That premium or subsidy is treated kind of like worker's comp.

Michael VanGoethem

Obamacare may complicate your tax return

►Individual mandate may penalize some at tax time

By Tim Jagielo

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Because of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), one local accountant has

a client with a \$3,000 bill coming, and another with a \$700 refund.

Right now, tax preparers are in the thick of their first season dealing with the ACA, and taxpayers are in some cases being hit with heavy penalties. Health care and taxes will be linked together as long as the ACA is in place. This is because taxes are used to verify if you had enough insurance over the tax year, and to determine what you ended up **See TAX RETURN** on 6

Summary

For the first time, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) will be a tax issue for anyone who used the ACA for coverage and received a subsidy, or didn't have insurance, and will pay a penalty.



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Local family gifts \$5 million to Ferris State University

► Hagerman Foundation provides the largest donation in school's history

By Sally Rummel

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A multigenerational tie to a local university compelled the largest donation in the school's history, from the foundation of a well-known local resident, Phil Hagerman, Chairman and CEO of Diplomat Pharmacy in Flint.

The Hagerman family has been a household name at Ferris State University since 1951 when Dale Hagerman was the first in his family to graduate from FSU's College of Pharmacy.

Since 1951, the ties to FSU's College of Pharmacy in Flint continued with the graduation of Deborah (Hagerman) Ward in 1974, Phil Hagerman in 1975 and Phil's daughter, Jennifer, in 2003. "Through Dad's entire **See FERRIS STATE** on 5

Summary

The Hagerman family of Fenton Township is responsible for the largest single donation in the history of Ferris State University.

Annual winter games — 'It's a reason to get the gang together'





TRI-COUNTY TIMES I FILE PHOTO The manager for the short-lived Well Greens medical marijuana dispensary was arrested by Holly police in January of 2013.

Area drug use not on the rise

Most local arrests are for marijuana

By Tim Jagielo

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The most recent drug bust in Holly was for marijuana possession of less than an ounce.

Argentine's 11 drug arrests for 2015 so far are all marijuana.

See DRUGS on 8

Are you at increased risk for a house fire?

Fire safety in extreme cold

By Yvonne Stegall

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When it's extremely cold out, like it has been the last couple of weeks in our area, it raises more danger issues. This is not only because we may find ourselves using alternative heat sources

See FIRE on 7

Summary

During the winter, take care with space heaters, and keep dryer vents cleared of snow and ice. Always keep fire hydrants clear for fire departments.





LE Watching all the Hollywood male pansies sobbing



and hugging over their own 'achievements' is both sad and funny. They actually believe that

they are morally superior to all of us who live in the real world."

ff certainly get it that it's extremely cold. But do we re-



ally have to close all the schools? Let the kids watch from the house and board when the bus appears, no waiting

outside. We always take the easy way out anymore, instead of finding a solution."



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OF THE WEEK

Little The restaurant I miss the most? That's easy, Blackburns Submarine. I can still taste those wonderful steak and cheese submarines along with their delicious bean soup. Life was certainly better then.







TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SUBMITTED PHOTO

Local band Newsmaker performs at the Fenton Education Foundation's inaugural "Winter Blues Dinner" fundraiser. The event raised more than \$9,000 for Fenton schools.

'Winter Blues' raises \$9,000 for Fenton schools

We are so grateful

to the Foundation for

our school district and

we are thrilled to be a

part of this event. 77

co-founder of The Hagerman Foundation

Jocelyn Hagerman

the work they do in

Fundraiser brings community together with dinner, dancing, live music

The Fenton Education Foundation (FEF) held its inaugural Winter Blues Dinner and Fundraiser in February at the Coyote Preserve Golf Club. The fundraiser was created to raise additional dollars to help sustain grants that support students, teachers and programs in the Fenton Area Public Schools district. More than \$9,000 was raised that night.

The evening included live entertainment with local band Newsmaker, silent auction tables and a kick off for the 2015 FEF Monthly Giving Program. Joe Kryza, former FEF chairman, led the room in a donation drive, which gave partygo-

ers an opportunity to pledge a monthly recurring donation to the Foundation's general fund.

"Monthly giving is an important component to fundraising, because it

provides a consistent revenue stream and allows us to plan for future projects. We are thankful for every donor who signed up that night and hope to see more in the near future," Kryza said.

Winter Blues was a community effort with several area sponsors assisting in its success. The Hagerman Foundation, Shard Financial, Sharp Funeral Homes, Ghassan and Manal Saab Foundation, Boston's, Mega Coney Island, Coyote Preserve and Play Like Jackson Foundation all contributed to the fundraiser through sponsorships.

> Jocelyn Hagerman, co-founder of The Hagerman Foundation, said, "We are so grateful to the Foundation for the work they do in our school district and we are thrilled to be a part of this event."

> Several area businesses also contrib-

uted in-kind donations to help build the silent auction tables.

The Foundation's next fundraising event is The Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament, which will be held at the Fenton Hotel on Thursday, March 19.

For more information, go to www. FentonEducationFoundation.org.

The FEF exists for the purpose of supporting and fostering strong academic, athletic and art programs within our schools. It allows us as a community to privately enhance a public school system that makes our community and the Fenton Area Public Schools recognized amongst the top in the state.

- Fenton Education Foundation



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News & Features

Probiotics are the real happy foods

Lifts mood, regulate digestion, boosts immune system

By Yvonne Stegall

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People who eat healthy diets rich in vitamins and nutrients can attest to the fact that the better you eat the better you feel, in general.

Research has shown that probiotics help keep your digestive tract running smoothly and makes your gut happy. In addi-

66 The benefits of eating foods like these are that they are needed to restore and maintain our inner ecosystem."

-Marjie Andrejciw Marjie's Gluten-Free Pantry

tion, research is now finding that psychobiotics, which are a subset of probiotics, can help elevate your mood, making you happy and healthy.

Probiotics, and psychobiotics, are a type of bacteria found in certain foods that can pro-

duce and deliver important chemicals like serotonin to the brain. It's good bacteria. Not only do they aid digestion and boost the immune system, but now they are being proven to help with mental health issues, such as depression and anxiety.

So where can you find these probiotics?

One of the most popular sources of probiotics, is yogurt. For the top five yogurt brands for probiotics, see above. While yogurt is the most well known source for probiotics, it isn't all that is out there.

TOP FIVE YOGURTS FOR PROBIOTICS

Stonyfield yogurt is "certified organic," which means the manufacturer does not

dards of organic labeling. Stonyfield has an exclusive six live active culture blend

use any antibiotics, pesticides, herbicides or chemical means to procure their

product in accordance with U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) stan-

of probiotics. These are Streptococcus thermophilus, Lactobacillus bulgaricus,

Lactobacillus acidophilus, Bifidus, Lactobacillus casei and Lactobacillus.

Activia -

Activia contains a healthy variety of probiotics, including Lactobacillus bulgaricus, Streptococcus thermophilus and Bifidobacterium lactis — a specialized probiotic culture specific to digestion and regularity.



Stonyfield —

Chobani -

Greek yogurt is just as good as regular yogurt when it comes to probiotics. Chobani includes three strains of probiotics in all of its products.



Yoplait Original —

and Today's Dietitian

Yoplait Original contains clinically proven probiotic cultures, and they list Lactobacillus acidophilus as its primary organism. This is the most commonly used probiotic, according to the University Of Maryland Medical Center. It helps form substances that make your intestines "unfriendly" toward bad bacteria that might make you sick. Lactobacillus acidophilus may prevent diarrhea, improve lactose tolerance and treat inflammatory bowel disease.

and all natural.

