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Fired employee files whistleblower lawsuit against GCAC

► Former deputy director reveals several atrocities against animals in complaint

By Yvonne Stegall

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Thursday at 1 p.m., former deputy director of the Genesee County Animal Control (GCAC) Karen Dombrowski, with her attorney, Heidi Sharp of Burgess, Sharp & Golden, PLLC, filed a whistleblower lawsuit against GCAC.

The lawsuit claims that GCAC repeatedly abused and neglected animals, during her span of employment that started early January of this year.

Dombrowski and her attorney were See LAWSUIT on 5

Summary

Former GCAC deputy director files lawsuit against GCAC director over deplorable conditions and more.



MidweekTimes

Great Lakes see higher lake levels

▶ Record snowfall, wet conditions, higher temps play a part in rise of local lakes too

By Emily Stocker

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There are pros and cons to higher lake levels, locally

Summary

Businesses that rely on water to ship products will be able to ship heavier loads this year as water levels are up throughout the Great Lakes

and with the Great Lakes that surround Michigan. When

you hit the beach, you may notice it to be a bit narrower

and homeowners along the immediate shoreline may lose some property. Just a few years ago in 2013, the Great Lakes hit their lowest mark ever. Now we are seeing an unparalleled turnaround.

Lake Michigan and Huron, which are measured together, are 22 inches higher than they were at this time

See LAKES on 7

At Expo, no one leaves empty-handed



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO

Fenton Branch Manager Jake Andrews with Financial Plus Credit Union high-fives a young Blinko winner on Sunday, Andrews, along with Chris Pagan, AKA, Benefits Plus Man, kept their energy up at their booth all day. The 2015 Fenton Community Expo brought 150 booths and 4,500 visitors through the doors of Fenton High School for the annual event.

▶4,500 come through Fenton High School for annual event

By Tim Jagielo

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Fenton — Nothing brings the community out like the Fenton Community

This year, at least 4,500 came through the front doors of Fenton High School (FHS). "I thought it was

Summary

The Fenton Community Expo hostéd by the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce had nearly 150 vendors, and an estimated 4,500 come through the two-day annual event.

a wonderful show, our biggest ever," said Linda Hathaway, Expo chairman. It was the biggest ever, because of the 150 booths that filled the gym and hallways of FHS.

Hosted by the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce, the 31-year old event is the go-to weekend to gather up all the

contacts for local businesses related to homes, health and even just fun.

By contacts, we mean free pens, See EXPO on 8

Online legal notices could affect transparency

▶28 percent of Michigan households do not have Internet, rely on printed notices

By Yvonne Stegall

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Late November the Times did a story on a bill that would change the way citizens get public notices. House Bill 5560 "died" in lame duck back in December 2014, but a new bill has come to take its place. House Bill 4183 is also sponsored by State Rep.

See LEGAL NOTICES on 2 with MPA

We feel the notices being in print in newspapers leaves a permanent legal record. 77

Lisa McGraw

'We are heartbroken'

▶Bella Ward, 3, passes away Monday following battle with cancer

By Sally Rummel news@tctimes.com

Isabella "Bella" Ward, 3, didn't have enough time on earth to climb mountains, create symphonies or write a novel.

But she changed the world in her short life by example – laughing, smiling, singing and always learning, even under the shadow of a rare cancer, bilateral retinoblastoma, that

See 'HEARTBROKEN' on 7



TRI-COUNTY TIMES SUBMITTED PHOTO Bella Ward, daughter of Scott and Andrea Ward

of Linden, passed away

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that hundreds of people have been using. Barnum and Bailey's elephants have one of them. They've been using

them for hundreds of years and a few whiners have turned that

LAn incorrect Hot line stated that a 1-percent increase in the



sales tax would cost the average family over \$800 a year in taxes. That would only be true if they spent over \$80,000 a year on taxable items.

Groceries, utilities, savings and other items are exempt from taxes so that figure is wrong.'



LI challenge everybody who reads the Times and

denies global warming to watch the climate change show on HBO this weekend and still hold onto your belief. 77







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MSP now authorized to use unmanned drones

► Missions could include search and rescue. crime scene and crash investigations

The Michigan State Police (MSP) is one of the first police agencies in the nation to obtain statewide authorization to fly an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) to support public safety efforts. They received authorization this week from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

In September 2013, the MSP purchased an Aeryon SkyRanger with an eye on the future potential of this technology to support law enforcement missions. This device was selected because of its high rating in the federal Robotic Aircraft for Public Safety (RAPS) survey. This survey evaluated different systems for safety, capability and reliability. Since that time, the MSP has worked closely with the FAA to meet all safety and training requirements, as well as to develop policies and procedures for the safe and effective implementation of this equipment.

In February 2014, the MSP received a Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the FAA to conduct training flights with the UAS near the MSP Training Academy.

