

Hagermans buy Fenton Bean Company

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The future of the old Fenton Bean Company building on North LeRoy Street in downtown Fenton has been in question for years.

Its future has now been

sealed with the purchase of the building by SkyPoint Ventures, LLC, a company owned by Phil and Jocelyn Hagerman that specializes in real estate and business investments. Phil Hagerman is the founder/

CEO of Diplomat Pharmacy in Flint. He and Jocelyn reside in Fenton Township.

"I'm not sure exactly what they are going to do with the
See BEAN COMPANY on 7A



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The Phil and Jocelyn Hagerman family of Fenton Township will be breathing new life into the Beanery, through their purchase of the building by their real estate and investment company, SkyPoint Ventures, LLC.



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The upcoming Streetscape project will replace most of the downtown streets, curbs, drains and sidewalks, and include new trees and benches, like this view of Dibbleville.

Much anticipated Streetscape project to start in April

► \$5 million project will transform downtown, to be completed in November

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After years of delays, things are on track to get the city's most ambitious project — Streetscape — started.

"I think we're happy to finally get the project started," said City Manager Lynn Markland. "It's been a long wait, but the

time to start the project has come and we're excited about it."

Markland said downtown will be more decorative, colorful and walkable. "They'll see it as an improvement." The project will touch most of downtown in some way, with new roads, sidewalks, trees and lighting.

Last Friday, city staff including management and Department of Public Works (DPW) had an important internal pre-construction meeting, with construction

See STREETScape on 8A

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Lynn Markland
Fenton city manager

Confused by the road-funding bill?

► Perplexing language could cause residents to make unintended vote

By Yvonne Stegall

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The grouping of bills for road funding is a confusing mess. That confusion isn't going unnoticed, however.

State Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township) said, in an email, "People are confused with the wording and how

“People are confused with the wording and how the money will be divided.”

Joe Graves
State representative
(R-District 51)

the money will be divided." Graves is planning to send out a mailer prior to the election to clarify the wording, not because he is in support of it though. He said he is sending it, "Only because I believe the voters should

make an informed decision."

Graves was in opposition of putting it on the ballot. "I thought we should have

See ROAD-FUNDING on 6A

Sea Life Aquarium: 5,000 creatures, 30 minutes away



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Two school groups, including one from Rose Pioneer of Holly Area Schools, explore the Sea Life Michigan Aquarium at Great Lakes Crossing on Monday. It is 20,000 square feet of coral reefs, shipwrecks and even a hands-on touch pool.

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“One can't help but notice that the Hollywood 'activists' rant against all sorts of American social 'crimes' but never utter one word about the atrocities committed by Islamic terrorists. Their self-righteousness is kept in check by their survival instincts.”



“The DDA is the best thing to happen to Fenton in 50 years. If you want to live in the old days, I suggest you move to Argentine or Cohoc-tah, where nothing ever changes. Progress and growth are what most residents desire.”



“Here's the tax formula. Never vote for additional or higher taxes on anyone, for any reason, at any time. The government is a greedy, wasteful and opportunistic predator that will not stop until you are taxed at 100 percent. It really is that simple.”



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COMMENT OF THE WEEK

“Want to say thanks to all the nice people in Fenton who clear their sidewalks and mailbox area so that school kids, paper carriers and mail men don't have to walk in the street. Thank you from the mom of two Times paperboys.”



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(Left) The fate of the seminary on High Street is still undecided. It's owned by Fenton City and has been condemned since the early '90s. (Right) Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation uses the old Fenton Train Depot, located next to the Fenton Fire Department.

Times area boasts 18 historical places

Michigan is a state full of history. In fact, if you take a moment to peruse the National Register of Historical Places, you will see that Michigan as a whole has more than 1,800 places on the list. Between Genesee, Livingston and Oakland counties, there are 159 historical places on the list.

On top of all of those listed places, both Holly and Linden are on the list of "Local Historical Districts," which have historical district ordinances through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority.

In all, according to the national listing, this area has 18 places on the registry. You can find them below.

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Benjamin Bangs House, located at 819 South LeRoy St., was added to the registry in 1982. It is a Greek Revival-style home and is currently a private residence. Significant years in the home's history were 1863 and 1866.

Church, Volney-Carlos B. Shotwell House, located at 812 South Adelaide St., was added in 1982. It is a Classical Revival, Queen Anne-style home and is currently a private residence. This home's period of significance was from 1850 through 1874.

National Register of Historical Places shows more than 1,800 in Michigan

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David B. Colwell House, located at 901 South LeRoy, was added to the registry in 1982. It's architecture style is Italianate. It, too, is a private residence.

Dibbleville-Fentonville Historic District was added in 1982 to the list. Its coverage is roughly bounded by Shiawassee Avenue, Riggs, Holly and George streets. It boasts mid-19th Century Revival, late 19th and 20th Century Revival styles.

The Fenton Railroad Depot, located at 207 Silver Lake Road, was added to the national registry in 1983.

The Fenton Seminary, located at 309 High St. was added in 1982. Although it is now crumbling, its architectural style is Second Empire.

Col. J. Hinckley House was added in 1982. It is a private residence located at 201 High St. Its architecture is Italianate.

H.N. Jennings House is located at 800 South East St. This Queen Anne-style home was added in 1982.

Edwin Trump House is located at 801 South East St. It is of the Late Gothic Revival style and was added to the list in 1982.

Vermont House and Fenton Grain Elevator are located at 302 and 234 North LeRoy St. and were added to the list in 1980.

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May I have a word with you?

Like most people, I see and read lots of words every day on computer screens, in newspapers, signs, menus, billboards, bumper stickers, commercial vehicles — pretty much everywhere you look you will see words.

Most of the words I see affect me in differing ways. Some, like ‘willowy,’ are pleasant and conjure up a vision of a graceful, long-legged colt. Some, like ‘bloated,’ are disgusting and remind me of painful episodes of ... um, intestinal distress.

Some, like burp, cuckoo, croak, hiccup, meow, ping-pong, zip and sizzle sound exactly like the event or activity they describe. Some, like ‘bimonthly,’ are ambiguous as to their meaning

(twice a month or every other month — hmmm).



Some words are virtually unknown, like sororal, which is the opposite of fraternal, or cloward, the term for a group of cats.

Other words are notable for odd reasons — such as words that exist only in plural form, like binoculars, forceps, gallows, pliers, scissors, tongs, etc.

Some words are unique, such as ‘dreamt,’ which is the only English word to end in

‘mt.’

There are a few words that I simply cannot tolerate, and so, avoid them whenever possible. A perfect example of a word that should be replaced because nearly everyone is disgusted by it

is ‘crotch.’ And the names of the parts that generally exist in each human’s... um, crotch is just as bad. That whole collection is titled oddly enough without labeling the aggregate as ‘crotch.’ I am proud to say that I have never uttered the word ‘crotch’ in public — not even in reference to a tree.

Another disgusting word is ‘bulbous.’ I don’t mind ‘bulb.’ I can tolerate the versatile and handy ‘ous.’ It’s only when you couple them that the result resembles the genetically-unfortunate child of two beautiful parents who each inexplicably provided their worst physical features and traits to their butt-ugly spawn.

But, I digress.

What could possibly be the purpose of silent letters in words — such as comb, tomb, receipt, debt, scissor and island. Who made the decision to populate the English language with these useless and illogical minefields of perception?

What is the purpose of spelling novel, level, and cancel differently than little, bottle or purple?

And what about syntactic ambiguity, such as ‘Police help dog bite victim.’

Even ‘word’ is weird. Shouldn’t it be pronounced like ‘lord,’ ‘cord’ or ‘ford,’ not like ‘turd?’

And who came up with philtrum (space between nose and upper lip), glabella (flat space above the nose, between the eyebrows) and tragus (the little bump in your ear, above the lobe).

If I were King, all body part names would be royally restricted to one syllable. If ‘brain’ and ‘heart’ can be one syllable, so can any other part.

A final word: Remember that the words you use, whether written or spoken, will have far more impact on your life, and the world, than anything else that you do.

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I WISH THE U.S. had a true leader like the one Israel has in Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

WHAT A WONDERFUL feeling to watch and listen to one of the world’s great leaders, and he didn’t once put his thumb and his forefinger together. Apparently, he didn’t graduate from Harvard. I am proud of Netanyahu.

THE SUPREME COURT can make all the rulings they want, but they have no authority to enforce those rulings.

OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM is almost a joke. One guy spent almost 27 years on death row. That’s justice?

I’VE BEEN SITTING here for an hour trying to get a hold of a real live human being at the Secretary of the State. Does anybody remember back in the day when you used to talk to a real live person?

OF COURSE MY dog can talk. She doesn’t speak English, but she can talk. She has unfettered access, she can come and go as she pleases. She gets treated better than you, I bet.

WAS YOUR DOG the black one by Torrey Road out on the ice of Lake Fenton the other day eating trash that irresponsible ice fishermen left behind? Hope it didn’t fall through the open ice holes!

WITH FOOD EATERIES having a hard time making it in Genesee County, let management know what you think about your meal, service and establishment to help them keep businesses running successfully.

FEDERAL FUNDING FOR our roads was cut during the ‘80s, federal tax cuts without attaching to federal spending cuts. Michigan is now paying for that mistake.