Noosa -

Noosa yogurt is a thicker-style yogurt, which can be found plain or

paired with fresh fruit purées and honey in addition to a blend of pro-

biotics. In fact, it contains a blend

and L. Casei. It is also rBGH free

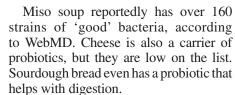
of five cultures, S. Thermophilus, L. Bulgaricus, L. Acidophilus, Bifidus,

probiotic bacteria.

ics. Kimchi is a Korean dish similar to sauerkraut, but spicier. Kefir is a bubbly fermented drink that has its own strains of

Many of these fermented options are also dairy free, so people who have removed dairy from their diets due to allergy or other health reasons can still get the benefits of probiotics. Other dairy-free options include Kombucha, cultured coconut water and probiotics in supplement form.

Marjie Andrejciw, owner of Marjie's Gluten-Free Pantry, said, "The benefits of eating foods like these are that they are needed to restore and maintain our inner ecosystem, also known as our 'gut ecology.' We depend on the billions of microorganisms that live in our digestive tract to keep us healthy and to provide us nutrients."



Fermented foods are very high in probiotics, since the fermentation process grows these "good" bacteria. Sauerkraut and kimchi are both rich in probiot-



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Making sense of news by making fun of it

'Did I die?' That's how 'The Daily Show's' host Jon Stewart opened his program on the evening after he announced that he was walking away from it after 16 years.

It's no simple matter for those of us who try to make sense out of the news to assess the impact of Stewart's departure on the news that provided him and his show with rich wellsprings of material.

As Stewart departs at the top of his game and NBC anchor Brian Williams at the bottom, 'fake news' never looked so good.

'Fake news' is Stewart's own selfdeprecating description of Comedy Central's 'The Daily Show.'

It is more accurately a talk-and-interview show that offers a smartly sarcastic comedic take on real news, newsmakers and news media, including itself.

The problem for TV news is that the medium of television is fundamentally geared to entertainment — 'Chewing gum for the eyes,' one radio-era humorist put it — and the news must always battle against the drive to overdo the show biz.

Stewart stepped around that quandary by coming at the news from the other side, as an entertainer with no obligation to be accurate, as long as he got laughs.

Yet, to his credit, he took his role as a political satirist seriously. He walked that thin line between news and entertainment and respected the intelligence of his audience — too much, some cynics might say — to be able to tell the difference.

By 2009, after Walter Cronkite died, a Time magazine poll asked who is America's 'most trusted newscaster,' an unofficial title that long belonged to Cronkite. Stewart received more votes than Brian Williams and the other regular network anchors.

Why is 'fake news' more 'trusted' than real news? 'Fake news' strikes us as more believable, simply because its cynical view seems so closely to match our own.

Still, I don't expect conventional news to disappear. News consumers still want fairness and balance. But we may be a lot less willing these days to believe fairness and balance when we hear it. OK TIMES, TIME to do a front-page article on the non-vaccinating. However, you may not find people who will talk, because the parents who research the chemicals they are told to inject into their children, instead of just listening to what they are told, are harassed and verbally abused.

IF MY FURNACE

breaks down, I call someone to get it fixed. I don't stay in the cold

house. I find someone to help me. That's what raising taxes does.

A MINNESOTA DEMOCRAT said that requiring registering to vote and having identification to prove who you are is 'racist.' Why? White people, oriental people, and Mexican Americans have to do the same thing. Why is it a racist issue?

WE ARE EXPECTED to believe that when it's cold, it's climate change and when it's hot, it's global warming. My childhood friend would flip a coin and play 'heads I win, tails you lose' with me. Predictably, I'd always lose. That trick doesn't work on me anymore.

ON PRESIDENTS DAY, I reflected on the accomplishments of our great presidents and how America benefited from their efforts. Also, I thought about how our current lack of leadership has caused America to lose the respect of allies and enemies and Americans to lose financial security.

THANK YOU TO officer Dave of the Fenton Police Department. You made my day Saturday when you helped me out with the problem I had. Bless you and your family.



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I'VE FOLLOWED
POLITICS since I was a
young man and I've voted in every presidential
election since the '50s.
I do believe Obama is
unbalanced. He may be
educated from Harvard,
but he doesn't have any
sense that I've seen yet.

I'M SORRY THAT you're sick and tired of hearing every problem getting blamed on Obama. The simple reality is that when it's a success, he

gets the credit and when it's a failure, he gets the blame.

CONGRESS APPROVES ALL funding in the Department of Homeland Security to protect American citizens, but no funding for Obama's amnesty order requiring the states to give illegal immigrants benefits, driver's licenses and work permits. Do you want to spend our state money on illegal immigrants over citizens of our state?

IN REGARDS TO the Pink Poodle
Restaurant, yes, we remember it.
Come down to the Fenton Museum on
Sundays from 1 to 4 and have a walk
through Fenton's history. You'll enjoy it.

THE SENATE DEMOCRATS are blocking a vote on the Department of Homeland Security Budget over funding for Obama's illlegal immigrant amnesty bill that a judge already overturned. Even if his ruling is appealed, the court process will be lengthy. Tell your Senators to pass the DHS budget bill already!

ANOTHER SCHOOL CLOSING due to cold weather. We have created a nation of pansies. We are softer than overripe fruit.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times



Fiddling while America burns

President Theodore Roosevelt said, 'Speak softly, and carry a big stick.' More than a century later, President Barack Obama speaks loudly (and incessantly) and carries a twig.

We have a president who is mismatched to the times in which we live. He is unserious when seriousness is required. The tyrants of the world have taken notice and rightly calculated they can pretty much do what they want without paying a heavy penalty.

Islamic fanatics, who are recruiting and growing in numbers by the day and claim to have a presence throughout Europe and inside the U.S., believe they have marching orders from Allah. They will not be deterred by 'infidels.' They see American resolve extending no further than dropping bombs.

It's worth recalling President Franklin Roosevelt's 'day of infamy' speech to Congress following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941 and contrasting it with President Obama's request to Congress and his overall reluctance to aggressively confront the terrorists.

Here's FDR: 'No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory. I believe that I interpret the will of the Congress and of the people when I assert that we will not only defend ourselves to the uttermost, but will make it very certain that this form of treachery shall never again endanger us. With confidence in our armed forces, we will gain the inevitable triumph — so help us God.'

That's what leadership sounds and looks like when it is backed by action. The president should stop talking and create a legitimate coalition charged with initiating air and ground assaults on ISIS targets. He should devise a strategy for closing our borders to Muslim extremists and for expelling those found already here. The president should do all he can to protect American lives. He should act. He should lead.

The president has said he was elected to 'end wars, not start them.' That would be a worthy goal if ending a war could be done unilaterally, but if one side is still fighting the war isn't over.

streettalk



Compiled by Alexei Rose, intern

What is your to-do list for this weekend?



"We had a basketball game, I had to do laundry, and then go to Bath and Body Works."

— Kyle Bokor Grand Blanc



"I had to make dinner, go to the gym, and do homework."



"I had to do some housework and then go to my office."



"We are currently installing our laminate flooring."



"We have a volleyball tournament and a birth-day party."