On Feb. 25, after meeting all federal regulations, the FAA granted the MSP's request for authorization to fly the Aeryon SkyRanger for law enforcement



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Aeryon SkyRangers, one of which is owned by the Michigan State Police can assist with search and rescues, crime scenes and crash investigations.

support missions statewide. Potential missions include search and rescue, crime scene and crash investigations.

On March 4, the UAS was flown over a fire investigation near Jenison. The device collected both video and photographs of the structure to help investigators determine the origin and cause of the fire.

This authorization will allow the MSP Aviation Unit to support requests for service from any law enforcement agency within the state.

The MSP has strict policy regarding

the operation of the UAS. The policy dictates the UAS is always flown by a two-person crew, with one acting as the pilot and the other as a safety observer. The FAA certified pilot has received specific training from the manufacturer in the safe operation of the Aeryon SkyRanger. The device must remain below 400 feet and always be within line of sight of the crew. Many additional safety factors are included with the design of the device.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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Amanda Price and could soon be heading to Gov. Rick Snyder's desk.

Recent reports are showing that this proposal, which allows government agencies to post public notices online instead of in print in local newspapers, is gaining bipartisan support in the state Legislature.

Today, 28 percent of Michigan households don't pay for access to the Internet. Newspaper legal notices may be their best way to hear about laws that affect them.

The Michigan Press Association (MPA) opposes this bill because members believe it allows the government to be less transparent, as well as making notices harder to find. People will have to visit individual websites to get their notices. The MPS doesn't want this bill to make it to the governor's

Lisa McGraw, public affairs manager with MPA said, "We're concerned that this puts government in complete control of legal notices." By being strictly put online, it opens up the notices to be posted late or even hacked.

"We feel the notices being in print in newspapers leaves a permanent legal record," McGraw said.

Linden City Mayor, David Lossing, said "Overall, given how the news industry has changed pretty dramatically over the last few years and where citizens go to for their news sources, be it the web, social media, smartphone/ tablet devices, applications, I believe there should be a means for the posting of public notices that is more cost effective when taxpayer funds are used."

In regards to transparency and avail-

ability, Lossing said, "Government agencies need to be transparent in their actions and the public has a right to know how funds are to be spent — so government agencies should be able to use a mixture of currently available resources to post public notices that is cost effective. And we should maintain those public notices for a reasonable time period."

McGraw pointed out that many people would be more likely to view notices on local newspaper websites than they would on a government website. Many papers already share public notices online, including the Times. You can find the Times' public notices in the EZ Read section and in the archives.

Tom Broecker, the Fenton Township deputy clerk/operations manager said, "I think the proposed legislation is, in general, a good idea." He pointed out that many of the township notices are published in addition to having that same notice mailed directly to affected property owners, such as special assessment hearing notices.

"This is a redundancy that could be eliminated and save the taxpayers money," he said.

Broecker added, "I would expect that some notices would continue to be published even if not required by law, especially if the notice pertains to something that the Township wants to reach as many people as possible."

If residents are concerned, they can contact Gov. Snyder at (517) 373-3400, P.O. Box 30013 Lansing, MI 48909.

Fenton City and the village of Holly did not respond by press time for comment on this issue.

News & Features

Save a life give blood

▶The American Red Cross needs everyone's help

By Emily Stocker

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The Red Cross provides blood for patients in approximately 2,700 hospitals across the U.S. and they make blood available to any patient who needs it. With that

in mind, it's clear to see why it's so important to donate whenever possible.

Patients are not required to find donors to replace the blood they use (a

practice common in Europe) allowing the patient and their family to focus on recovery.

Eighty percent of the blood donations given to the Red Cross are collected at mobile blood drives set up at community organizations, companies, high schools, colleges, places of worship or military installations. The remaining 20 percent are collected at fixed Red Cross donor centers. It cannot be manufactured, it must come from the generosity of donors.

The average blood transfusion is three pints of blood. In the United States, someone is in need of a blood donation every two seconds. This equates to a need of 41,000 blood donations per day.

> Sickle cell disease patients need many transfusions throughout their lives. Cancer patients often need transfusions, sometimes daily

during their chemotherapy treatment. A car accident victim might require as much as 100 pints of blood.

The American Red Cross collects 15.7 pints of blood every year. But they are in desperate need of more.

CAN I DONATE?

American

Red Cross

According to the Red Cross, although



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Red Cross LPN Julie Kilbreath prepares Linden High School senior Teagan Pool to donate blood in this 2012 file photo. Approximately 100 people donated a pint of blood, many of them students.

an estimated 38 percent of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood, less than 10 percent of residents actually do. Blood donation is a safe process. A sterile needle is used only once for each patient and then discarded. The actual blood donation typically takes less than 10-12 minutes. The entire process, from the time you arrive to the time you leave, takes about an hour and 15 minutes.