TYRONE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS, my property taxes up \$45 for fire/police could cost \$175. Snyder wants a sales tax increase of 1 percent, 50 percent additional tax on liquor, and probably will tax gas more. Engler already taxed us 2 percent

but the Republicans are against raising taxes. Really?

GO FOSTER CHILDS! How about: the letter ‘t’ in ‘often’ is silent; saying ‘kinda,’ ‘sorta’ in a sentence dilutes it. Up-speaking also makes a person sound uncertain. Why do so many of us say ‘you know?’ If they knew, why would we tell them?

TUESDAY AFTERNOON AND we are driving down LeRoy toward North Road and there is an elderly lady walking down the middle of the road with a cane. We stop at the light and notice people still are not shoveling their sidewalks. What’s up Fenton?

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

Readers write

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Craigslist dangers

Dear Editor,

It was comforting to learn that the Fenton Police Department offered its parking lot and lobby for safer Craigslist transactions. Two years ago, I purchased a small truck through Craigslist. We met the seller in a parking lot, at night, in Flint. Not only did I have \$1,200 in my purse, the seller did not bring the title, so we followed him home. It all went well, but it could easily have gone another way. My husband was with me, so I thought we were safe. That’s probably what the murdered Georgia couple thought when they went looking for a car via Craigslist. In the future, I will buy my vehicles at a local dealership. When it comes to selling personal items, I will pay for a classified ad in this newspaper. Craigslist ads may be free, but I would rather pay a few extra dollars than risk my life.

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Compiled by Yvonne Stegall, staff reporter

Is it important to have arts in the schools?

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“Yes, so children can express themselves in their own way.”

— Rebecca Howard
Linden



“Absolutely, kids are able to find their individuality and express emotions through art.”

— Jessica Payne
Linden



“Absolutely, everybody deserves an opportunity to learn to be creative.”

— Kay Swayze
Davisburg



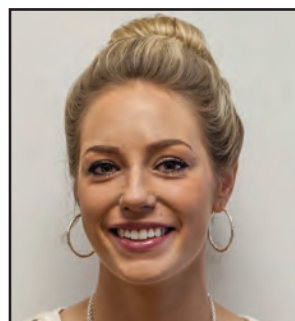
“Yes, it’s a great way for students to have an opportunity to express themselves.”

— Marjie Andrejciw
Fenton



“Yes, it gives the kids something creative to do.”

— Gloria Robertson
Fenton Township



“Definitely! It teaches patience and it’s good practice for the creative thought process.”

— Britni Snavely
Linden



Summary

The cold waters of the Great Lakes will impact spring and summer temperatures this year, according to ABC-12 Chief Meteorologist J.R. Kirtek.

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Travis Fletcher clears snow from 280 feet of sidewalk by his home near downtown Fenton on Wednesday. He's cleared the walkways several times this year.

'In like a lion, out like a lamb?'

►Spring temperatures may be below average because of the cold water of the Great Lakes

By Sally Rummel
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Michigan residents are counting the days to spring, which will arrive Friday, March 20. This date comes so close on the heels of a long winter that it might not be that noticeable, except on the calendar.

"It's a snowball effect," said ABCTV-12 Chief Meteorologist J.R. Kirtek. "Because of the cold temperatures of the (Great) lakes, my feeling is that temperatures will be at or below our average temperatures this spring."

Typical March, April and May temperatures are in the 40s, 50s, 60s and low 70s, respectively, according to historical data from accu-weather.com. A warm spell appears to be on the way for this coming week before the official start of spring, topping out at an expected 50 degrees and sunny on Tuesday.

These temperatures will seem warm after this winter, which held record cold temperatures in February. "It was the coldest February on record," said Kirtek. "December lulled us into complacency by being relatively mild. Then January temperatures were below average as much as December temps were above average."

Will April showers bring May flowers? Kirtek says that nothing tells him that precipitation is going to be anything "exceptional" this spring. "The long-range 90-day forecast from the National Weather Service says the outlook shows equal chances for above or below average temperatures and average precipitation," he said.

We can only hope that spring precipitation is in the form of rainfall and not snow. Last year, Flint received 1.3 inches of snow on April 14, giving us 83.9 inches of snow fall for the entire season, a full inch above the previous record set in 1974-75.

And if you think it can't snow in May, you'll be interested to know that Flint was snow-shocked with a full foot of the white stuff on May 9, 1923. A more recent shivering memory last year was the very cold temps and a wintry mix as late in the season as May 5.

For a less scientific prediction of upcoming weather, the 2015 Farmers Almanac predicts that April and May will be warmer than normal in the Great Lakes/Midwest area, with average precipitation. Summer will be hotter than normal with near-normal rainfall.

One thing is for sure: don't put away your boots or your mittens yet. Michigan weather is best known for being unpredictable and variable.

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J.R. Kirtek
Chief Meteorologist for ABCTV-12



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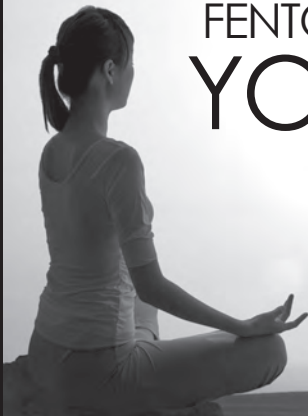
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It's time to sign up for kindergarten

►Linden Community Schools taking registrations, to host information meetings

By Sharon Stone

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Linden Community Schools is beginning preschool and kindergarten registration for the 2015-2016 school year. Parents and guardians are encouraged to pre-register at www.linden-schools.org.

Once on the website, click on "Enrollment Information," and then click on "Kindergarten Pre-Registration." At the end of the pre-registration form, parents may click on the "Student Enrollment Packet" link to download a registration packet. If preferred, packets will be available in all elementary schools on March 2.

Preschool registration will be held at Argentine Early Childhood Center, 8483 West Silver Lake Rd., on Tuesday, March 17 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Kindergarten information meetings will be held on Wednesday, March 18 from 6 to 7 p.m. at all three elementary schools (see addresses below). Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend the meeting to learn about Young Fives options, curriculum, daily kindergarten schedules, and much more.

Enrollment and registration questions may be addressed through Linden Community Schools Administration Office at (810) 591-0980.

Required childhood immunizations for Michigan school settings

School communicable disease rules are the minimum standard for preventing disease outbreaks in school settings.

Healthcare providers in Michigan should follow the 2013 Recommended Immunization Schedule, which can be found at www.cdc.gov/vaccines or www.michigan.gov/immunize.

Central Elementary
7199 W. Silver Lake Road
(810) 591-8410
Cheryl Thomas, principal

Hyatt Elementary
325 Stan Eaton Drive
(810) 591-8180
Vicki Makaravage, principal

Linden Elementary
400 South Bridge St.
(810) 591-9130
Robert Pouch, principal

Children need to be age 5 on or before Sept. 1, 2015. Linden schools is accepting registrations for their Young Fives program, if a child is 5 on or before Dec. 1, 2015.

ROAD-FUNDING Continued from Front Page

adopted the House proposal which the Senate refused to even take a vote on." He said that used existing funds and ramped up the spending, which started at \$500 million per year.

"I liked this proposal since it allocated most of the money to the locals and not to MDOT. I put more trust in our locals to establish the priorities more than I trust MDOT." He said through that system we could have monitored that process for a few years and then if needed we could look at what else is needed to fund the roads and bridges.

That doesn't matter now, because the ballot wording has been accepted. This is what it looks like:

A proposal to amend the state constitution to increase the sales/use tax from 6 percent to 7 percent. To replace and supplement reduced revenue to the School Aid Fund and local units of government caused by the elimination of the sales/use tax on gasoline and diesel fuel for vehicles operating on public roads, and to give effect to laws that provide additional money for roads and other transportation purposes by increasing the gas tax and registration fees.

Summary

►Road funding bill wording causes confusion because of all the sectors it claims to help.

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Eliminate sales/use taxes on gasoline/diesel fuel for vehicles on public roads.
- Increase portion of use tax dedicated to School Aid Fund (SAF).
- Expand use of SAF to community colleges and career/technical education, and prohibit use for four-year colleges/universities.
- Give effect to laws, including those that:

Increase sales/use tax to 7 percent, as authorized by constitutional amendment; Increase gasoline/diesel fuel tax and adjust annually for inflation, increase vehicle registration fees, and dedicate revenue for roads and other transportation purposes; Expand competitive bidding and warranties for road projects; Increase earned income tax credit.

Should this proposal be adopted?

The confusion is likely coming from the fact that this bill lumps so many other things together, not just the road funding. Aside from the money specifically for the roads and bridges, this proposal also works to raise \$300 million more annually for schools, \$95 million for local municipalities and \$260 million for Earned Income Tax Credit.

It eliminates the current 18.7 cents-per-gallon tax, which would begin after Oct. 1, 2015. Sixty percent of the first 5 percent of the sales tax and an amount equal to 12.3 percent of the first 5 percent of the use tax would go to the School Aid Fund. Fifteen percent of the first 5 percent of the sales tax would be shared with townships, cities and villages.