"I have an ice skating party at my brother-in-laws."

— Margaret Milton Fenton Township — Elizabeth Kelly Linden —Kristi Colton Mundy Township —Brian Francis Fenton Township —Mark Peterson Tyrone Township

What to do first on your to-do list?

44 Pick the most

important three

things you need

Brigitte Todd, Clutter TOSS

to accomplish

that day. 77

By Yvonne Stegall

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When it comes to to-do lists, some people just cringe (or maybe they don't even write a list). There are some of us out there who rely on lists for everything. I can't go to the grocery store without a list. I have a specific list, in my head, that I follow each morning just to get ready for work — a routine. I list things I want to do, things I need to do.

To-do lists can be daily, weekly, monthly and even yearly.

They might even include your bucket list. While writing a list of what needs to be done might be easy, the hard part is getting it done.

The first step in clearing off your to-do list is to figure out whether you want to start easy or start difficult. A recent article

in SELF magazine suggested tackling the tougher items first. Why? Because you start with more energy and you can get through the tough items early in the day when you are motivated. Doing the easy things first may just waste productive time that would have been better suited to the more difficult tasks.

Moreover, as you lose steam throughout the day you'll be happy you only

have the simple things to tackle yet on the list.

Brigitte Todd, owner of Clutter TOSS in Holly, said, "Pick the most important three things you need to accomplish that day. Focus on those first and if there is time add fourth and fifth items."

The second important step when it comes to to-do lists is to make sure you don't punish yourself if you don't complete your list in your allotted time. Sometimes things come up that take us

> away from our tasks, and sometimes a certain project will take much longer to do than originally expected. Don't fret. Just add your missed items to the top of your next to-do list.

Obviously, this doesn't count for work to-do lists if you have a deadline. You may need to put in some extra time if you fall

behind on a work list.

Forbes.com presents tips for tackling to-do lists, which included the statement that your to-do list will never be empty until the day you die, meaning, you will always have things you need to do. The best advice they give is to organize your list. Don't put something that is an errand on a list of what needs to be cleaned around the house.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

GOV. SNYDER, THE '63 Corvette Coupe, if you decide to fund, will be available for your usage. We can spend time together at car shows and cruises driving the roads funded by tolls. With your help, you can fulfill the promise that it is better to give than receive.

I AM A Lake Fenton resident. I don't worry about how much I recycle. I go and buy large clear plastic bags. This stops all the stuff from blowing out and also does not limit me on how much I put out weekly.

I HAVE A big concern about states' rights. What kind of a constitutional amendment would it take to make states' rights supersede federal? When federal makes a law, it's for every state in the U.S. I don't think

that's right.

I ABSOLUTELY LOVE the new librarian at the Linden Library. He is so friendly and helpful and he absolutely knows his books.

I CAN'T WAIT for one more person to make a comment about my dog being outside. She has unfettered access to the house. She likes it outside. She was born in the snow. She has a heated water dish. She can't stand it in the house. I don't know how she does it, but she can sleep in a snow bank. Leave my dog alone.

WINDCHILLS ARE ALL drama. You notice that's the first thing they mention anymore. We live in a culture of fear.





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FERRIS STATE

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time at Ferris, all his stories were exciting and positive, and it launched a career for him and set me, my older sister and my eldest daughter on that same path," said Hagerman, of Fenton Township.

These family ties to FSU prompted a \$5 million gift from Phil and Jocelyn Hagerman through the Hagerman Foundation to FSU's College of Pharmacy.

The Hagerman gift, announced Monday, represents the largest outright gift ever made to Ferris State University.

"This is a symbol of our commitment to education and our commitment to Ferris," said Hagerman. "We want to make sure that the pharmacy industry recognizes what an important part Ferris has been in my personal success, my family's success and in the growth of our company, Diplomat Pharmacy. For myself and Jocelyn, one of the most rewarding parts of the gift is to support youth. We believe in the pharmacy profession and we believe in students. One of the goals for us with the Hagerman Foundation is to support education."

In addition to the College of Pharmacy building being renamed the "Hagerman Pharmacy Building," this \$5 million gift will fund the Hagerman Family Endowed Scholarship in Pharmacy, the Hagerman Family Pharmacy Scholarship Fund and the Hagerman Endowed Chair for Medical Informatics.

"As Diplomat becomes more and more innovative and the pharmacy industry continues to move into areas of informatics and analytics, I think we've come to recognize that academia needs to stay on that cutting edge," said Hagerman.

"By making our contribution and partnering with Ferris, we can create that same kind of innovative pathway for Ferris that Diplomat has been on and in turn, one can fuel the other."



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SUBMITTED PHOTO Phil Hagerman, chairman and CEO of Diplomat Pharmacy, makes the announcement of the Hagerman Foundation's \$5 million gift to Ferris State University's College of Pharmacy, on Monday, Feb. 23.

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TAX RETURN

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making, to see if your subsidy was either too high or too low.

This won't apply to everyone, however. Those who dealt with the health care marketplace and received a subsidy will have the most complicated experience. If you didn't have health coverage, you will pay a fee if you don't qualify for an exemption.

Back to those penalties — if you didn't have insurance through 2014, you'll likely have to pay either \$95 for adults, or 1-percent of your annual income at tax-time. Uninsured children will draw a \$47 penalty for parents.

Donna Peters, CPA, is Client Services Manager for Penny Fausey and Associates. She outlined several scenarios where someone could ask to be exempt from the penalty for not having insurance.

For people who have had a threemonth lapse or less, they won't be penalized for the gap. Another exemption is for low-income residents. If they have no income and aren't required to file, they also can avoid the penalty.

Another way to avoid the penalty is if you went on the website, filled out an application and determined the coverage options were too expensive. If your monthly fee would be more than a percentage of your income, you may qualify for that exemption.

There are several hardship exemptions, including catastrophic family and home events that incur expense.

An official letter will be submitted along with your taxes if you qualify for

an exemption for the penalty.

One thing to remember is that the tax software tax preparers use, adds the penalty for health care as a default setting. If you get the penalty, make sure you ask why, in case it was a mistake.

Things get complicated if you had a subsidy through the year for your health care. Michael VanGoethem is an accountant with Joyce M. King, CPA, of Fenton. He said taxpayers may get either a refund or a tax bill, depending on how accurately they reported their income. He said it's like worker's compensation.

VanGoethem has one client with a \$3,000 bill coming, and another with a \$700 refund. Both accountants have only done a few ACA-related returns so far, but it's early in the season.

Peters foresees more issues with the ACA in the 2015 filing year. The penalty will rise to 2-percent of income, and increase with inflation after that, if you didn't apply and buy insurance before February 15. However, you should check on healthcare.gov to see if you can qualify for a special enrollment period.

There will also be independent verification of insurance coverage in 2015. When filing 2015 taxes, if you didn't actually have insurance, but reported that you did, "you will hear from the IRS," said Peters.

However, "for most people it's not a problem," said VanGoethem. Anyone with Medicaid, Medicare cannot get insurance through the marketplace. Neither can someone who is offered insurance through their job, or who can get insurance through COBRA.

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

$\overline{\mathbf{H}}$ is for huckleberry - \mathbf{J} is for jalapeno

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Part six of an ongoing series

While H has a few produce product product sworth mentioning, I and J don't have many. That is why they are combined for this week's venture into the world of fruits and vegetables.