During the screening a Red Cross worker will give you a mini physical and See **BLOOD** on 8

It cannot be manufactured; it must come from the generosity of donors. 77

The American Red Cross



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There tends to be a shortage of Type O blood, which can be used for people with all different blood types.

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Ferguson's double message: Don't jump to conclusions

Attorney General Eric Holder's Ferguson investigation offers plenty for both sides of this dispute to hate, which means there's also plenty for everybody to learn.

Seven months after the shooting of unarmed black teen Michael Brown by white Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson sparked national protests, Justice Department sleuths found enough evidence to let the cop off the hook but indict the criminal justice system in which he worked.

That's enraging to Brown's family and protesters who wanted to see Wilson prosecuted. But the evidence kept pointing the other way, said Holder.

Of the 40 witnesses who were interviewed, evidence only supported those who agreed with Wilson's claim that he was defending himself against Brown's attacks. Even witnesses who claimed Brown was shot after holding his hands up in surrender were found not to be credible, the report said.

That's fair. We should not presume Wilson is guilty just because he's white.

More sweeping, the report broke new ground in confirming a long-claimed system that acted 'essentially as a collection agency,' squeezing African-American wallets to fund 20 percent of Ferguson's revenue through selective arrests.

Defensive 'Yes, but...' arguments that blacks cause more crimes fell flat as investigators found black drivers in Ferguson were more than twice as likely as whites to be stopped and searched, yet 26 percent less likely — that's less likely — to be found in possession of contraband.

Most disturbing about Ferguson's abuses is how much they reflect systemic problems with the justice systems in small towns across America. Ferguson officials need to end the use of arrest warrants to collect fines, develop reliable ability-to-pay assessments and increase civilian involvement.

The message to cities and towns across America now is to demand better accountability, training and community relations not only to reduce abuses but also to fight real crimes more serious than one's 'manner of walking.'

THE NEWS TODAY is reporting that 295,000 jobs were added in February and that the unemployment rate dipped to 5.5 percent. These are mostly parttime jobs and there is still a scarcity in full-time jobs. That is because corporations are not going to hire when forced with high tax rates and others things of the Obama economy. Many have also stopped looking for jobs and no longer are counted.

OBAMA CONTINUES TO work against the will of the majority. They do not want tax increases. They did not want Obamacare. They did not want amnesty for illegal immigrants. They did want the Keystone pipeline. He is one of the worst presidents ever and it will be difficult to reverse the damage he has done to our nation.

THE YOUNG COUPLE with the new baby are probably doing the best that they can. Do you really think we should let them starve in the street just because they need a little outside help?

GRAVITY IS A theory too, so I suppose you don't believe in that.

HIT A PEDESTRIAN in one of those fancy walkways in Dibbleville and you'll find out who had the right-of-way.

HEAT WAVES, WILDFIRES and floods hit us hard in 2012. If we don't express climate change, think of what is coming ahead. You're worried about your grand-children getting the debt, you should be worried about them having a planet to live on

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treasurer. It took almost an hour just to get to talk to a human.

SURE GLAD AL Gore didn't mention the law of gravity or you'd be trying to repeal that. Get some knowledge.

IN YOUR MIND a lower heating bill is more important than a child's education?

NO, THE BLACK lab on Crane's Cove was eating garbage from a party or

junk from the polar dive. Just remember that when you go out on the water and take a big swallow of that water.

I WILL VOTE 'no' to raise the sales tax until they cut the fat and hidden spending.

IF YOU PRONOUNCE 'often' correctly the 't' is not silent.

BRRR, IT'S A cold time of year for girls to be out selling cookies. It's nice to see local businesses allowing the kids to sell outside their entrance. It's even nicer when they allow them inside. I feel good about supporting a business that supports our future leaders.

GOOD JOB CITY of Fenton, salt and then immediately plow so you move the fresh salt off the road before it can work! Most municipalities salt after they plow so the salt can actually melt ice.

MAKING GOOD NEIGHBORS by clearing your sidewalk after it snows is not just nice, it is the law. City ordinance sec. 29-15 states that you must clear sidewalks within 12 hours of the snow stopping. Ticket these people and raise some revenue for Fenton.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times



Stop the immigration flood

Washington is such a phony city. Maybe that's why it has such a good relationship with Hollywood.

In the sequel to a 'film' we have seen many times before, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) may 'shut down' Saturday because of a dispute between the Obama administration and the new Republican congressional majority over funding for the president's immigration orders

DHS doesn't have to shut down. Most employees will show up for work. But the appearance of closing the agency will allow Democrats and their media flatterers another opportunity to blame Republicans. As usual, we are focusing on the wrong subject, or at least the wrong part of the right subject.