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Police&Fire report

THIRD OWI LEADS TO ARREST, MARIJUANA FOUND

On Feb. 19, at 1:46 a.m. Fenton police arrested a 50-year-old Linden man at a gas station at North LeRoy Street and South Long Lake Road. Police responded to a call of a driver who appeared to be highly intoxicated. During a traffic stop, the driver registered .17 percent blood alcohol content (BAC). Police also found marijuana on him. He was lodged at the Fenton police station until sober. Police are seeking a felony warrant because this was his third OWI offense. If convicted, he could face a \$5,000 fine and five years in prison.

FENTON MAN'S TABLET STOLEN

On Feb. 17, Fenton police responded to a larceny complaint in the 200 block of Trealout Drive. A 60-year-old man reported that his Samsung Galaxy tablet was stolen from his residence. He provided the name of a suspect who had been at his residence about the time the tablet was stolen. The man valued the tablet at \$160. The theft remains under investigation.

DON'T PARK IN THE WRONG PARKING SPACE

At 3:40 p.m. on Feb. 17, Fenton police

responded to an apartment complex in the 2700 block of Hogan Circle to investigate a malicious destruction of property complaint. The victim, a 17-year-old Flint male, reported that between the late night of Feb. 16 and early morning of Feb. 17, damage was done to his 2000 Chevy Blazer. The license plate was also stolen. The victim said he realized he parked in someone else's parking space. Police learned that the person who claims that parking space was mad that another vehicle was parked there. Damage included a broken antenna, broken passenger side mirror and stolen plate.

SUSPICIOUS MEN INVESTIGATED

On Feb. 18, just after noon, Fenton police responded to the 1200 block of North LeRoy Street to investigate a suspicious person complaint. Two individuals were seen in the parking lot in a yellow box truck. They appeared to be moving items from a business. Police learned that the owner of the business had requested that the men remove some cooking equipment. Although they were legitimately removing items, through their investigation, police learned that both men, a 54-year-old Mt. Morris man, and a 48-year-old Oscoda man, had outstanding arrest warrants. The 48-year-old was transported to district court for arraignment. The 54-year-old was released and the issuing agency was notified.

LAWSUIT

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unavailable for comment Friday, however, the complaint listed many reasons for the lawsuit, including the following:

- Shortly after beginning in her position, within the first two weeks of her employment, Plaintiff (Dombrowski) learned of various practices and actions within the Animal Control department, which were in violation of state and federal law.
- Plaintiff observed a Shitzu dog left in a cage in the Animal Control facility garage for several hours while the dog suffered in the cold environment and from pain. Allowing the dog to suffer unattended was inhumane treatment. The dog was later euthanized due to its condition.
- Plaintiff observed puppies of a mixed-breed dog, shortly after birth, in the Animal Control facility repeatedly falling down a drain hole in the garage floor of the facility shortly after their birth. Because the facility did not have a box or other receptacle to contain the puppies, they repeatedly fell down the drain.
- Plaintiff learned of a dog, which had been 'euthanized' by an ACO (animal control

officer) was alive and alert in the morgue cooler 24 hours later. Because the dog had not been properly euthanized according to state, federal and veterinary guidelines it was discovered alive and suffering in the cold in the cooler the next day.

These are just a few of the many claims listed on the complaint against GCAC.

Dombrowski, according to the complaint, was hired because of her many years of experience in animal control and welfare. She is also a certified animal control officer, certified in euthanasia by injection by the American Humane Association, and FEMA certified regarding animals in disaster.

Her numerous complaints were made during her employment at GCAC to Director Paul Wallace, according to the paperwork, but were dismissed. On Feb. 4, Dombrowski was terminated.

The Times will have more coverage of this case as information becomes available, and will be speaking with both sides this coming week.

GCAC Director Paul Wallace was not able to respond by press time for comment about the accusations against him.

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STREETSCAPE

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contractors, sub-contractors and the utility company. They discussed the construction timeline, including start date, construction phases, traffic concerns, safety and working with the local businesses.

The general contractor is Champagne and Marx, of Saginaw, which will work with several sub-contractors.

Funding for the project is in place, the administrative groundwork has been laid, and the project in the works for several years is finally on schedule to start as planned.

The project costs approximately \$4.7 million, with 40 percent coming from the federal and state grant sources. A \$2 million chunk is what delayed the project in 2012, and again in 2013. The city's \$3 million portion will come from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

Funding is now in place, ready to go.

General timeline

The project is divided roughly into two phases. Phase I will run until June or July, and comprises everything south of the Shiawassee River bridge in the downtown area.

Phase I includes the reinstallation of storm sewers and water mains, and then



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTOS
The city's Streetscape committee chose the new trash containers and benches that will be installed in downtown.

the sidewalks curbs and approaches of Shiawassee Avenue and Mill and LeRoy streets. Parts of the road will be removed to connect water mains to buildings.

Some road surfaces will be milled off and re-surfaced, while others will be completely replaced.

Phase II is for everything north of the bridge, and should be completed in November. Restoration work the contractor can't complete in the fall will likely occur in spring of 2016, along with some plantings.

The project is set to start as soon as the frost breaks in April. Equipment will begin to be staged this month, on vacant city properties, with materials along roadways near work areas.

Assistant City Manager Mike Burns said that the front of businesses will be open through most of construction. Temporary walks and approaches will be used when possible. He added that each business would endure their front entrance being completely closed for a brief time, while sidewalks are being constructed. This could hurt businesses, such as Sweet Variations, which doesn't have a rear entry for customers.

The city is working on signage with which to communicate with customers, about the businesses they'd like to visit.

Through construction, the Times will keep readers updated. The city also has a website — FentonMomentum.com to keep the updates on construction flowing.

Parking and traffic flow

During construction, traffic will be affected significantly. The biggest change is that LeRoy Street between Elizabeth and Ellen streets will be northbound only. Southbound traffic will take Adelaide Street, which will retain normal traffic directions.

During Phase II, LeRoy Street will be northbound only, from Ellen Street to Silver Lake Road.

Shiawassee Avenue at Adelaide will be eastbound only, headed to downtown. South Holly Road will maintain east and west traffic.

During construction, there will be no on-street parking in construction areas, though existing lots will be open. Mill

Street will become two-way temporarily.

Adelaide will serve as the main south-bound artery for regular traffic, while Fenway Drive will serve as the south-bound road for truck traffic.

There will be other closures on side streets, for which residents should check up on the website FentonMomentum.com for new information.

Streetscape overview

Streetscape is a \$4.7 million project, undertaken by the city, paid for by DDA, with additional federal and state grant dollars. It will essentially renovate and upgrade the streets, curbs, sidewalks, approaches and equipment like benches and trash receptacles.

Other cities have done similar projects, such as downtown Rochester. Streetscape is part of the city's Master Plan, which included projects like the Cornerstone building.

The project on LeRoy Street extends from Elizabeth Street to Second Street, with reconstruction on Shiawassee Avenue, Mill and Ellen streets, and some work on Caroline Street.

The total reconstruction work, which will be complete replacement of the road and include infrastructure like storm sewers underneath,

is from Adelaide to LeRoy Street on Shiawassee, and on LeRoy, from Elizabeth to Silver Lake Road.

The streets will look different, with everything from the curb to the storefront, with scalloped pavers, and wider sidewalks designed to bring pedestrians closer to store fronts.

New trees will also be planted with lighted planters. Even the color of the trees are taken into account, to create an impression while driving past them. Department of Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki said exact positions of the trees will be done to not block the fronts of any businesses.

Instead of angled parking like at LeRoy Street and Caroline Street, there will instead be parallel parking.

The project has been in the works since at least 2012, but was delayed to seek federal funding, and then again with bureaucratic snags at the state and federal level, pushing it to this spring.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

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GLOBAL WARMING? DO you know what the definition is or are all you people interested in being Al Gore wannabees?

SIGN ME UP for that class on how to get a job that gets a paycheck to do nothing.

REALLY, FENTON POST Office. 4 p.m. Wednesday with 12 people in front of me and only two workers, one of them a trainee. I just loved waiting in line for a half an hour just to buy some stamps.

CHELSEA CLINTON IS 35, which is the age you need to be to run for president.

I HAVE TO agree with the person who called in about the tire pressure on the tires. Why can't they make it so you can read that? It's very important.

GLOBAL WARMING, OR as you like to call it, climate change, is only a theory. Sorry, the science isn't in yet. I am far more worried about the debt my children and grandchildren will have to take on because of the irresponsible way our government has been run.

I HEARD ON TV last night that those little 9-volt batteries can catch on fire right in the drawer. (*Editor's note: The Times ran a front-page story on this on Wednesday, Jan. 21, available at tctimes.com.*)

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I ACTUALLY HEARD an MSNBC so-called reporter say 'ISIS extremist.' Oxymoron and a moron!

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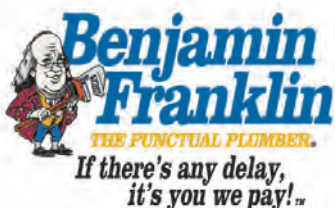
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Future terrorism attacks on America imminent?

► Israeli expert states with certainty that more attacks will occur

Editorial By Richard Rockman, Jr.

Juval Aviv was the Israeli agent upon whom the movie 'Munich' was based. He was the personal bodyguard of Golda Meir, Israel's Prime Minister in the 1970s. He was purportedly appointed by her to track down the Palestinian terrorists from the group called Black September, who killed nine Jewish athletes during the Munich Olympic Games of 1972. Aviv is best known as a counter-terrorism expert and has lectured all over the world on this subject.

