rich in calcium and vitamin C. Their leaves are often used in garden green salad mixes. However, the leaves aren't the only popular part to eat. The flower is edible, too. Once upon a time, people fried up the flowers (tastes like chicken). Dandelion is also popular as a tea, using the roots and/or petals.



EDAMAME (green soybean)

Like meat, edamame is a complete source of protein, containing all the amino acids needed. It is also an excellent source of calcium and iron. Edamame can be used as a replacement in any recipe that calls for peas. It makes a great addition to soups, salads, stir-fry and casseroles.



DATE

Dates are rich in many vitamins, minerals and even fiber. They help with stomach issues, from constipation to diarrhea. Dates are great alone, chopped in a salad or stuffed with nuts and seeds. They can also be used in baking and they taste great in smoothies.



ENDIVE

Endive, also known as escarole, is a leafy green vegetable. It has a kind of bitter flavor to it, so it works best mixed with other greens. These leaves are rich in vitamins A, B and C. They also are a great source of numerous minerals, including potassium, copper, manganese and iron.



DRAGON FRUIT

Dragon fruit is extremely strange looking, inside and out, but they are packed with tons of good things. They have many antioxidants, a few healthy fats, vitamin C and fiber. The pink flesh of the dragon fruit is hard to digest, but the white pulp inside, full of little black seeds, is sweet and delicious on its own, or added to a salad.



ELDERBERRY

The elderberry is a wonderful antioxidant, which is why it is often one of the ingredients in natural cold-care items. The vitamins and minerals in these little berries help fight the flu, cholesterol, and they boost the immune system.

Many elderberry species are poisonous, and others are only edible when picked ripe and cooked.



HOT LINE CONTINUED

OBAMA THE SLAVE holder. Obama = slave master, American public = slaves.

SENATOR GRAHAM SAYS Obama is about to make the mistake of a lifetime. How can you tell? He's made so many.

TO THE PERSON who thinks I need a

better memory when it comes to the '60s protests for equal rights, I was talking about the marchers in D.C. As well, it was the police that were committing the violence in other places.

THE DEMOCRATS ARE never going to agree to a voter ID law since they are the ones benefiting from all the illegal voting.



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The power of red

Red means energy, passion, action, strength and excitement.

► 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 calmer 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

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.

Source: precisionintermedia.com

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).



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Snappers Bar owner Kirk Norman brings his friends to the cook off in style — a trailer-delivered leather couch pulled by a Jeep Wrangler.

CHILI

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jeeps, quads and snowmobiles from other parts of the lake.

While there were more visitors to the party, there were fewer entrants into the cook off. There were approximately 22 this year, whereas last year there were nearly 40.

The event, aside from being fun for all involved, also funds the annual July 4 fireworks on the lake. After all expenses were paid, the event made \$3,200. There were four business sponsors, apparel sales and donations. This was the first year people came up to thank Nowiki for throwing a fun

event, and then handed him money for a donation.

Linden Little League even made \$1,100 for equipment from a raffle and selling hot chocolate.

There were three ways to win at the cook off. There was the popular vote, there was a winner for best chili according to an expert judge, and then the organizers chose the best-looking booth. All the winners received plaques.

First place for Judges Choice was Mike Dixon and John Wagner, who got a bigger plaque than second or third place.

Best Presentation went to John Akridge, with Lobdell Lake Bar.

People's Choice was Kurt Burnett.

Because you asked...

By Yvonne Stegall

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Q ■ What are those white crosses on North Holly Road?

A. In January, the Times received a Hot line asking about some white crosses on North Holly Road. "Could someone please explain why there are several white crosses lining both sides of North Holly Road near Lahring? Usually you'll see a wreath or cross to mark the scene of an accident, but I've never seen so many in one place."

The answer is that a ministry was begun in August 2010 to build, paint and distribute small white crosses as a testimony to God's love, called The Cross Ministry. The goal of the ministry is to supply crosses at no charge for people to put in their yards as a quiet yet powerful testament to their love of God. More information can be found at thecrossministry.webs.com.

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.

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TRIVIA HOCKEY

Q What was the length of Wayne Gretzky's longest NHL scoring streak?

A Gretzky scored at least one point in 51 straight games for the Edmonton Oilers. The streak ended on Jan. 28, 1984.

Linden's Thornton headed to IUPUI

By David Troppens

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Ben 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 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 De-
See THORNTON on 11



BEN THORNTON
Linden senior will be playing college soccer at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis in the fall.

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Sports

ONLINE EXCLUSIVES

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FRIDAY BOYS BASKETBALL BRIEFS Fenton 74, Swartz Creek 54

Fenton hit 13 three-pointers, leading the Tigers to the win.

The Tigers (8-3, 8-5) trailed 14-11 after one quarter, but averaged 20 points a period after that. A lot of the offense was provided by the treys. Alec Thomas hit four of the 13 in the second quarter by himself.

Beau LePage led the Tigers with 19 points, while Thomas had 16 points. Dillon Gardner had 10 points. Ten Tigers scored.

Beecher 81, Lake Fenton 70

The Blue Devils (8-5) led 25-11 after one quarter but the five-time GAC Red champion Beecher squad scored 70 points in the final three quarters to earn the victory.