Of greater concern should be the flood of immigrants from Muslim countries. As reported by Investors.com, 'France, Belgium and now even liberal Denmark regret letting in so many immigrants from Muslim countries. Their swelling Islamic communities have become breeding grounds for terrorists. So why is the U.S. opening the floodgates to foreign Muslims?' Good question. The time to be concerned about lung cancer is before one starts smoking. The time to be concerned about terrorists infiltrating America is before they arrive and attack shopping malls.

As Investors reports, 'Between 2010 and 2013, the Obama administration imported almost 300,000 new immigrants from Muslim nations — more immigrants than the U.S. let in from Central America and Mexico combined over that period.'

President Obama is living up to his 2008 campaign promise to 'fundamentally transform the United States of America.'

But transform it into what? No nation can maintain its character, strength and purpose if it does not control its borders and assimilate immigrants into the history, values and patriotism necessary for its stability and even survival.

It's long past time to seal the border and to cease allowing immigrants from nations where terrorism thrives. New arrivals should be transformed into full Americans or invited to move on to a country they love more than this one.

street talk



Compiled by Alexei Rose, intern

Have you ever needed, or donated blood?



"I have donated about 11 gallons because it is the good thing to do."

Walter Routhier

Fenton Township



"I have donated three gallons because people need the blood."

Herb LivingstonTyrone Township



"I have donated in the past, but do not now due to medical conditions. I would continue to donate just to do it."

— Anne Johnson, Flint



"I have donated two pints of my own blood because of my surgery."

— Clarke Hagen Fenton Township



"I donate as often as I can, and I donate because I can."

— Lori Johnson Argentine Township



"I have donated before because it is necessary to give back to people in need."

— Rhonda Morse Fenton

If someone in your family is missing...

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persons cases

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The family

▶Local police department should be your first phone call

By Sally Rummel

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It has been six years since Randa Jawhari was reported missing from her Fenton apartment in February 2009, and the family continues to cling to hope that someone out there knows what happened

"Missing persons cases are the worst," said Julie Lopez of Crime Stoppers

in Flint/Genesee County. "The family doesn't know what happened. Crime Stoppers gets involved in missing persons cases when the case is suspicious. We don't do the investigation, but we do process and reward tips that may lead to a case being solved. We do work with the officer in charge of a case to find the best plan for getting the best result."

If someone in your family comes up missing, whether it's your 2-yearold toddler, a teenager or your 85-year-old father, the first phone call you should make is to your local police department.

"Any time an individual believes that someone is missing, the police should be contacted," said Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro. "There is no time lapse or time limit required by the Fenton police prior to making a missing complaint."

Aro added that missing persons may be handled differently by the police, depending on the age and the circumstances surrounding that person.

If the missing person is 17 years of age or younger, their description and other information will be entered into the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) and National Crime Information

Center (NCIC) data bases. "This information assists other police agencies in identifying and detaining, if necessary, the missing person if located," said Aro. "If police believe a minor may have been abducted, the Amber Alert Network will also be initiated."

The police department receiving the complaint is responsible for conducting an investigation, according to Aro. In a runaway situation, the missing juvenile, once located, is detained until arrangements are made to return them to a parent

or guardian.

If the missing person is older than 17 and there is reason to believe the person's life is in danger, they will be entered into LEIN and NCIC, and an investigation is initiated. If they are located and not endangered or harmed, they will not be detained. The missing person entry and investigation is then closed.

If the missing person is over age 17 and there is no reason to believe he or she is endangered, entry into LEIN and NCIC is not allowed. The local police department may or may not conduct an investigation, depending on the circum-

stances.

"It's very helpful if the family or person concerned talks to other family See MISSING on 7

Important resources if your loved one is missing:

- Your local police department
- Crime Stoppers of Flint/ Genesee County: (810) 237-6816
- D/Sgt. Sarah C. Krebs Michigan State Police Missing Persons Clearinghouse Amber Alert Coordinator Office: (517) 241-0051



FILE PHOTO Crime Stoppers of Michigan President John Broad speaks with members of the Jawhari family at the

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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 mixedbreed 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.

GCAC Director Paul Wallace was not able to comment on the pending litigation.





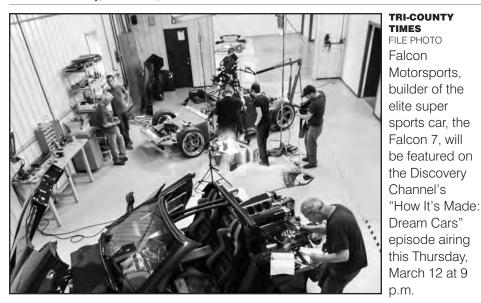
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FENTON WOMAN'S SSN USED TO FILE PHONY TAX RETURN

On March 5, a 56-year-old Fenton woman filed an ID theft complaint with the Fenton Police Department. Lt. Jason Slater said the woman learned that someone filed a fraudulent 2014 income tax using her Social Security Number. Her tax preparer learned of the fraudulent tax filing when they attempted to file the Fenton woman's. No information is known yet on the suspect. The case will be turned over the IRS for follow-up.