After the recent attacks in Paris, France and Copenhagen, Denmark, we have to be asking ourselves, 'Can it happen again here?' The answer is 'Yes, it can and probably will.' This conclusion is not to set off panic among our citizenry, but rather is a foreboding testament of the volatile world in which we now live. Just a quarter century ago, most Americans would not have considered this type of intentional barbarism even a remote possibility.

World events and major homeland incidents of the last 22 years have totally altered that type of cookie-cutter thinking for the nations of the world. Al Qaeda, Hamas, the Taliban, the Muslim Brotherhood and ISIS have drastically changed our perception and our expectations on how, when, where and who terrorism can strike.

Back to dual citizen Juval Aviv (Israeli-American), who currently resides in the United States and runs his own security company called Interfor. He is on record as stating that Israel has the best terrorism defense system in the world because they have learned to be proactive in their approach — just to survive in the hostile Middle East.

The nation of Israel is the recognized world leader in combating terrorism with proactive policies and national response plans. Their citizens are encouraged and literally trained to be aware and alert no matter where they are or what they are doing. For example, any public gathering place or event is under the watchful eyes of its Jewish citizens.

If a briefcase, backpack or satchel is left unattended anywhere — airport, shopping plaza, school, government building — it is immediately identified with a shout of alarm by onlookers and the area calmly evacuated. The unidentified package is considered an explosive device until the contents are searched and examined by bomb defusing specialists.

In Israel, they employ security checkpoints before the airline passengers can even enter the airport and get to the crowded baggage area, check-in lines and loading gates. In comparison, U.S. homeland security at our airports only check people when they are inside the terminal and heading to the gates. Aviv points out how simple it would be to ask someone to watch your bags for a minute (which could be filled with explosives) and then wander off through the crowd before detonation. He proved our lax security by executing a basic awareness test. He placed an empty briefcase in five well-travelled spots in five major U.S. cities for a day and kept them under surveillance. The results: Not one person



World Trade Center on September 11, 2001

called 911 or sought police to check out the unattended briefcase. In Chicago, someone tried to steal the brief case.

Unequivocally, Aviv states that the U.S. is reactionary in its terrorism defense, instead of using proactive measures to prevent execution. He also steadfastly maintains that our next round of attacks on U.S. soil will come from home-grown terrorists.

Like the Tsarnaev brothers of the Boston Marathon bombing, this kind of terrorist will likely be a student type who regularly travels back

and forth to the Middle East. These trips are where they are further indoctrinated in Jihad, a Holy War against infidels, and trained in bomb making and sabotage skills.

The future terrorist attacks will likely occur in places where large groups of people congregate, such as entertainment sites, shopping malls, subways and train stations during rush hour, even in random, rural America locations. The attacks could be characterized by simultaneous attacks and detonations and carried out by small groups or individuals. Suicide bombers are still the perfect weapon and there seems to be no shortage of Muslim terrorists willing to meet their destiny in the name of Allah.

Aviv says the U.S. needs to stop relying on satellites and technology for its primary intelligence. Instead, we need to follow Israel's, Ireland's and Britain's hands-on examples of utilizing human intelligence by infiltration and trust more in aware citizens. He claims that boots on the ground are very effective in foiling the efforts of an orchestrated attack before it is implemented. Those boots on the ground include alert civilians as well as law enforcement personnel.

We need to engage and educate ourselves as citizens. Realizing this makes us ask the question, 'What can we do to protect our families, our fellow Americans and ourselves?' The first line of defense is to be aware of your surround-

ings at all times, especially in crowded locations. Second, identify and locate emergency escape routes. Know where the doors, exits and cover points are located — just in case. Third, put in place an emergency contact plan with your family members. In other words, discuss in detail and designate a pre-arranged meeting place with your loved ones

“It's not a matter of if the attacks will occur, but when and where are the real questions.”

Juval Aviv
Retired Mossad agent



Juval Aviv

in the case of a terrorist attack. Remember, cell phones may not be available because government response tactics will probably shut down the strike area's

broadband wireless signal.

Terrorism is defined as coercion by force. It can be a deadly mistake to underestimate these Muslim fanatics and the realities of terrorism as a method of war. They are jihadists and this is a Quran ordered Holy War to their warped mindset. Every terrorist act is to further their religious ideology and/or make their political statement to a watching world. These terrorist groups are made up of individuals who are capable of the most brutal atrocities and horrific acts of torture which man can enact against his fellow man. They have only one goal; world domination...and one purpose; conquer by conversion to Islam. Fear is their weapon of choice. Mass destruction

Terrorism incidents on United States soil

- Our first experience with systematic terrorism took place in February 1993, below the **North Tower of the 2 World Trade Center** building in the parking garage. Six were killed and more than a thousand civilians were treated for injuries when a truck bomb with 1,336 pounds of nitrate exploded.
- On April 19, 1995, a Ryder rental truck filled with fertilizer and diesel fuel and used as a homemade bomb ripped through the **Alfred P. Murrah building** in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, killing 168 men, women and children and injuring almost 700.
- In July 1996, a bomb exploded in **Centennial Park in Atlanta, Georgia** during the Summer Olympics. Two persons were killed and another 111 injured.
- September 11, 2001, 19 Al Qaeda members hijacked **four passenger airliners** using the planes as missiles against selected U.S. targets — resulting in 2,977 people being killed at four different sites.
- In November of 2009, Major Nidal Hassan went on a shooting rampage at a **military processing center at Fort Hood, Texas**, killing 13 soldiers and wounding 32.
- Most recently, in April of 2013, twin bomb blasts exploded near the **finish line of the Boston Marathon** in Boston, Massachusetts, killing three and wounding at least 264 others.

is their strategy and result.

Understand this about our new world (dis)order — there are no rules. There is no Geneva Convention guidelines or any other so-called 'rules' for combat or conduct with terrorists. With these militant extremists, you are either a follower of Mohammed and avid believer in Islam or you are the unbelieving enemy. There are no civilians, no non-combatants, no innocent women and children who are safe from this threat. Every single non-Muslim is fair game in their war against the West.

In conclusion, my proposed plan of action is very unsophisticated: prepare for the worst, proceed with purpose, and pray for protection. This Islamic global threat is real and is not going away anytime soon.



Finish line at the 2013 Boston Marathon



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

Parts of downtown areas also have designated historic places, such as the Holly Township Hall and the Holly Hotel. Holly had historical places added to the registry in 1986.

HISTORICAL PLACES

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LINDEN

Bridge Street-Broad Street Historic District was added to the registry in 1982, and consists of the three central blocks of Broad Street and two blocks of Bridge Street. This area highlights Greek Revival and Italianate-style architecture.

The house located at 7066 Lobdell Rd. was added to the list in 1982 for its Greek Revival architecture.

Linden Mill on Tickner Street was added to the national registry in 1972.

William Henry and Lucinda McCaslin Farm House is a Greek Revival home. It is located at 15237 McCaslin Lake Rd. It was added to the list in 1982.

James H. Murray House is a Greek Revival home located at 7232 Silver Lake Rd. Its year of significance was 1823, and it was added in 1982.

HOLLY

The Downtown Holly Commercial District is roughly bounded by Maple Street, South Broad Street, Grand Trunk Railroad and First Street. Its architecture includes Classical Revival and Late



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

Linden's Downtown Bridge Street-Broad Street district was added to the National Register of Historical Places in 1982.

Victorian. It was added to the registry in 1986.

Hirst Hotel (today, Holly Hotel), located at 110 Battle Alley, was added in 1980 and is Queen Anne style.

The Holly Union Depot, located at 223 South Broad St., was added to the registry in 2000. It is Late Victorian. Source: National Register of Historic Places

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I HAVE TO agree about the wood-burning stoves. They do pollute the neighborhood. If the wind blows a certain way, it smells up my whole garage. I wish they would outlaw them.

■■■■
MARTHA, HAVE YOU and your friends considered meeting at Loose Senior Center for lunch? Or take a yoga class? How about a bus trip to the casino, a Tiger game or IKEA, enter the Euchre tournament, St. Patrick's dinner or a trip to Flint's Farmers Market? Check the website www.loosecenter.org.

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

M is for mango... O is for onion...

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Part eight of an
ongoing series

While M and O both have a few great fruits and vegetables, N is very limited. To keep it interesting, we've combined these three letters into one great taste of produce you'll want to add to your diet.

Fruits and vegetables have numerous healthy benefits, and the aim 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.

MANGO

Mangos have a sweet taste and they are packed full of stomach-healing enzymes. They are also rich in many vitamins and minerals, making them an all-around awesome fruit. Mangos are great in juice blends and they also can be dried and added to salads.



MULBERRY

There are many varieties of mulberries, but the three most common are red, white and black. Most find them all delicious. One of the many great things in these juicy berries includes resveratrol, which protects against stroke risk by altering molecular mechanisms in the blood vessels. Mulberries are excellent on their own and eating them with anything else will take away from their deliciousness. If you must, they make great jams and can be added to fruit salads.



MUSHROOM

There are many species of mushrooms. Some are good for you and some are poisonous. While some people enjoy picking and eating fresh from the wild, only those who really know their mushrooms should do this. If you want to eat healthy mushrooms, buy them from the farmers market or produce section at the grocery store.