Fruits and vegetables have numerous health benefits, and the goal of these articles is to share some of those benefits with our readers. This is not a comprehensive list, but it's a good place to start.

HUCKLEBERRY

Huckleberries have one of the highest amounts of antioxidants over other fruits.



This berry is high in iron and many other minerals. In fact, if you take a moment to look this little berry up online you will be amazed to see what it can do for your body and

your health. The best and easiest way to add huckleberry to your diet is in a smoothie.

HONEYDEW

Honeydew melons make a great re-



freshing treat on warm summer days and they contain 34 percent of the recommended daily value of vitamin C. They also contain soluble and insoluble fiber. Adding

honeydew to your diet is simple. Eat this sweet treat alone, add it to a fruit salad or even a vegetable salad, or have it as an extra ingredient in smoothies.

HEARTS OF PALM

Hearts of palm are cholesterol free, low



in fat, and they are a wonderful source of copper, potassium, zinc and iron. They can be purchased fresh or canned. You may be surprised to know that these actually come

from within the inner core of some palm trees. Enjoy hearts of palm in salads or add them as an exotic pizza topping.

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HORSERADISH

You may not know that horse-radishes are a super food. These hot vegetables might not be high on many people's lists of favorites, but they have a whole lot of health benefits. They have been used for centuries to fight the flu, respiratory disorders and even help-

ing combat tonsillitis. They also help with urinary tract infections and are believed to fight cancer.

If you don't want to eat them on their

own, they make a great addition to salads or use it in powdered form to add to soups.

ICEBERG LETTUCE

While iceberg lettuce is low in nutri-

ents and there are better leafy green options out there, don't stop purchasing that head of lettuce quite yet. Iceberg lettuce is a good source of vitamin K, which



supports blood and tissue. Add iceberg with other lettuce leaves to salads.

JALAPENO

Jalapeno peppers, and other peppers, contain capsaicin. Capsaicin is what

gives them their hot flavor. This alkaloid compound has been found to have anti-bacterial, anti-carcinogenic, analgesic, and antidiabetic properties. It may also reduce



levels of bad cholesterol. Jalapeno is easy to add into your diet, as long as you like stuff hot. Add to soups, salads, chili, on burgers and in any Spanish or Mexican dishes you make.

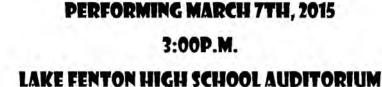
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Spiro Agnew and 'nolo contendere'

On January 20, 1969 Spiro T. Agnew became the 39th vice president of the United States. He was elected with our 37th president, Richard M. Nixon.

Mr. Agnew was the governor of Maryland at the time of his 1968 vice presidential nomination and had developed a reputation as a 'law and order' candidate. At the time he was not widely known.

This soon changed for a number of reasons including his being an outspoken critic of the news media and others using catch phrases such as 'nattering nabobs of negativism,' 'effete corps of impudent snobs' and 'hopeless, hysterical hypochondriacs of history' to describe them.

He also used some even more rather direct phrases to describe those he didn't care for which I won't repeat here but can certainly be categorized at the very least as less than positive.

In 1973, he became the target of an investigation by the United States Attorney's Office as to allegations of extortion, tax fraud, bribery and conspiracy during his terms in office as Baltimore County Executive, Governor of Maryland and Vice President.

Eventually this criminal investigation led to a plea agreement whereby Mr. Agnew was allowed to plead 'nolo contendere' in federal court to a tax charge with the further agreement that he would receive probation and resign as vice president.

The rest as they say is history, and the agreement was effectuated on October 10, 1973 in a much publicized plea and resignation. He became the second vice president in United States history to resign.

The term 'nolo contendere' is Latin and means 'I will not contest it.' It is also referred to as 'no contest.' Common reasons for a nolo contendere plea include issues of possible future civil liability as to a defendant's actions or a lack of memory. It has the same effect as a guilty plea for purposes of it being a conviction and for sentencing. In federal courts and in Michigan courts, it can only be used with the consent of the judge.

Mr. Agnew died in 1996. He was a very interesting man and there is a wealth of historical information about him on the internet.



FIRE

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in our homes, but also because the cold weather hinders the fire department, too, from snow-filled driveways to snowburied hydrants.

First, be sure to keep your driveway cleared to make it easy for emergency vehicles to access your home in the cold in case you do have an emergency. However, the real safety issues begin in your home.

Here is a list of tips from Robert Cairnduff, fire chief for the city of Fenton. When using a wood burner or fireplace, the chimney needs to be cleaned, and the frequency will depend on how much it is used. The more you use it, or burn wet wood, increases the frequency of it needing to be cleaned. A professional chimney

sweep can evaluate it and determine how often you may need yours cleaned.

When cleaning out the fireplace or wood burner and taking the ashes out, always make sure they are placed in a metal can outside of the home or garage and make sure to wet them down. Never place them in

a bag or plastic container and set them in the garage or up against the outside of the house. Cairnduff said, "The embers can burn for days and we have had many fires over the years from people thinking the ashes were completely out and putting them in the household garbage can."

When using space heaters, always keep at least a three-foot distance from any combustible materials. Never use

News briefs

Michigan DNR reports safe

For the first time since Michigan

started tracking hunting fatali-

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were ten incidents involving injuries

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base licenses sold in 2014, which

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tality rate per license .001 percent.

Linden firefighter recognized for

service. He was given a plaque with a message and a photo of Engine

12. Fire Chief Brian Will said, "We

continuation of his services." The

Linden City Council took a vote to officially name Engine 12 after Red. Red said, "I think I went through six

appreciate his dedication and

chiefs, and I was one of them.

On January 17 at the Linden Fire Department annual award dinner, Harold "Red" Skinner was awarded and recognized for 45 years of

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The fire that destroyed this home in Argentine Township on February 9 was caused by a wood burning stove in the basement.

them near curtains or drapes.

If your pipes freeze, you should use extreme caution when attempting to

thaw them out. The use of an open flame to thaw pipes is extremely hazardous and has resulted in many home fires, according to Cairnduff.

Make sure to keep your dryer vent clear of ice and snow. The blocking of the vent can cause the dryer to overheat and result in a fire.

Cairnduff said, "The number one safety devices in the home during the

Love thy neighbor, especially in the winter

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- Shovel their walk or driveway
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- Make a hot meal or two (or more) for them
- Call or visit before a storm to make sure they have food, water, blankets, etc.
- Offer to pick up prescriptions for them

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winter are functioning smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. These devices are true life savers and every home should have them.

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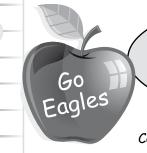
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When did the NHL's first post-World War II expansion take place?



The NHL expanded from six teams to 12 beginning with the 1967-68 season.

Seven Blue Devils headed to state finals

By David Troppens

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It was a pretty good day for the Lake Fenton wrestling team's Division 3 regional qualifiers at Mt. Morris High School.

The Blue Devils had seven of their eight wrestlers place at regionals, earning the seven a spot in the Division 3 state championship meet to be held at the Palace of Auburn Hills

starting on March 5.

"To qualify seven wrestlers in what many consider a rebuilding year is a credit to this young group's hard work and dedication to this program," Fenton Lake coach Vance Corcoran said. "I've been saying all year how they are a very hard work-

ing group of underclassmen, and that the sky is the limit for

this group of qualifiers. We feel that we have a chance to put many of them on the podium, also."