BREAK-IN ON WOOD STREET

At 11:20 a.m. on Monday, March 9, Fenton police responded to a home in the 500 block of Wood Street to investigate a home invasion complaint. The 27-year-old homeowner said she had left her home on March 8 and when she returned in the morning of March 9, she noticed that the rear door was damaged. Police believe a suspect kicked in the door to gain access to the house. It did not immediately appear that anything was stolen. The case remains under investigation.

Holly's Falcon 7 featured Thursday on Discovery Channel

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Jeff Lemke

came to be and why

we're (Falcon

Motorsports)

▶Episode 'How It's Made: Dream Cars' airs at 9 p.m.

By Sally Rummel

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The Falcon 7, a high-end super sports car custom-built in Holly at Falcon Motorsports, may be in its last days of being the sports car no one has

ever heard of.

An episode of Science/Discovery Channel's "How It's Made" series devoted to "Dream Cars," includ-

ing the Falcon 7, will air this Thursday, March 13 at 9 p.m.

Acrew came to Holly last April for filming, and came back again in December for a few

more days, according to Jeff Lemke, founder of Falcon Motorsports and designer of the Falcon 7.

Currently, this small auto manufacturer is building its eighth and ninth models, each taking approximately four to six months from start to finish. Each super sports car retails for between \$295,000 and \$395,000 and is custom designed for

the elite auto enthusiast.

What can viewers expect to see on Thursday night's episode of "Dream Cars"? "They'll see what we're all about," said Lemke. "They'll learn how we came to be and why it's being made. We're like the old-school cars Ferrari and Lamborghini. There are just a hand-

ful of cars out there in people's garages and out on the road."

The Falcon 7 caught the attention of Motor Trend Cars magazine after its debut at the 2012 Detroit Auto Show. "That's a big advertising platform for us," said Lemke. "We mostly do business on the Internet.

A special Falcon F7 viewing party will be

hosted by the Fenton Winery & Brewery at 7 p.m., prior to the 9 p.m. airing of "Dream Cars." Lemke will be on hand with one of his super sports cars, to answer any questions and share his dream. "We've been on the down low up to now," said Lemke, of his company. "That might all change as of Thursday night."

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHY HISTORY REPEATS — In 2008, we faced a financial crash 2.5 times greater than the crash of 1929. Tim Geithner's book 'Stress Test' tells it all. It retails for \$35. I recently purchased it, new, for \$3.50 from the Palm Beach Library, where it was never checked out.

AMERICA, THE LAND of the free and the brave, or at least it once was. With all the government laws, rules and regulations, we are no longer free, nor are we brave unless and until we boot out all the politicians and elect the brave for our freedoms. God bless.

IF YOU HAVE not seen the latest play by the Fenton Village Players, 'Run for Your Wife,' you are missing real entertainment and many laughs. We had a great time at Thursday's opening.



The death penalty

Recently, there has been widespread news coverage of concerns over the use of lethal injections to execute defendants who have been convicted of murder and sentenced to death.

Just last week, a female in Georgia was scheduled to be executed by such an injection but her execution was delayed because of issues involving the effectiveness of the drug used to initially render a person unconscious before the subsequent lethal dose of drugs is administered.

This is the latest in a recent series of lethal injection execution problems, which include difficulty in finding a proper injection vein and an improper injection into tissue as opposed to a vein.

The appropriate drug to render a defendant unconscious issue is now pending before the United States Supreme Court in the case of Glossip v Gross. In the Glossip case, the Court is to decide if the drugs that the State of Oklahoma uses in its executions fulfill the requirements of a constitutional execution.

A notable case in this subject area is the previous Oklahoma execution of one Clayton Lockett who was given a drug to render him unconscious, which didn't work. He was then given the lethal drugs and they didn't work. The execution was then stopped and he died of a heart attack 43 minutes later.

Currently 32 states, the United States military, and the federal government allow executions. The methods include lethal injection, electrocution, the gas chamber, hanging and a firing squad.

Whatever the decision is by the Supreme Court it will not affect Michigan. This is because in 1846 Michigan became the first state in the Union to abolish the death penalty.

The historical reasons for this start with the 1828 wrongful conviction and execution by hanging of Detroit resident Patrick Fitzpatrick for murder in Sandwich (now known as Windsor), Canada. As it turned out his roommate actually committed the offense and confessed to it on his deathbed seven years later.

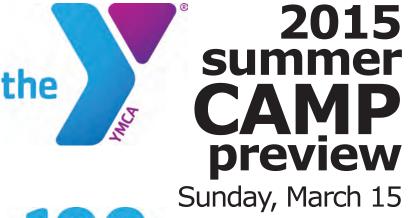
In 1830, Stephen Simmons was convicted of murder and hanged in Detroit in what has been described as a 'carnival like atmosphere' with bleachers for the crowd, formal invitations, brass bands and the like.