Some benefits include the increase of vitamin D, assistance in weight loss and improved immune function. Mushrooms are great in salads, on pizza and even on a mushroom and Swiss burger.

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Nectarines are rich in antioxidants, and if you get them at the peak of their season, they are nice and juicy. They also contain lutein, which is great for your eye health. Nectarines are

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ing alone,
mixed with
peaches or other
fruit or even diced
up to add sweet-
ness to a salad.



ONION

In the list of L vegetables, we mentioned the relationship between leeks, garlic and onions. These potent potables are part of the allium family of vegetables and herbs. Among them are also chives and scallions. Onions are a miracle food, used for centuries to cure ailments of all kinds. Add onions fresh or cooked to steaks and burgers. Flavor your soup with fresh onions, too.



OKRA

Okra is a pod vegetable that is rich in vitamin A, K and C. Okra pods are often pickled and used in a similar fashion to beets. Enjoy them sautéed and added to stir-fry.



OLIVE

Olives are high in monounsaturated fat, which has been associated with reduced risk of cardiovascular disease. They add a great salty flavor to many dishes, from burgers to salads. They also are great as an alternative pizza topping. Giant olives often garnish Bloody Mary drinks, too.



ORANGE

The orange is the fruit of winter, the fruit people bulk up on when it comes to cold and flu season. They are a great source of vitamin C and they are crisp and refreshing. Eat oranges raw, juice them or add slices to salad for a refreshing taste.



News briefs

LOCAL STATE REPRESENTATIVES
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State Reps. Joseph Graves and Hank Vaupel invite residents to join them for a joint March office hours gathering in Fenton. Graves (R-Argentine Township) and Vaupel (R-Fowlerville) will meet with people who have questions or ideas about state and local government on **Monday, March 23**, at Biggby Coffee, 235 North LeRoy St., Suite A, in Fenton, **from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** "I always look forward to the time I can spend meeting with citizens in the district," said Graves. Vaupel said the feedback he receives helps him be a stronger voice for communities in the 47th House District. "I find the information I hear from residents of our communities to be vital in the way I represent them at the Capitol," Vaupel said. No reservations are necessary. Those unable to attend may contact Graves at 866-989-5151 or at JosephGraves@house.mi.gov. Vaupel may be reached at 517-373-8835 or at HenryVaupel@house.mi.gov.

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EVENT AT FENTON VFW

The Fenton VFW Post 3243 invites veterans, families, and our entire community to a special event on **Saturday, March 21 from 4 to 8 p.m.** The Post is located at 1148 North LeRoy St. in Fenton. There will be a spaghetti dinner with a presentation at 6 p.m. by Karen Dancey, author of "Mountain of Hope." Dancey lost her Marine husband to suicide, leaving her to raise their two children. There will also be entertainment. Autographed copies of her book will also be available for \$15. Organizers say this is a major concern for the community and ask those affected to join them for this event.

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The First Presbyterian Church of Fenton invites the community to attend a discussion at **7 p.m. on March 10** to hear Michigan author Dr. David L. Wolf talk about his book, "The Gift is You." This inspiring story reveals how faith, prayer, and God's grace helped Dr. Wolf find purpose and peace after an accident that left him paralyzed from the waist down. Although his way of life changed dramatically, his life took on new meaning and purpose as he became a witness to what God can do through difficult circumstances. There will be a book signing after the discussion. All net profits from the sale of his books go to charity. Dessert will be provided. The church is located at 503 South LeRoy Street in downtown Fenton.

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Six area wrestlers win opening state match

By David Troppens

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Auburn Hills — Six out of the 11 tri-county area wrestlers captured victories in their first matches at the individual state meet being held at the Palace of Auburn Hills on Thursday.

The event continues through Saturday with those who won their first three matches wrestling for state individual state championships in the finals, starting at 4:45 p.m.

Three of the winners were for the Lake Fenton Blue Devils. None of those wrestlers had a tougher opening match battle than Hunter Corcoran (119). Corcoran fought to a 0-0 draw in regulation

against Hemlock's Landon Hosinger, before earning a takedown with a leg grab in overtime to earn a 2-0 victory.

"I knew I had to get it to win the match, and once I got

that leg, I knew it was good," Corcoran said. "I knew I had it.

"I was trying to keep calm and try as hard as I could the entire time. I was just trying to get by the first round. If I would've lost this round, I probably wouldn't have had a chance to place."

Teammates Devan Melick (125) and Trent Hillger (215) earned pinfall wins.

Melick earned his against Co-
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HUNTER CORCORAN

Lake Fenton's Corcoran (left) won his first match at the state wrestling meet.

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ONLINE EXCLUSIVES

► Read about Friday's Fenton-Holly district title game at tctimes.com.

FENTON PERFORMERS QUALIFY FOR STATE

The Fenton varsity boys swim team took some swimmers to a last-chance meet to qualify for the state event, and the Tigers were successful in their venture.

The Tigers had members in three events qualify for the Division 2 state meet to be held at the Holland Aquatic Center on Friday and Saturday.

Zac Miceli was a part of all three of those qualifying performances. Individually, he qualified for the 50 freestyle with a time of 22.37 seconds. Meanwhile, he was part of both relays who posted state-qualifying times as well.

He teamed with Austin Landis, Noah Sizemore and Michael Fabatz to earn a state time in the 200 medley (1:44.64). He also teamed with Fabatz, Kyle Banner and Landis to qualify for the 200 freestyle relay (1:32.31).

The Tigers already had Miceli qualified in the 200 individual medley and the 100 butterfly, and Landis qualified in the 100 backstroke. The 400 freestyle relay also is qualified.

Divers also competed in regionals on Thursday, with David Parker qualifying. He placed 11th at the meet.

It's an all tri-county district final

► Tigers advance with tight win vs. Blackhawks, 43-41

By David Troppens

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Holly — Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Becki Moore expected nothing less than what her squad saw from the Brandon Blackhawks in the semifinals of the Class A district held at Holly High School on Wednesday.

She expected the Blackhawks would give the Tigers a battle, and they did.

However, the Tigers showed they had some great fight in the process, earning a tight 43-41 victory against Brandon.

The contest went right down the final buzzer. Fenton trailed 41-40 after a jumper by Brandon's Brooke Becker with 1:43 left in the contest. However, the Tigers (11-10) fought back. On their next possession, the Tigers earned two offensive boards before Emma Evo hit a putback hoop with 1:23 remaining. Fenton led 42-41 and would never trail again as Fenton's defense took care of



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Fenton's Sarah Cummings (center) finds it tough to get an open shot against Brandon in the Tigers' 43-41 victory on Wednesday.

the rest of the game. Brandon missed on its final three shots and Chloe Foor earned a steal during the Blackhawks' final

offensive possession during the final three seconds, clinching the Tigers the victory.

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► Smith's free throws sparks Holly to title game

By David Troppens

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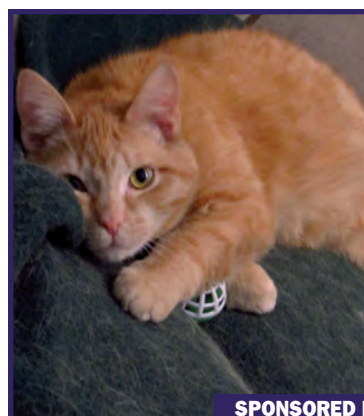
Holly — Katelyn Smith loves going to the free-throw line.

"Once I get to the free-throw line, I relax and shoot the same shot every time," the Holly junior said.

Smith repeated history on the charity stripe 12 times on 12 attempts on Wednesday. And, for the most part her Bronchos' teammates did the same thing. Despite making just eight field goals during the contest, the Holly varsity girls basketball team were able to defeat Grand Blanc 39-27 in Class A district semifinal action by netting a sizzling 20-of-22 free throws and by playing outstanding defense.

The victory means Holly earned a chance to play for a second straight district crown on Friday in a final against Fenton. The results of that game can be read at www.tctimes.com or in Wednesday's publication. The two area rivals faced each other

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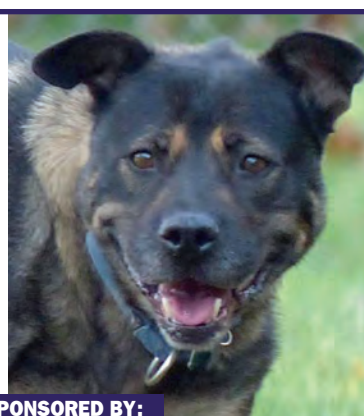
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Boys basketball March Madness starts on Monday

►Linden, Holly face off on Monday; Blue Devils hosting Class B district

By David Troppens

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A lot of things haven't changed since last year's Class A district for the Holly varsity boys basketball team.

Many of the players who experienced the squad lose an 11-point fourth-quarter lead, resulting in an overtime loss to Grand Blanc in the opening round of the tourney, remain.

The hype surrounding the Bronchos persists. Last year's team also entered the tournament as the Metro League champions.

However, one thing has changed. And for Holly varsity boys basketball coach Lance Baylis, it's easy to define what it is.

"We are just more mature mentally, and more mature physically," Baylis said. "We are more focused, we have more seniors. Last year we had two seniors and this year we have seven seniors. Everything boils down to maturity."