Only one of those placers took home a regional championship. Sophomore Trent Hillger (215) remained undefeated, earning easy wins in each of his three matches. He opened with a pinfall win in 1:39 against Detroit Edison's Joseph Andrews Jr. and followed that win with a victory against Corunna's Luke Cortez by technical fall. He earned an

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A.J. GEYER

Gever prepares to break out of a hold for an escape. He's one of seven Lake Fenton wrestlers headed to the state meet.



ONLINE EXCLUSIVES

▶ Read about weekend Metro League Griffins' hockey action at tctimes.com.

HOLLY/OXFORD BOYS SKI PLACES THIRD AT STATE

The Holly/Oxford coop boys ski team had an outstanding day at the MHSAA Division 1 state ski meet, placing fourth out of the nine teams at the event.

Holly/Oxford finished in fourth in the giant slalom and fourth in the slalom.

Lars Joergens-Kokate led the co-op squad, placing third overall in the giant slalom (57.49 seconds) and 17th in the slalom (1:13.02). Zac Felix was the team's top performer in the slalom, placing 15th (1:12.20). Meanwhile, Dillon Sink was 20th in the giant slalom (1:00.32) and 23rd in the slalom (1:14.80).

Other Holly/Oxford giant slalom performers were Luke Harrington in 37th (1:02.64) and Keigth Cotaling in 57th (1:26.79). The other performers in the slalom were Max ford in 33rd (1:18.59) and Tyler Kwapis in 54th (1:38.36).

Weinberg is a state champ

Fenton sophomore wins state slalom title

By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 To win a ski state champion-

ship, one needs to perform on the edge, risking catastrophe.

Fenton's Zoe Weinberg is well aware of that fact and is one that has no troubles taking those risks.

She did just that on Monday at the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 1 State Championship at Boyne Highland and was rewarded with the sophomore's first-ever individual state championship in the slalom. She did pretty good in the giant slalom as well, earning state runner-up honors.

"My fastest times come when I'm on the edge," Weinberg said. "But if you are not willing to take that risk, you will never be able to (win a state championship)."

Weinberg is the first Fenton individual ski champion at a state meet in either event. All-State performer Christina Ouellette came the closest, placing third in the giant slalom in 2004.

"I was really happy. It's definitely a bucket-list thing I wanted to get. It's overwhelming to win



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SUBMITTED PHOTO

Fenton sophomore Zoe Weinberg competes in a recent event. She won the MHSAA's Division 1 2015 state championship in the slalom on Monday.

it as a sophomore. It's definitely a happy moment in my life."

Weinberg's winter weekends are based around a lot of travelling up north and to other states to compete and train for ski competitions. She competed in another event during the weekend and didn't get to the state meet

"I woke up at 7:30, but I slept in the car," Weinberg said. "My parents brought all my bedding, so it was pretty easy (to sleep) on this trip."

If Weinberg was tired at all, no one could tell based on her times in the slalom. Weinberg posted the best run of the day in the sla-

Meet

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Eagles capture first Metro win

► Easily defeat Swartz Creek, 64-52

By David Troppens

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Linden — The Linden varsity boys basketball team has been close to winning Metro League games before this season.

They've been within a handful of points against the league's best teams before falling short late in the fourth quarter. There have been other times they lost contests in heartbreaking fashion in

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Linden's Kyle Korman (right) plays defense against Swartz Creek's Brett Pero.



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Linden's Megan Kenney (right) tries to grab a loose ball during the Eagles' 49-42 home victory against Swartz Creek on Friday.

Lady Eagles post another strong home victory vs. Swartz Creek

By David Troppens

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Linden — The Linden varsity girls basketball team chalked up another nice victory on its home court on a Friday night against a strong Metro League foe.

This time it was Swartz Creek who ended up being Linden's victim.

The Lady Eagles led most of the game. And when the Dragons did tie the contest up at 39-all, Linden dominated the rest of the way, earning a 49-42 home victory.

The win raised Linden's record to 6-7 in the Metro and to 8-10 overall. It also gives Linden a home victory against Fenton, Holly and Swartz Creek – three teams that are ahead of the Eagles in the Metro standings.

"This has been so much fun this year," Linden coach Ben Varner said. "They work hard all the time and we compete in every game, no matter if we are winning or losing. They never

give up."

Linden enjoyed a lead for most of the game, jumping to a 22-12 lead in the opening half on a Taylor Smith driving layup. The Dragons cut the lead down a bit, but still trailed 27-21 at halftime. Swartz Creek never got any closer than six in the third quarter. And when they did do that, at 29-23, Linden responded with a coast-to-coast breaking layup by Sterling De-Gayner and a Smith jumper, raising the gap back to 33-23. Linden enjoyed a 34-27 lead entering the fourth quarter.

Swartz Creek made a charge in the fourth, putting together a 9-2 run. It tied the contest at 36-all. The teams exchanged three-point possessions — DeGayner hit a three-pointer and Swartz Creek's Skylar Carlson scored three on a conventional layup and free throw three-point play — keeping it tied at 39-all.

That's when the Eagles took over

again. Smith hit a driving layup, and followed it with an assist on a Megan Kenney six-footer. Linden led 43-39 with 4:20 left. Perhaps the biggest bucket of the game came next when DeGayner hit a three-pointer from the top of the key, raising the gap back to 46-39 with 2:00 left. If that wasn't the clincher, then Smith's next jumper was. She almost lost the ball, retrieved it and then popped in a 12-foot jumper. Linden led 48-39 with 1:20 left.

"I'm yelling spread it and I see nobody on (DeGayner) so I know she's going to shoot it," Varner said about DeGayner's pivotal trey. "I just shut up and let her shoot it, and she makes it. ... Taylor did a nice job as well. I thought there were times she could've shot it more but she passed it. ... She played a great game, too."

Linden was led by Smith's 18 points, while DeGayner netted 15 points. Madison Maxheimer and Kenney had six points each.

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Tigers lose to Flushing in battle for second place, 65-45

By David Troppens

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In what was a battle for sole possession of second place in the Metro League, Flushing was able to control most of the game against the Fenton Tigers, resulting in a 65-45 loss for Fenton.

The Tigers (9-4, 10-7) were their own worst enemy in many respects. The Tigers made just 10-of-23 free throws and also shot just 31 percent from the field. The squad was outrebounded by 15 boards as well.

"We didn't do a lot of things well tonight and Flushing played an exceptionally solid game," Fenton coach Tim Olszewski said. "They were definitely more prepared and ready to play tonight. I as the coach did a horrible job having these guys ready for tonight's game. That's something I'll have to work on, and that's something we'll start working on tomorrow in practice."

Alec Thomas led the Tigers with nine points, while Ben Hajciar had eight points, five rebounds and three steals. Ross Ebert and Dillon Gardner had five points each. Ebert and Evan Welch had five rebounds.

Holly 64, Clio 42

The Holly varsity boys basketball team is within one Metro League victory of a perfect conference season.

The Bronchos improved to 13-0 in Metro play with an easy 64-42 road victory against Clio on Friday.

Holly (15-2 overall) led 16-6 after one quarter and blew the lead to 35-16 by halftime. The Mustangs never seriously threatened the lead in the second half.