For an informative history on Michigan capital punishment see the article by Eugene G. Wagner in the September 2002 edition of the Michigan Bar Journal available online.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE REPUBLICANS APPOINTED the conservative/political judges to the Supreme Court that made corporations people and allowed them to buy politicians. That is why I will probably never vote Republican again. It will destroy democracy.

SOME PEOPLE (NAMELY liberals) keep blaming the resurgence of disease across the U.S on no vaccinations when it is diseased illegal aliens crossing the border. We know it is because Obama enabled and encouraged them to break immigration laws. They need to be checked and in proper order.



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'HEARTBROKEN'

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has loomed over her life since she was 10 months old.

Bella passed away Monday evening in the arms of her parents, Scott and Andrea (Starrs) Ward, at the Linden home they've shared with Bella's maternal grandparents, since Bella's cancer was diagnosed 21/2 years ago. Her family brought her home a week ago from C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor with no medical options left to fight the cancer that had metastasized to her brain and spine, but to hold onto her peacefully at home under hospice care.

Bella has been surrounded by the love of her family since the day she was born, the first cherished grandchild for both sets of grandparents, Pat and Suzanne Starrs

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Bella's aunt and godmother.

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and Scott and Sue Ward, all of Linden. Bella was also blessed with paternal great-grandmothers Toni Ward and Pat Findlater and maternal greatgrandmother, Betty Burroughs.

The community also rallied around Bella, following her story, "Believe in Bella," on a medical fundraising site, youcaring.com and supporting the family through other fundraising endeavors.

'Bella was our first grandchild and from the moment she was born, our lives changed," said Suzanne Starrs, a teacher. "Both of her grandmas and her momma read stories to Bella all day long every day, so she loved books. I instilled my love of music in Bella in the first few months of her life. We always listened to music. Her favorite songs were by Michael Buble. Anytime you would ask her who she wanted to listen to, she would say, 'Michael Buble.' Recently, I bought on iTunes The Rosary Prayers in Song. She loved listening to The Our Father. That will always stick with me. We played on the iPad a lot, and she learned her ABCs, shapes and numbers very early on."

With a difficult prognosis from the beginning, the Wards availed themselves of the very best medical care following her diagnosis at C.S. Children's Hospital in August 2012. They moved her treatment to Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital in New York City to continue to fight this disease. Bella had her right eye removed in September 2012, followed by intra arterial chemotherapy on her left eye, through



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO Bella Ward was a proud big sister when Sophia was born, Dec. 11, 2013.

October that year.

The remission of the cancer in October 2012 throughout 2013 brought the family much peace and joy, with check-ups back and forth to Memorial Sloan Kettering, and precious time spent with family. They enjoyed a brief respite from all of Bella's

treatments, taking time for small trips and other regular childhood experiences.

The couple was excited about adding another child to their family, experiencing all the joy of the birth of Bella's baby sister, Sophia, now 15 months old.

The joy was soon overshadowed by the news in January 2014 that Bella's cancer had returned, metastasized to her spine and

brain, leaving her legs immobile, but her smile still lighting up everyone who came in contact with her. New rounds of chemotherapy were tried, but were not successful in keeping this aggressive disease at bay.

"We are heartbroken," said Maria Starrs, Bella's aunt and godmother. "But we're comforted to know that Bella is now our Angel in Heaven, where she can run and dance and see."

Funeral arrangements for Bella can be found on page 14.

What is retinoblastoma?

Retinoblastoma, the most common type of eye tumor seen in children, occurs most often in young children before the age of five and affects boys and girls in equal numbers. The tumor may be in one eye (referred to as unilateral retinoblastoma), or in both eyes (bilateral retinoblastoma). Retinoblastoma occurs most often before the age of five. There are approximately 350 new diagnosed cases per year in the United States, making it the seventh most common

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members or friends to see if there is a reason that person has not been seen or heard from. It's also important to have a list of friends and contact numbers, physical description and recent photo. It's critical that information like cell phone number (if the missing person has one), address, car description with license plate information and place of employment are also provided.

"In most cases, the missing person or runaway juvenile is located within a few hours or days without incident," said Aro. "When that does not happen, there are additional requirements a police agency investigating this type of complaint must meet. Dental records, DNA and other means to establish identity must be obtained by the originating agency and provided for comparison with all unidentified bodies recovered nationwide."

Crime Stoppers recently increased the reward amount for tips leading to solving the case of a missing person, from up to \$1,000 to up to \$2,500. "Our Reward Court decides how much money a tip is worth," said Lopez. "Sometimes two tips have helped solve a case, and the tipsters then split the

> **There are 4,400** missing persons cases in Michigan, including **50 in Genesee County**

> > Source: Michigan State Police

LAKES

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last year, eight inches above the average, according to the Army Corps of Engineers. This is great news for lakefront property owners in towns like Caseville and Port Austin.