When boys basketball district action begins Monday at the Class A Brandon district, there will be a lot of eyes on the Bronchos. As the holders

of a 18-2 record and a squad with as much talented depth as Holly has, it's reasonably easy for one to pencil the Bronchos as the tourney favorites. But, there's probably a decent group of fans that look at Holly's past success, or rather lack of success, in districts that is keeping them from completely jumping on the bandwagon. After all, when the Bronchos begin district action against Linden on Monday at 7 p.m. at Brandon High School, they'll be attempting to win their first district crown since 1982. In fact, the Bronchos have lost their opening district contest, albeit against strong competition each time, in each of the last four seasons. The last time, of course, was last year's loss to Grand Blanc.

"We have two key things — we have senior leadership and the fact these guys have been playing together for a very long time," Baylis said. "They can talk to each other, lift each other up, criticize each other in a constructive way so that others will listen."

"At the start of the season I said at some time you have to turn the team to the players and that's where we are at. It's their team. If they want to win, it's up to them to win. They

play hard if they decide to play hard."

Three of the four tri-county teams will be in the Brandon district. The Eagles (3-16) have as tough a run to a title as anyone, having to start with Holly in the tourney. However, Linden enters the tourney playing its best basketball of the season, winning its final two games. The most current of those wins was a road victory at Fenton just over a week ago. The Eagles also had a respectable showing against the Bronchos on Feb. 6. Linden was within striking distance in the fourth quarter before losing a 69-55 verdict.

"Whenever we come to play, we'll be all right," Linden coach Anthony Wright said after the victory against Fenton. "We can compete with any team, but we have to come ready to play. Against Holly we are going to have to make a few more shots."

The winner of the Holly-Linden contest has the Fenton Tigers during Wednesday's 5:30 p.m. semifinal. The Tigers (10-10) have fallen on hard times of late, losing five straight contests. Fenton's offense has been one of its strengths this season, usually producing high point totals. However, Fenton



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Linden's Logan Steiert (right) dribbles by Holly's Isaac Casillas during a recent game. The two teams play each other in districts on Monday.

has failed to score more than 46 points in three of its last four games. What looked like a team that could have a reasonable chance of beating the Bronchos a few weeks ago, suddenly is a squad that's looking for answers. But, Monday

is the start of a new season.

"It's everybody's second season, everybody has an opportunity," Fenton coach Tim Olszewski said. "The regular season doesn't matter at this point. It's who comes out and does the best

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Bronchos break records, crush Mavericks, 67-44

By David Troppens

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Teams like to go into district on a high note.

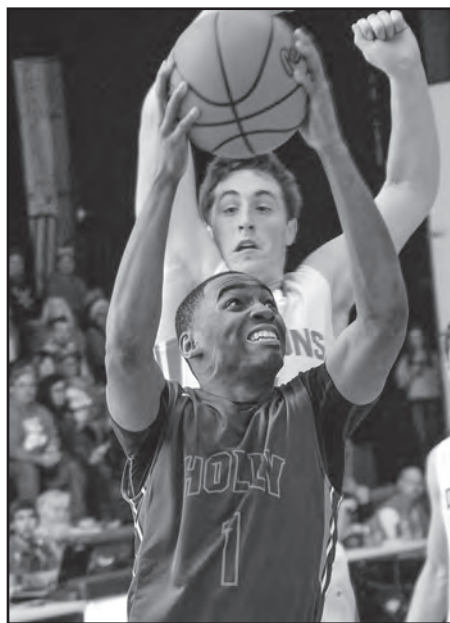
It's easy to say that's exactly what the Holly varsity boys basketball team is doing.

The Bronchos captured their 15th straight victory of the season, broke and tied a school record and had a player accomplish a scoring milestone in a 67-44 home victory against Milford on Wednesday.

Because the game was postponed on Tuesday night due to bad weather, the contest was played at 4 p.m. at Holly High School. It didn't seem to bother the Bronchos (18-2) who took a 35-13 lead into the half. The lead grew to as many as 30 during the second half.

Parker Rowse broke a school record dishing off 15 assists in the contest. Rowse now has 125 assists, one more than past school record holder Jordan Fowler. Jake Daniels tied a school record, netting four three-pointers. That gave him 66 for the season, tying teammate Kyle Woodruff's record established during his freshman season. Daniels also eclipsed the 1,000-point plateau for his career, netting 30 points on 10-for-13 shooting. He has 1,013 points in three varsity seasons. He played as a freshman at Grand Blanc, transferred to Holly his sophomore year and has played his junior and senior seasons at Holly.

"They were on a three-game winning streak so we took them seriously and got out to a nice lead by halftime," Holly coach Lance Baylis said. "We had a good effort



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | MARK BOLEN

Steven Redmond drives to the bucket in a recent game. He scored seven points against Milford on Wednesday.

considering it was a 4 p.m. game. I think Parker Rowse led the charge, and Jake got in a zone in the third quarter and you know what it's like when he's in a zone. It's just ticking the net. It's incredible."

The Bronchos begin district action at Brandon High School Monday at 7 p.m. against Linden.

"So far, so good," Baylis said. "We are playing good, playing hard going into districts."

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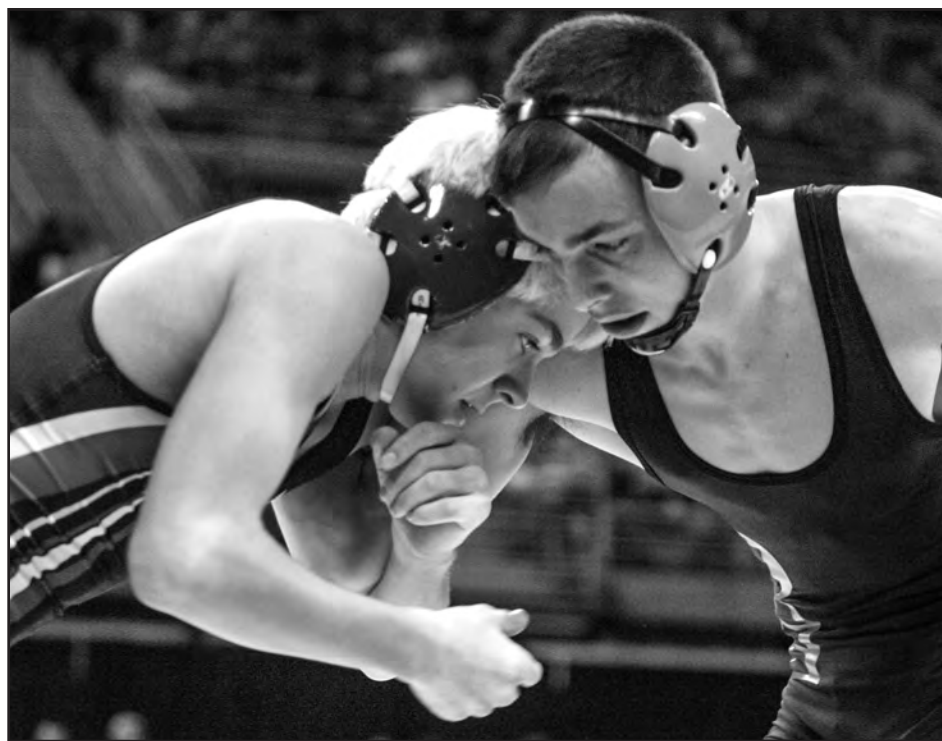
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Lake Fenton's Jackson Nevadomski (left) wrestles Sanford-Meridian's Joe Shuler in the opening round of the individual state wrestling tournament on Thursday.

moving to 55-0 with a first-round pinfall victory in 1:17 against Berrien Springs' Gage Wells. The Blue Devils are wrestling in the Division 3 tournament.

The tri-county area had one other wrestler with a perfect record entering the meet. Hartland wrestler and Fenton Township resident Jacob Gorial (152) improved to 55-0 with a pinfall victory against Troy Athens' John Staron in 1:06. Gorial is competing in the Division 1 tournament.

Linden and Fenton also had first-round victors on Thursday. Fenton's Scott Becker (189) had himself a thriller in the first round of the Division 2 event, defeating South Lyon's Jameson Donahue by a tight 5-4 decision.

Linden's Austin McNeill (215) was the area's final winner in the opening round, and he also had to earn a tight victory. He defeated DeWitt's Cody Bryant 5-4 by a tiebreaking decision.

Other tri-county wrestlers also competed, but lost their opening round matches. Lake Fenton's Saben Spangler (125), Jackson Nevadomski (130), Tristen Nevadomski (160) and A.J. Geyer (103) lost their opening round matches. Tristen Nevadomski had the toughest loss of the Blue Devil wrestlers, losing a tight 5-4 decision against South Haven's Colton Toney. Linden's Luke Zimmerman (112) also lost his opening round match.

In order to win a state title, a wrestler must win four straight matches. In order to assure a placing in the top eight, a wrestler must win two of his first three matches.

WRESTLERS

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Ioma's Hunter Mazigian in 3:14.

"The first match is to show the high-ranked people that I'm coming up on them," Melick said. "My goal is to wrestle every match as if I'm in the finals."

Hillger remained perfect for the season,



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Lake Fenton's Devan Melick (top) won this match against Columa's Hunter Mazigian by pinfall at the individual state wrestling meet on Thursday.