The Bronchos were paced by Jake Daniels who netted 20 points. Josh Simms had 11 points and Ian Hodges and Adam Tooley had seven points each. Holly had nine different players score

Lake Fenton 77, Durand 51

The Blue Devils' offense scored 28 second-quarter points, helping the squad



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I MARK BOLEN Fenton's Evan Welch (left) tries to find a player to pass the ball to during a recent game. He had five rebounds in a loss to

establish a 42-25 halftime lead and earn the victory.

For good measure, the Blue Devils (7-4, 11-5) followed the second quarter by scoring 22 more points in the third period

Chris Bell led the Blue Devils with 24 points, while Jalen Miller had 14 points and 10 rebounds. Isaac Golson netted 10 points, while Andrew Foerster had nine points. Ten players scored for the Blue Devils. Spencer Foerster had four assists.

Girls Basketball Flushing 68, Fenton 29

The Raiders proved why they were undefeated by beating Fenton 68-29.

Flushing led 20-10 after one quarter and then blew the game open with a 24-2 second-quarter edge.

Sarah Cummings paced the Tigers (9-4, 9-9) were led by Sarah Cummings, who netted 13 points. However, no one

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injury default victory in the finals against Birch Run's George Lahar. Hillger is 54-0 this season.

"Trent looks great," Corcoran said.
"He's one of the most mature wrestlers that I've ever had the honor to coach. He takes one match at a time and looks forward to wrestling the best wrestlers out there. He has a great opportunity to be wrestling for a state title next Saturday night. I wouldn't bet against him."

Three other Blue Devils advanced to the finals, but had to settle for second place. They were Tristen Nevadomski (160), Jackson Nevadomski (130) and Devan Melick (125). Melick earned a pinfall victory and a major decision win in his first two matches before losing to Birch Run's Jerry Fenner by an 8-3 decision. Jackson Nevadomski earned a pinfall win and then a tight 1-0 decision win against Richmond's Graham Barton. In the finals, he lost by pinfall to Croswell-Lexington's Brandon Turner. Finally, older brother Tristen Nevadomski won his first two matches by pinfall. He lost to Richmond's Devin Skatzka by pinfall in the finals.

The other Lake Fenton wrestlers who placed and are going to the state meet are A.J. Geyer (103), third; Hunter



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I MARK BOLEN

Fenton's Scott Becker (top) wrestles Linden's Jaylin Steedman in a past dual meet. Becker is headed to the state tournament. He is Fenton's sole qualifier.

Corcoran (119), third; and Saben Spangler (125), fourth.

Division 2 wrestlers at Bay City Western Regional

The Linden Eagles had two wrestlers and the Fenton Tigers had one grappler place and qualify to compete at the Division 2 individual state wrestling meet in less than two weeks.

Linden's Austin McNeill (215) made it to the finals before dropping the title match to Gaylord's Shane Foster by a tight 9-6 score. Prior to that match, McNeill won a match by technical fall and by decision. McNeill's teammate Luke Zimmerman (112) also qualified by taking fourth.

"This is both of the their first trips to the state finals," Linden coach Todd Skinner said.

"We are very proud of their accomplishments."

Fenton's Scott Becker (189) earned a state bid by placing fourth.

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else scored more than six. Emma Brant and Emma Evo had that many.

Clio 55, Holly 24

The Bronchos struggled with their offense in the first half and the fourth quarter, resulting in the loss. Holly (8-5, 10-9) trailed 21-7 at the half and was also outscored 15-3 in the final period.

Paige Reid was the only Broncho to score double-digits, netting 13 points. Kaitlyn Smith scored nine points.

"They played a zone and it was difficult for us to move the ball against it," Holly coach David Hall said. "We turned the ball over way too many times. We had more turnovers than points. It's tough to play when you turn the ball over."

Durand 66, Lake Fenton 24

Lake Fenton was held to singledigits in each of the four quarters, resulting in the loss to Durand.

Autumn Beardsley led the Blue Devils (4-14) with seven points, four rebounds and three blocks. Sierra Arroyo netted six points and also had three rebounds. Kim Roe led Lake Fenton with nine rebounds.

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overtime.

But on Friday, the Eagles did something different. They found a way to win.

The Eagles captured their first Metro League victory of the season and only their second win overall by defeating the Swartz Creek Dragons convincingly in front of a nice Senior Night audience.

Kyle Korman hit a putback bucket with 2:08 left in the opening half, putting Linden (1-12, 2-16) up 22-20 and the Eagles never trailed again en route to a 64-52 victory.

"The first time we played them we were up by one at half, but we ended up losing to them by quite a bit. That didn't make us feel too good," Korman said. "Then, last night coach sent out a PR list showing us how we did and that got us worked up a little bit for playing them again and beating them. Tonight felt really good."

"It feels so good because we've been so close before and we just haven't been able to pull out the win," senior Kevin Hoeberling said. "Getting this win was nice because it was senior night."

Korman's putback hoop late in the second quarter sparked what ended up being an 8-0 run to end the half. Tyler Hoeberling followed Korman's putback with a three-pointer from the baseline. On Linden's next possession Kevin Hoeberling dished off one of his six assists to Korman for a layup.

Linden led 28-20 at the break.

The run ended up growing to become a 15-0 run early in the third quarter. Hoeberling started the second half by dishing an assist on brother Tyler Hoeberling's three-pointer. Logan Steiert followed with a driving layup and then Korman dished an assist on a Mike Gold layin. Suddenly, the Eagles led 35-20 with 6:13 left in the third quarter. From that point, the Dragons never seriously threatened Linden's dominance. The Eagles took a 43-30 lead into the fourth.

Any chance of a Creek run was doused when Linden scored buckets on each of their first two possessions of the fourth period. The first came on another Kevin Hoeberling assist on a Jake Zorn layup. Zorn followed that hoop with a three-pointer off a Johnny Campbell assist. Suddenly the Eagles were up 48-30 and only about six minutes away from earning their first home victory during their last home game of the season.

"Tonight we had great starts, especially in the second, third and fourth quarters," Linden coach Anthony Wright said. "We started the quarters with nice runs. In the fourth quarter we went up by 18 and that really set the tone for the rest of the game."

Nine players scored with Tyler Hoeberling netting 15 points. Jake Zorn had 12 points, while Korman finished with 10. Mike Gold and Campbell had eight points each. Kevin Hoeberling had just five points, but had six assists. Korman had four dishes himself.

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To the residents and property owners of Fenton Township, Genesee County, Michigan, the owners of land within the Latourette Drive Road Improvement Special Assessment District, and any other interested persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that that Supervisor and assessing officer of the township has reported to the Township Board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a revised special assessment roll prepared by her covering all properties within the Latourette Drive Road Improvement Special Assessment District benefited by the road improvement project. Said assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the final actual costs of the asphalt surfacing and resurfacing of Latourette Drive and work incidental thereto within the aforesaid assessment district as more particularly shown on the plans on file with the Township Clerk at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan within the township, which assessment is in the total amount of \$44,389.04.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the assessing officer has further reported that the assessment against each parcel of land within said district is such relative portion of the whole sum levied against all parcels of land in said district as the benefit to such parcels bears to the total benefit to all parcels of land in said district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan on Monday March 2, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing said revised special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. Said roll may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of said hearing and may further be examined at said hearing. Appearance and protest at the hearing held to confirm the special assessment roll is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal.

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lom on her first run, recording a time of 32.96 seconds, or 1.43 seconds better than the second-place performer in the field. In skiing, a one second lead is a large lead. On her second run, Weinberg had the best time as well, posting a time of 35.68 seconds, earning her a combined time of 1:08.64, beating the field by 2.38 seconds overall.