Lake Fenton competed with Beecher more this year than in past years this season. In the opening contest between the two teams, the Blue Devils also had a strong start, leading 21-10 after the first quarter. They lost that game as well however, 79-57.

Lake Fenton was paced by Chris Bell's 17 points on Friday. Jalen Miller netted 13 points and Tyler Browning had 11 points.

Holly earns co-Metro title

► Bronchos defeat Linden, gunning for 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 Hoerberling 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



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | MARK BOLEN

Holly's Steven Redmond (right) drives to the basket against Linden's Johnny Campbell during the Bronchos' 69-55 win Friday.

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 Bron-

chos 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
See HOLLY on 12

LF wrestlers place third at GAC meet

By David Troppens

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Lake Fenton's young wrestling squad had a strong ending to the Genesee Area Conference season, placing third at the annual meet.

The Blue Devils had two champions.

Sophomore Trent Hillger (215) earned his second GAC crown of his career, defeating Montrose's Quinton Wilbur by a 4-0 decision in the finals. In his earlier tow matches, he pinned his foes in 44 seconds and 30 seconds, respectively.

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Lake Fenton's Tristan Nevadomski (right) tries to lift a recent foe. Nevadomski won an individual GAC title.

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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 10.7 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



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Linden's Taylor Smith (left) tries to shoot the ball while Holly's Paige Reid (right) defends her during the Eagles' 46-45 overtime victory on Friday.

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 work-

ing 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 13 points, six rebounds and two steals. Paige Reid added seven points.

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troit Mercy, Saginaw Valley State University, and Oakland University.

"I made my pick when I went on my visit," Thornton said. "I fell in love with the campus, the coach and the program. There are great people down there. They made me feel like family when I came down there. I liked the whole area."

Linden varsity boys coach Kevin Fiebertz thinks IUPUI is a great fit for Thornton.

"I don't know much about IUPUI other than they are a very solid Division 1 program, but Ben as a player brings a lot to the table," Fiebertz said. "It didn't matter where he went, he is going to fit in just fine. There are some kids that are skilled and a little soft physically and there are other kids that are tough but not skilled. But he can do both; he's skilled and tough."

IUPUI finished last season with a 5-8-3 overall record. Thornton will be on campus in June.

"I expect to start working out with the team right away," Thornton said. "They expect me to play center-back. We'll see how it goes. ... I'm just happy to be going to IUPUI."

Tri-county area posts three individual Metro League wrestling champions

By David Troppens

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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 Trevor 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 Clio'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 Brendan Ladd. Wyatt was Holly's sole runner-up.

"Trevor and Wyatt were outstanding," Holly coach Don Pluta said. "It was



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

Trevor'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 semi-finals who pinned him earlier this year."

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

Fenton's top performer was Scott Becker (189), 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.



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Miranda Stephens competes on the bar. She placed second in the event and and third in the all-around.

Co-op gymnastics squad takes first at season's last home competition

By David Troppens

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The Linden/Fenton/Lake Fenton co-op gymnastics team continues to impress in just the squad's first season ever.

The team also finished its home season with a nice bang.

The co-op set the squad's highest team score of the season with a 136.150, capturing a victory against Tecumseh and Cass City.

Blake Hutchings continued her fine season by placing second in the all-around. She won the bars and placed third on the vault and the floor. Meanwhile, Miranda Stephens captured third all-around and took the top spot on the floor. She also placed second on the bars.

Jessica Richert placed second on the beam and third on the bars, while Nichole Haberkamp placed third on the beam.

Lady Tigers win another OT contest

►Fenton outscores Swartz Creek 8-0 in extra session

By David Troppens

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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 outscores 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 Foor.

"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 ac-

countable 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 also sizzled at the line, making 11-for-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 outscores Lake Fenton



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SCOTT SCHUPBACH

Fenton's Katie Conroy (front) dribbles with the ball in a recent contest. The Fenton Tigers defeated Swartz Creek 54-46 in overtime on Friday.

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.

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lead after a jump shot by Hoeberling 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 Hoeberling 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 dished 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 Hoeberling had 13 points, while Campbell and Logan Steiert had 10 points each. Kevin Hoeberling 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 Corcoran (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 (112), Devan Melick (130) and Ryan Franks (171) who each finished in fourth.



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the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton with Rev. Fr. Dwight Ezop celebrant. Interment will follow at St. John Cemetery. Visitation will be held 10-11 AM Wednesday at the chapel of St. John the Evangelist. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Loose Senior Center in Linden. Mr. Festa was born March 8, 1928 in Avellino, Italy, the son of Vincenzo and Pasqualina (Devigilio) Festa. He resided in Fenton since 2005 coming from New Jersey. Mr. Festa was a retired barber in Italy and New Jersey. He was active in the Loose Senior Center and the Fenton Community Center Forget-Me-Nots. Mr. Festa was a number 1 card player and vegetable gardener. Surviving are: son, Vincenzo (Tawyna) Festa of Williamsburg, MI; two grandsons, Travis (Mandy) and Joseph (Meredith); granddaughter, Chastity (Elijah); four great-grandchildren, Penelope, Avery, Ellie and Vincenzo; companion of 19 years, Marilyn Wales; brother, Vincenzo (Mary) Festa of Plainfield, NJ; many nieces and nephews in the U.S. and in Italy. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Disney's Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day



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 be-

gins 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.

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

Your 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 include 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.

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