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HOLLY

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twice during the regular season with both teams winning a contest each.

"Free throws are a huge part of the game and we work on free throws in practice. We focus on free throws and how important making them is," Smith said. "If you miss one free throw, it could be the one point that loses you the game."

"We had the right people go to the line and had kids step up and make free throws," Holly varsity coach David Hall said. "We need them. When you are not making baskets or the other team is playing help, stopping you and playing pretty physical."

The other part that helped Holly win was its defense. For most of the game the Bronchos had Grand Blanc's offense frustrated as the Bobcats hit just 23 percent of their shots during the game. Holly led just 26-23 entering the final quarter, but Grand Blanc managed just one field goal during the final eight minutes. The Bobcats also had just one offensive board, as Holly cleaned up on the glass.

"We really communicated well (defensively)," Smith said. "We knew 21 (Jenna Endsley) was a good player so we had to know where she was all the time. We did really well on her and played help defense the whole time."

"It was a team effort," senior Michaela Luchow said. "We talked about having help defense the whole game because they have some good players who can drive the ball. I thought we did a really good job helping each other inside. They were working their shots outside, so we were able to defend them easily."

The critical juncture of the game came just after Grand Blanc cut Holly's lead to 26-25 with 7:05 remaining after two free throws by Caroline Mansour. With 5:45 remaining, Smith dished a pass to Luchow for a five-foot bucket. After a missed shot by Grand Blanc, Luchow then dished an assist to Paige Reid for a three-point bucket. In a matter of about 40 seconds, a one-point lead turned into a 31-25 Holly lead. The run became a nine-point spree as Reid and Smith each continued it with two converted free throws.

"We always talk about doing the little things and that everyone has a role on this team," Luchow, a senior, said. "Any way I can contribute is good for me, and I like helping out the team."

Smith led the Bronchos with 17 points seven rebounds, three steals and three assists, while Reid had 16 points and six rebounds. Brooke Jackman had a team-high 10 boards. After Smith's perfect 12-for-12 night on the line, Reid netted a perfect 6-for-6.

"We have good free-throw shooters," Hall said. "Katelyn and Paige can make them. So if we have the ball and the lead, we don't have to score any more. We want you to have to get the ball from us."

BASKETBALL

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that one week, and that team deserves to move on. It's a fine example of hard work and preparation both mentally and physically. The best team is going to move on and that's what it should be."

The winner of the tri-county semifinal will face either Grand Blanc (13-7) or Brandon. Those teams play Wednesday at 7 p.m. The Bobcats will be the overwhelming favorites to advance in that contest. The district title game is Friday at 7 p.m.

Lake Fenton hosts Class B district

One area team will be hosting a district next week. That is the Lake Fenton Blue Devils.

"Any time you have a district at your home gym, it's just fun to be a part of it," Lake Fenton coach Jake Erway said. "I don't think anyone would deny that it's a little more comfortable to play where you know, especially in a win or go home situation."

Lake Fenton (11-9) won't enter the tourney as its favorites, but for those looking for a reasonable darkhorse pick, the Blue Devils may be that selection.

Lake Fenton opens with a home game against Ovid-Elsie (10-10) on Monday at 7 p.m. The winner of that game will face Corunna (6-13) in Wednesday's 7 p.m. semifinal contest. The Blue Devils find themselves in a favorable half of the bracket to make it to Friday's final at 7 p.m., also at Lake Fenton High School.

It's the other half of the bracket where most of the heavy hitters are. State-ranked Goodrich (18-2) hosts Flint Southwestern (13-7) in a Monday district opener, while Powers (14-6) faces Durand (1-18)



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Jalen Miller (right) and the Lake Fenton boys basketball team begins district action at home against Ovid-Elsie on Monday at 7 p.m.

in the other. The winning teams of those games play in Wednesday's 5 p.m. semifinal contest for the right to compete in the district title game on Friday.

"The main thing I know about district week and the playoffs in general is you better bring it," Erway said. "Nobody wants to lose. If you lose, you are going home and you're sitting on the couch the next night. We have to bring it every day, taking it one game at a time because the team opposite us isn't going to want

their season to end either.

"If we are going to come away from next week with a district championship we are going to have to play great basketball, which I think we can do. We have to play great defensive, we have to out-rebound the other team and we have to take care of the basketball. ... Next week is about playing your best basketball. If we play our best basketball, I have a good feeling that we can do something special."

BRONCHOS

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Kearsley 66, Lake Fenton 58

Lake Fenton lost a tight game against Kearsley in the waning minutes.

The Blue Devils (11-9) had some balanced scoring. Jake Zielinski had 14 points, while Andrew Foerster netted 13 points. Chris Bell had 12 points, 10 rebounds and four steals, while Jalen Miller netted 10 points.

Power 83, Fenton 68

The Tigers (10-10) got their offense warmed up just in time for districts but fell short against Powers in terms of earning a victory.

Powers' offense was strong, scoring at least 13 points in every quarter, and netting 32 in the second period alone.

Dillon Gardner led the Tigers with 17 points, while Beau LePage had 13 points, six assists and six rebounds. Austin Bossenberger had nine points and five assists, while Greg Lukas netted eight points. Ross Ebert chipped in seven points, seven rebounds and four steals.

Clio 76, Lake Fenton 71

Lake Fenton was outscored 29-17 in the fourth quarter, allowing the visiting Mustangs to sneak away with the non-league victory.

Lake Fenton had four players score in double-digits. Chris Bell led the Blue Devils with 20 points and six assists, while Jalen Miller netted 18 points and grabbed a team-best seven rebounds. Andrew Foerster had 12 points, while Isaac Golson had 11 points. Ryan Sisk also had eight points.

TIGERS

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"Brandon, they are just tough," Moore said. "They have had so many close games all year. They never go away. ... But we don't go away either. It's fun because it's what you try to teach the kids all year and you hope they pick up on it. It's the toughness thing."

The Tigers' victory means Fenton played Holly in the Class A district title game on Friday. For more about that game go to www.tctimes.com or read Wednesday's edition of the Tri-County times.

The Tigers had to fight themselves out of an early hole as Brandon began the game with an 11-2 run. A three-pointer by Katelyn Hendershott made it 11-2 with 3:44 left in the quarter, forcing a Fenton time out. However, the Tigers answered back with a nine-point run to end the quarter. It was a Chloe Foor steal and fastbreak layup that tied the game at 11-all at the end of the first quarter.

From that point on, both teams were involved in a defensive slugfest. Fenton jumped to its biggest lead of the half when Foor dished a pass for a layup to Sarah Cummings. Fenton led 19-16 at the half.

The biggest lead either team enjoyed in the second half was a five-point edge. The Tigers enjoyed that lead twice, with the second time coming at 29-24 on a putback hoop by Cummings. However, Brandon responded with a Chloe Bennett three-pointer and a layup by Brooke Becker, tying the contest at 29-all entering the fourth.

The Tigers' offense probably had its best moments in the fourth period. Emma Evo, who is typically one of Fenton's leading scorers, was held to just two



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | MARK BOLEN

Fenton's Carly Granger tries to find an opening against Brandon's defense on Wednesday.

points in the first three quarters. However, she scored six points in the fourth period, including the game-winning bucket on the putback with 1:23 remaining. Cummings scored one more point after that bucket with 3.4 seconds left on a free throw. Brandon had one last chance to tie or win after the free throw, but Foor ended that chance with her steal.

"I think once we got our momentum in the second half, we worked together, talked more," Evo said. "We had more communication and we pushed through. I felt like we started getting our momentum going and we started making our shots."

Cummings led the Tigers' offense with 14 points and 13 rebounds, while Foor netted nine points and also had four steals. Evo had eight points and 10 rebounds, while Granter had six points, three steals and three assists.

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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. 27.

House Bill 4160:

Revise firearms "brandishing" law

To establish that the crime of illegally "brandishing" a firearm requires it be done "willfully." Also, that using a firearm to defend one's home or property under a 2006 law repealing a legal "duty to retreat" requirement is not brandishing. House Bill 4161 clarifies the definition of "brandishing" and passed with just two "no" votes.

Passed 95 to 15 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)

☒ YES ☐ NO

House Bill 4151: Repeal criminal sanctions for minor with BB gun

To repeal a law that makes it a misdemeanor for a minor unaccompanied by an adult to possess a BB gun except in his or her own home or yard.

Passed 80 to 29 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)

☒ YES ☐ NO

House Bill 4155: Revise firearms definition

To revise the definition of "firearm" in the state penal code so it no longer applies to BB, pellet, paint ball or "air-soft" guns. The new definition would be a gun that "expels a projectile by action of an explosive." However, using a non-firearm to commit a crime would still be subject to criminal penalties.

Passed 88 to 21 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)

☒ YES ☐ NO

HOT LINE CONTINUED

MY HUMIDIFIER DRAIN for the furnace runs 24/7 but a slight stoppage in the sewer drain 60 feet away caused entire pipes to freeze solid. I suggest you do not let any water continuously run in this cold weather, lest you pay for sewer cleanout. Just a personal perspective.

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PEOPLE ARE CONFUSED about American Sniper's reception in Hollywood. When a film receives several Academy Award nominations, it is not being 'snubbed.' The film is being honored. Furthermore, conservative icon Clint Eastwood has previously won Oscars for best director and picture in 2004. There is no conspiracy at work here.