"My first run was really good," Weinberg said. "My second run I played it a little safe knowing I had quite a lead. I knew if I made it down, I'd maintain the lead."

In the giant slalom, Weinberg posted the second-best time on her first run in 31.62 seconds, trailing first-place Anna Geyer by .15 seconds. In the second run, she posted a time of 28.73 seconds, earning her a combined time of 1:00.35.

"I was very impressed with her ability to relax and have fun with so much at stake," Fenton/Linden ski coach Tim Hiscock said. "Zoe treated the whole race like it was another day of training. Her ability to reject the pressure of the day and just focus on her skiing was key to her success."

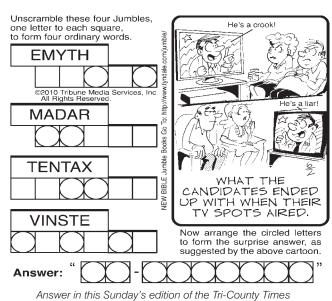
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The follow-up to the 2011 hit comedy "Horrible Bosses" reunites Jason Bateman, Charlie Day and Jason Sudeikis as



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BIG HERO 6

Big Hero 6 is an action-packed comedy-adventure about robotics prodigy Hiro Hamada, who learns to harness his genius-



thanks to his brilliant brother Tadashi and their like-minded friends: adrenaline junkie Go Go Tamago, neatnik Wasabi, chemistry whiz Honey Lemon

and fanboy Fred. When a devastating turn of events catapults them into the midst of a dangerous plot unfolding in the streets of San Fransokyo, Hiro turns to his closest companion-a robot named Baymax-and transforms the group into a band of hightech heroes determined to solve the mystery.

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There could be some negative reaction to your tough stance when making a recent decision. But overall, your efforts result in well-earned recognition and all that can follow from that.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
Your financial situation seems confusing, even for the fiscally savvy
Bovine. Maybe it's the conflicting
advice you're getting. Check it out
before things get too tangled to

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
A relaxed attitude goes a long way
in helping you deal with any of life's

irritants that might be popping up this week. You're also a reassuring role model for others in the same situation.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Your aspect favors creativity, which should persuade you to work on your artistic projects. If time is a problem, prioritize your commitments so that

our work isn't compromised.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Scrutinize all the job offers that interest you. Most are honest and worth considering. But a few might not be completely forthcoming about what the job is and what the salary and benefits are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
An unexpected snafu could delay the completion of a project you're eager to finish. Find out what's causing it, fix it, and if you need help, don't be shy about asking for it. Good luck.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
An idea that could be helpful to you comes from an unlikely source. Listen to it. Discuss it. If necessary, adjust it. If it looks as if it might work out quite well, go ahead and use it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Be careful about allowing someone
to share a very personal secret with
you. This could cause problems

down the line with others who are involved in that person's private life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
A cooling down of a relationship
could be the result of neglect, unintended or not. To save it from icing
over, you need to warm it up with a
large dose of hot Sagittarius passion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
This is a good time to get involved with a number of family matters that involve money and other issues that might jeopardize the closeness between and among family members.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Cheer up. That difficult person who appears to be deliberately stalling your project might just need to be reassured of the value she or he brings to it.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)
Expect to feel re-energized now that you've gone through that stressful energy-depleting period involving a lot of changes. Now, go out there and show them what you can do.

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NOTICE of 2015 BOARD OF REVIEW FOR THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY **OWNERS OF THE** TOWNSHIP OF HOLLY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Review of the Township of Holly will meet at the Holly Township Hall, 102 Civic Drive, Holly, Michigan as follows:

Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Organizational Meeting to receive 2015 Assessment Roll from Assessor [MCL 211.29(1)] Appointments will be taken for:

Monday, March 9, 2015 from 1:00 PM-4:30 PM and 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

Tuesday, March 12, 2015 from 1:00 PM-4:30 PM and 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

Friday, March 13, 2015 ONLY IF NECESSARY, from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM and 1:00 PM-5:00 PM OR 1:00 PM Board Signing Session Only

The 2013 tentative equalization ratio is 50% and the estimated multiplier is 1.0000 for all property classification.

Appointments before the Board of Review may be made for the dates listed above by calling Oakland County Equalization, toll free, 1-888-350-0900 Extension 85583 or 248-858-5583. Appeals may also be made in writing and must be received prior to the closing of the Board of Review. All written appeals should be addressed to:

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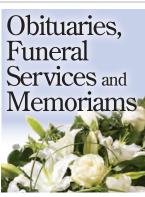
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Michael A. Schutz 1945-2015

Michael A. Schutz - age 69, of Fenton, died Sunday, February 22, 2015. He was born in Flint on April 5, 1945, the son of Anthony



and Catherine (Marcus) Schutz. He was the former owner of Precision Auto of

Linden, and was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Gaines. He was also a gunsmith, wood worker and a pilot. He was a master mechanic and could fix anything that had an engine. Surviving are 3 children, Toni Onks of NC, Amy Conley of Hartland, and Katherine Byerly of Fenton; step-mother, Lois Schutz of Holly; 2 sisters, Barbara Davidson of Perry and Mary Ann Burkhardt of Luna Pier; and brother, Anthony Schutz of Holly. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Margaret; father, Tony Schutz;, and brother, William Schutz. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon, Friday, February 27, 2015 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church of Fenton, with Father Jim Rolph, celebrant. A visitation will be from 11-12 noon at the church before the Mass. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

Mildred B. Roe 1923-2015 Mildred B. Roe - age 91, of Parshallville, died Friday, February 20, 2015.

Visitation will be held 10-12 PM and 2-7 PM Saturday, February 28, 2015 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel,

1000 Sil-

ver Lake

Road,

Fenton. Interment at a

later date at Parshallville Cemetery. Mildred was born December 8, 1923 in Osceola Township, the daughter of John and Mabel (Nagel) Biller. She married Rollin Jay Roe on October 30, 1942 in Hartland and he preceded her in death on September 14, 2007. She was a reporter for Livingston Co. Press for 19 years. Mildred was on the Senior Citizens Adviser Council for 8 years. She kept track of and wrote letters to Vietnam active service members for Hartland Community Life. She was on the Tyrone Township Zoning Board for many years. Mildred is survived by her children, Gary (Peggy) Roe of Odessa, TX, Gail Combs-Tanner (Greg) of Howell, Gordon Roe of Waterford; three grandchildren, Kristen, Karin and Eric; three greatgrandchildren, Jayde, Bryan and Chance. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Rollin Jay Roe; brother, Virgil Biller. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Smith, Clerk Winchester, Treasurer Freeman

Trustee Cornwell and Trustee Ruth.

Approved: Consent Agenda.

Postponed: Hazardous Waste Disposal. No Action: ET Rover Pipeline. Land Trust Application. Approved:

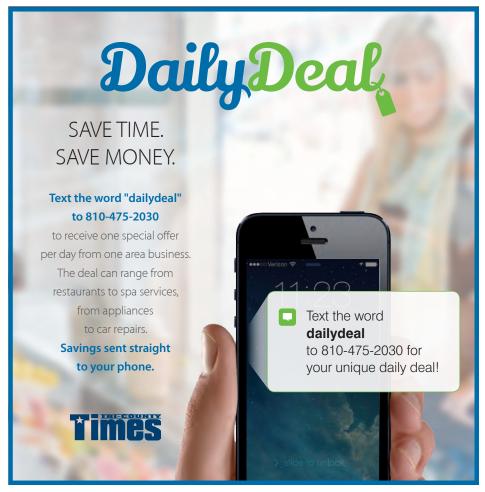
Postponed: 2015 Tri-Party Program. Approved: 2013 CDBG Reprogramming - Proposed Resolution 2015-05.