In recent years a great many property owners who were accustomed to their soft sandy beachfront have had marshy cattails with no true access to the water. Marinas in Port Austin couldn't accommodate larger boats because of the low water levels. The fluctuating water levels also force lakefront homeowners and marinas to raise and lower their boat slips often, which can be pricey.

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A combination of record snowfall, wet conditions and above average temperature contributed to the water levels rising so much, said Chris Schropp of the U.S Army Corps of Engineers. "This year, we've had a record amount of ice coverage over all of the Great Lakes.

"Last year we had the ice coverage that didn't allow water to evaporate

from the lake, just snow." The water levels are not exactly healthy, according to Schropp, but he said Lake Michigan is better off now than it was two years ago.

The above-average water levels have pros and cons, said Schropp. "We're up almost 2 feet from there. Last fall, we had an unprecedented event where lake levels continued to rise through the fall. It has not rebounded this quickly I think in any recorded history that we have."

One benefit of the higher levels ties into commercial shipping. The deeper waters mean that big ships carrying goods can take a heavier load, in turn shipping more goods. "Fortunately, we did have that rise, so if they do go down, we should be back to average," Schropp said.

It's not the only Great Lake that is rising. According to the U.S Army Corp of Engineers, Lake Superior is 10 inches higher than average, Lake Erie is seven inches higher and inland Lake St. Clair

is 18 inches higher than normal. Lake Ontario is the only lake of the five Great Lakes that is below average — down by 4 inches.

Local lake levels up as well

Silver, Marl and Dollar lakes of Fenton have weir outlet control structures, underwater dams created to reduce, but not stop the flow of water.

Lake Fenton, has two weirs, one at the center of the lake, and one on the south end. Although these weirs help maintain the legal water levels, they are all un-monitored.

Currently, the chain of lakes of Ponemah, Squaw and Tupper are 1 foot

lower than the normal summer level. Last year, areas of the Ponemah chain of lakes saw major flooding during heavy spring rains. The leveled prediction is to prevent large flooding from snow runoff and rainfall. This chain of lakes is one of the only that is actively controlled by way of the Linden dam via the Shiawassee River, according to Tom Jones of the Gen-

esee County Drain Commission.

With rain, snow, ice, weirs, dams, drain commissions and even the Army Corp of Engineers, the only one who truly has control of most of our lake levels, is Mother Nature.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO Lake Fenton, along with all inland lakes should be up in levels this season, due to substantial amount of surface ice on the Great Lakes.

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refrigerator magnets, tote bags, candy, nail files, letter openers and of course, business cards. And chair massages.

Of course, the Chamber's goal is for exhibitors to make contacts as well.

Chamber Executive Director Shelly Day said she usually gets some negative feedback while making her rounds to all the exhibitors — but that's not the case for 2015. "They seem real happy with the contacts that they made," she said.

Businesses still have a chance to send comment cards back to the chamber — they do invest \$468 as Chamber members to have a booth in the gym.

Because the weather was so nice outside, that may have actually reduced the numbers slightly, said Day. Believe it or not, that may have been better for everyone involved. Businesses and visitors may have developed better relationships because of it. "We just heard overwhelming reviews of the show," she said. Some visitors make it a point to get contractors for home projects like heating and cooling and vinyl siding.



just be for fun, also.

You can scuba, pet a goat or a Great Dane, and watch a Zumba demonstration. If you're a child, you can get a free vision check. Madeline Williams, 9, of Fenton found out she had 20/20 vision. If you're an adult, you could get a free ring cleaning.

Both kids and parents took a break in the Kids' Zone, where kids could burn off excess energy, and parents could save a little energy. Civic groups like the Linden or Fenton

Lions clubs take the opportunity to meet with the community members may not normally see.

Visitors were also able to check out Fenton Area Public Schools' International Baccalaureate (IB) booth this year. Hathaway was impressed with a presentation about Alzheimer's disease, among others.

For one weekend a year, the Fenton High School appears as if it's transformed into a mall for two days, complete with food court, and unfortunately, if you didn't go, you'll have to wait until next year.





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Student Patrick Vickers, 18, waits as a pint of blood is drawn by Red Cross phlebotomist Joan Rogers at the Fenton High School blood drive in April 2014.

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go through the eligibility requirements in order to donate. You must be at least 17 years of age and older, over 110 pounds and in good health. The most common reasons for being ineligible to donate are; if you are currently on antibiotics, received a blood transfusion or a tattoo in the last 12 months.