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"Cold air returns are also the reason new homeowners experience excessive dust. While work was being done in the home, your cold air returns sucked all the dust through the system. It settled on the bottom of the duct lines and little by little, that debris is being blown back into your home," Keith continued.

"Here's a test. Take a walk down into your basement, and look up at the ceiling for thin sheets of tin nailed between your floor joists. These are your cold air return lines. Give them a good pounding. Do you see puffs of dust seeping out of the edges? That, my friends, is the reason you have uncontrollable dust problems, and this debris cannot be removed without the help of a professional.

"This brings me to my next point: choosing an air duct cleaning company. Most companies use portable units, which are essentially like a Shop-Vac that you would

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Brenda Hasse, 56, grew up in the Davison area, but she has been a resident of the Fenton area, Tyrone Township to be exact, since 1990 when they built their house. Brenda lives here with her husband, Chuck, and cat, Jackson. Her two sons and daughter are all grown. She stays busy as a freelance writer, a book author, a guest teacher at Fenton High School, an algebra tutor and helping out at Fenton Open Book. **How did you get started as a writer and become a published author?** I started to get the desire to write a book when my children were little. I think it's something that might be common with people. Once we moved here, I really was inspired to write a book. I started out with children's picture books, but then while I was guest teaching I was inspired to write a book for older children. Three of my books are children's picture books, one is preteen or young adult and the other is young adult. My first book, Wilkinshire, was originally published in 2003. Then, after publishing three children's picture books, I went back, rewrote Wilkinshire, and added like 10,000 words. From there I submitted it for a contest and won two awards. **What are your awards for writing?** I have the gold medal in the 2010 Midwest Book Awards for young adult and the Moonbeams Children's Book Award, both for Wilkinshire. When I entered, I just figured 'why not.' Let's see what it can do. The real reason I entered was that I thought any sticker



for winning might catch someone's eye and increase sales.

What is a guest teacher, and what do you teach?

A guest teacher is just another way to say substitute teacher. I teach algebra, and tutor in algebra. I just kind of fell into the tutoring thing, when students started coming to me for help with their math.

How does one go from a GM computer programmer analyst to an author/teacher? I have two college degrees. I worked at GM when I graduated from college and I have a more logical mind. I am good at math. I moved from elementary, through middle school and into high school.

March is reading month and you've mentioned having some involvement with that. What can you tell us about that? Many of the schools contact me, I go there free of charge with some samples of my books, and I do a writing workshop. I talk about adding color to a sentence and I get audience participation. I came up with the idea, originally, and sent out flyers to schools to see if they wanted me to come. I've done lectures all over now.

What do you do when you aren't teaching or writing? I go to yoga every week. I have been going since December and I am finally getting used to it. It's something I do just for me. I have recently taken up knitting. I learned from YouTube. I also garden and have a lot of gardens around my home. I also like to read when I get a chance, but I am so

"Once we moved here, I really was inspired to write a book."

Brenda Hasse
Local author

TRI-COUNTY TIMES

YVONNE STEGALL

Brenda Hasse has self-published numerous books since 2003 and continues working on more.

busy writing.

What's one thing most people don't know about you? Something a lot of people don't know about me is that I struggled to learn to read as a kid. It's an ironic story, because here I struggled to learn to read and now I write stories for others to read. I'm still a slow reader to this day. I think maybe when I wasn't reading my imagination was developing, because I hated to read as a kid.



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YES, I UNDERSTAND your frustration at the two young people who just had a baby. I see they both have a job. That is good. Not everyone can be 'educated' and have

a super job. We can help by praying for them.

I WOULD LIKE to thank the two Fenton officers who paid for a night's stay at an area hotel for a homeless woman and her son on one of the coldest nights of the year. We hear so much negative I want to spread some positive! Thank you, officers!

AS CHRISTIAN CONSERVATIVES, we should feel compassion for people on the public dole. Just as prisoners who receive free food, housing, healthcare, and neces-

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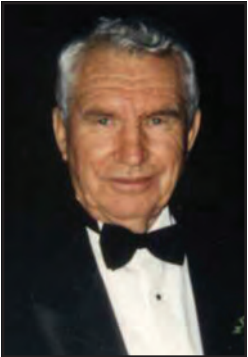
WE SHOULD ALL be upset about your friends' kids having babies when they cannot afford them. This is so preventable. This world would be a much better place if adults would only have children when they can afford to raise them on their own. If they cannot afford diapers, how are they going to afford other necessities?

Social News

BIRTHDAY

Hunt 100th Birthday

Robert Hunt recently celebrated his 100th birthday at his Fenton farm with family and friends. He is a lifelong resident of Fenton, as were his parents and grandparents. Mr. Hunt is a farmer and retired United States postal worker. He is a 1931 graduate of Fenton High School, member of St. John's Catholic Church, past Justice of the Peace, past manager of Fenton Town baseball teams and referee official with the Genesee Athletic Association. He and his late wife, Irene Schoemacker Hunt, recently celebrated 71 years of marriage. They have seven children, Bernadine Saxe, Bethany Whetstone, Robert Hunt Jr. (deceased), Berniece Starrs, Ronald Hunt MD, Rodney Hunt and Rick Hunt.



ANNIVERSARY



Short 65th Wedding Anniversary

Donald and Beverly Short of Fenton, originally from Clarkston, will be celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary on March 13. Don, and the former Beverly Ann Hoskins, were married in Pontiac on March 13, 1950. They have four children: Danny (Caron) Short of Goodrich; Cindy Keshavarz of Deltona, Florida; Donald (Leslie) Short of Ortonville and Lesley (Robert) Hardenburgh of Grand Blanc. They also have 12 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

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By Tim Jagielo

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Auburn Hills — The excited voices of Holly Area Schools (HAS) Rose Pioneer Elementary students bounced off the colorful coral-reef walls, mixing with the calming magenta and yellow lights, piercing like sunlight through the cyan waters.

It appeared that the 5,000 aquatic creatures at the Sea Life Michigan Aquarium registered their enthusiasm by interacting with the children. The sea rays even mugged for the cameras at every graceful pass.

The water is touched by special lighting, designed for a more pleasing experience. Walking through the 180-degree Ocean Tunnel might be what it's like to scuba dive along the shallow waters and look up at sunlight fanning down.

Jennifer Snodsmith's students walked along the sea floor, through a shipwreck, a coastal harbor and were inches away from a nurse shark.

"I thought it was a great field trip," she said via email. "The kids loved it and were well behaved and the parents loved it, too." She said it will become an annual trip.

"We had studied animal characteristics and adaptations and they were able to see one of the animal kingdoms of fish," said Snodsmith. "They got to see it up close and hands on."

The aquarium itself opened in January with steady crowds. Families and school groups have already made the attraction a destination. There were two school groups on Monday morning.

Debbie Gibb is marketing manager for Sea Life Michigan Aquarium. "It's been very, very well received," she said, regularly selling out online tickets. The aquarium is one of seven in the U.S., and 42 in the world, owned



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The Sea Life Michigan Aquarium is very kid-centric, with interactive educational displays and fun windows and tunnels to explore.

by Merlin Entertainments out of the UK. They are the second largest entertainment company in the world. She said she couldn't share daily attendance, as a publicly traded company.

The attraction takes up 35,000 square feet in Great Lakes Crossing in the former Gameworks location. The attraction itself is 20,000 square feet of winding hallways, colorful educational displays and numerous underwater animals.

An aquarium inside a mall may be a sign of how malls are changing. "Malls are places where people are congregating and where families are coming to," said Gibb.

The 250 species of creatures inhabit 150,000 gallons of water. The biggest animal is the moray eel, or the nurse shark, which will grow to be about 10 feet long. Animals were chosen to be comfortable in a smaller space. "Their comfort, security and safety is our number-one priority," said Gibb.



"I thought it was a great field trip. The kids loved it and were well behaved and the parents loved it, too."

Jennifer Snodsmith
Teacher at Rose Pioneer Elementary



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Paige Vogel, 9 (left) and Cassie Walker, 8, of Rose Pioneer Elementary, take photos of stingrays at Sea Life Michigan Aquarium in Auburn Hills on Monday.

Sea Life Michigan Aquarium Essay/Art Contest winner

Hannah Wasilewski, 10, of Linden Elementary won an art and essay contest on why sea life is important. Because of that, she is now a Young Environmentalist for the Sea Life Michigan Aquarium. The contest was open to all Michigan children ages 6-14. She now goes to special events put on by the aquarium and she received a free yearlong pass to the aquarium.

The aquarium employs approximately 60, with a mix of part- and full-time positions. There are four full-time employees, who have backgrounds in science or biology to care for the animals. One employee relocated from inside the U.S. The aquarium's curator came over from England.

"I hope they have a great time and have fun," said Gibb. "Part of what we do is we want to teach people things, too. We're hoping to teach people about protecting the environment and protecting the seas."

Through the Sea Life Trust, the company has seven conservation initiatives which include cleaning the ocean, wiping out whaling, protecting sharks, sea turtle breeding programs, plastic pollution and sustainable seafood.

Online tickets are \$21.15 for adults and \$16.65 for children 12 and under. It cost the Holly students \$8 for each ticket.

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