Recycling.

Approved: 2014-2015 Budget Amendments - Proposed Resolution 2015-06.

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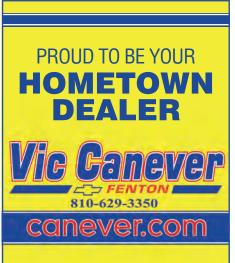
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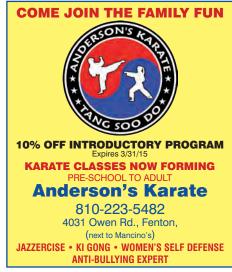






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DRUGS

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It might be good news that most arrests in Fenton, Linden, Holly and Argentine, tend to be for marijuana, either possessing or intending to sell, instead of heroin or cocaine.

Still, hard drugs crop up locally, and even overdoses. Holly Police Chief Michael Story reported three heroin overdoses between February 2013 and now. Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter reported four arrests for possession of heroin in the same period. "It's just a horrible, horrible drug," he said.

Sutter said that his department tries to work with family members of young offenders, and push for drug courts whenever possible. Fortunately, there doesn't seem to be an increase in drug use across the board.

Fenton experienced nearly 150 arrests for violating the Controlled Substances Act during 2013 and 2014, which can include most types of drug related crimes.

While there appeared to be an uptick in Fenton's drug arrests in 2012 and 2013, Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said that's most likely due to more police activity, rather than more abuse actually occurring.

Argentine Township Police Chief Dan Allen said, "We had 23 drug cases/ arrests in 2014. All but four were for marijuana cases." He said the other four involved prescription medications. In medical marijuana-related cases leading to arrests, he said the subjects were not following the law or proper procedures to be in compliance. Year to date, Argentine Police have 11 cases, all of which involve marijuana.

Abuse of prescription drugs is difficult for police to register — sometimes someone reporting drugs missing is just a ruse to get more prescription drugs.

The most recent Genesee Health System (GHS) data from 2012 reports that 5.45 percent of people 12 and older report non-medical use of prescription drugs. Michigan and Genesee County's "nonmedical use of pain relievers in this past year for those 12 years and older" are higher than the national use.

"Certainly at the national level, there has been an increase in prescription drug misuse," said Lisa Coleman of the CHS

Village of Holly Holly, MI Sun Communities Water Meter Pits JOB NO. 14C0182

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Sun Communities Water Meter Pits will be received by the Village of Holly, at the office of Karl Richter Center, 300 East Street, Holly, MI 48442, until 2:30 PM local time on March 11, 2015, at which time the Bids received will be publically opened and read. The Project consists of constructing water meter pits and associated valves.

Principal items of work include but are not limited to:

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Bids will be received for a single prime Contract.

The issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: ROWE Professional Services Company, located at 540 S. Saginaw Street, Suite 200, Flint, MI 48502. Prospective bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday during regular business hours and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Bidding Documents may also be examined at F.W. Dodge Corp.; Construction Association of Michigan; Reed Construction Data; Construction Data; the office of the Village of Holly, Karl Richter Center, 300 East Street, Holly, MI 48442, on Monday through Thursday during regular business hours.

Drawings, Specifications and other Contract documents for submitting a bid must be obtained upon application at the office of ROWE Professional Services Company, upon the payment of \$35.00 per set plus \$5.00 per set if mailed. Plans and specifications will not be mailed until payment is received. The non-refundable fee shall be by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover accepted) or in check form and shall be drawn payable to ROWE Professional Services Company. The Engineer's address is ROWE Professional Services Company, PO Box 3748, 540 S. Saginaw St., Ste 200, Flint, MI 48502 and the telephone number is (810) 341-7500. Bidding documents must be purchased from the Engineer. Bids submitted on forms obtained anywhere besides the office of ROWE Professional Services Company will not be accepted. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the issuing Office.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Village of Holly, hereinafter called the Owner, reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals and waive any formality or technicality in any Proposal in the interest of the Owner.

Owner: Village of Holly Date: February, 2015



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO

Mike Nixon (left) and Times Sports Editor David Troppens celebrate a team win following the obstacle course on Saturday.

Backyard olympics

►Winter Games keep 30 friends connected

By Tim Jagielo

tjaielo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795

Argentine Twp. — "Stud!" roars David Troppens after checking out the scoreboard. At the time he was headed for a silver medal in the sixth annual backyard Winter Olympics on Saturday.

The competitive Times Sports Editor didn't end up winning a second place medal, but he did win some aluminum — in the form of two crutches he used with a smile on Monday, after twisting his knee sometime during the games.

It might have been the over-the-top celebration following the tethered tag match, or maybe the "frooz ball" coffee can game.

This is another example of how tri-county people know how to use winter weather for fun. Almost 30 close friends and acquaintances descended upon the otherwise sleepy lakefront street, to play eight different games, including "Hill-billy horse shoes," and "Sled box totem pole relay."

There's also a fairly complex activity that divides the whole group into two teams, ties them all together, and makes them navigate an obstacle course. The course involves crossing a narrow beam, assembling a kiddy puzzle, weaving around precariously placed volleyballs, and one player pounding a 25-ounce Foster's beer.

The games are silly enough that your physical sports prowess doesn't actually matter. "It is the ultimate nullifying competition," said Troppens.

The only evidence that something was happening on the woods-flanked pond were the shouts and laughter muffled by the snow, and the vehicles lining the road.

The Dirty Tuesday Winter Olympics are kind of legendary around the Times office. A pile of cardboard boxes collects throughout the year in his office, because he knows he'll end up using them for the games.

The day-long event is actually pretty organized, with a committee forming in late January to decide on the events. The goal is to make them as cheap and as fun as possible.

While teams compete together, there are only four individual awards — gold, silver, bronze, and the "yellow snow" award for the competitor with the least points.

The whole event is good natured and fun, with snacks, beer and a campfire within



Individuals can win gold, silver, bronze, or win "yellow snow" for the least points.

reach. On Saturday, nature provided rare, ideal temperatures in the 20s.

The games are held on the property of John Gerometta, who spent up to 12 hours preparing nearly two acres of land with a snowblower for use.

The games grew out of a need to have an activity for the group of 25 or so friends to get together in the winter. They have their regular Tuesday volleyball group, "Miller Camp" in the summer and a Halloween Party, but a big lull in the winter. "It's a reason to get the gang together," Gerometta said. "We're blessed. It's a pretty cool thing. It keeps us all young and alive and connected with each other."

He especially likes the sled box totem pole relay, in which players sled down a hill and must exchange boxes with teammates standing off to the side, and then assemble a stack at the bottom.

The games are influenced by the TV show "Survivor," and even included a (new, unused) toilet seat catapult, that the winning toboggan team can fire off.

In the end, Troppens was the only "injury," and everyone had a great time.



The obstacle course was one of eight activities. Here, one team has to assemble a child's puzzle before moving on.