For a successful donation, start off with a good night's sleep. Drink plenty of fluids, eat a healthy meal and avoid fatty foods. Fatty foods can affect the tests done on your blood, and if your blood cannot be tested for infectious diseases, it cannot be used. Wearing a short sleeve shirt or one that can be rolled up is helpful. Remember two forms of identification, and no alcohol consumption the day prior to

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Fenton swim, LFLF gymnasts preparing for state meets. See Page 11



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Which MLB team once advertised in **The Sporting News** for players?

The St. Louis Cardinals did at the start of the 1943 season. World War II was making it tough to field quality teams.

HOLLY BEATS LINDEN IN DISTRICT OPENER

The Holly varsity boys basketball team opened Class A district action the way the Bronchos ended the season - with another victory.

The Bronchos (19-2) raised their winning streak to 16 games by defeating Linden 56-38 in the opening round of the Ortonville-Brandon district on Monday.

Linden (3-17) took an early 16-12 lead into the second quarter, but Holly's defense took over in the middle quarters, holding the Eagles to just four second-quarter points and another four third-period points. By the time the fourth quarter started, the Bronchos

Eight players scored for Holly, led by Ian Hodges' 21 points. Jake Daniels had 10 points, while Isaac Casillas netted eight points. Parker Rowse had eight assists, while Adam Tooley had five points and five rebounds. Scott Maki collected five steals.

Linden was led by Kevin Hoeberling and Tyler Hoeberling who each had 11 points. Mike Gold followed with eight

Holly travels back to Brandon High School today for a 5:30 p.m. game against Fenton in the district semifinals.

Lake Fenton's Hillger captures state title

By David Troppens

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Auburn Hills — Ever since Trent Hillger began his wrestling career at the age of 5, he has had dreams of being a state champion. Before this season began, Hillger envisioned himself competing in the state title match.

On Saturday, the Lake Fenton sophomore 215-pounder's two visions came true.

Hillger completed a perfect 58-0 season and captured the first individual state wrestling championship title of his career by defeating Rapids Catholic Central's Grant Tennihill 6-0 in the Division 3 final at the Palace of Auburn Hills on

"It feels great," Hillger said immediately after the championship match. "I've been working

toward this my whole life. I had to wrestle hard. I had to score points when (the points) were there. That's it.

"Yes, I knew it (I would be here). I kept working toward it in training. I was training for the state championship match. I just had to take it one match at a time."

The first period of the title match proved to be a stalemate as both wrestlers were unable to get a serious takedown attempt, resulting in a scoreless draw. The second period started with Hillger in the down position. Within seconds he earned an escape, but then the period took the same pattern of See HILLGER on 12

Lake Fenton sophomore wrestler Trent Hillger captured a Division 3 individual state wrestling title at 215 pounds at the Palace of Auburn Hills on Saturday. Hillger is Lake Fenton's fifth individual state champion in the last five years.

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► Corcoran, Gorial take home third-place efforts

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Auburn Hills — As Trent Hillger's arm was raised in the air, recognizing the Lake Fenton sophomore 215-pounder as an individual Division 3 state champion on Saturday at the Palace of Auburn Hills, it marked the end of another successful day for the Blue Devils wrestling program at the event.

The Blue Devils finished the individual state wrestling tournament with four of its seven wrestlers earning all-state honors with a topeight finish. In all, the tri-county area finished with six wrestlers from three different schools place.

After Hillger's state championship (read Hillger's story above),



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Lake Fenton's Hunter Corcoran (top) captured a third-place finish at the individual state wrestling meet on Saturday.

Hunter Corcoran was the Blue Devils' standout, capturing third place in the 119-pound class. Corcoran (48-8) defeated Portland's Dominic Gardner by pinfall in 2:11 in the third-place match on Saturday. Corcoran began the tourney with a 2-0 decision win against Hemlock's Landon Honsinger and advanced to the semis with a 1-0 decision win against Monroe Jefferson's Kyle Hughes. He lost to Grand Rapids Catholic Central's nationally ranked Devin

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Blue Devils advance in districts, 53-47

By David Troppens

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Lake Fenton—When sophomore Andrew Foerster walked off the court just moments after the Lake Fenton Blue Devils' 53-47 Class B district opening victory against Ovid-Elsie, he had just one thought on his mind. He made sure his Lake fenton teammates heard it as he charged into the locker room.

"We survived, baby," he said. "And we're moving on."

The Blue Devils (12-9) survived what was a thrilling end to the opening round of the districts. Lake Fenton led most of the

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Granger's 'D' leads Tigers to district crown

By David Troppens

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Holly — If defense indeed wins championships, then the Fenton varsity girls basketball team should be embracing senior Carly Granger right now.

Granger was given the assignment to cover Holly's potent scorer Kaitlyn Smith during Fenton's Class A district title game against area rival Holly. She held Smith to just eight points in the Tigers' 40-24 championship victory Friday.

"She's a phenomenal player," Granger said about Smith. "Playing defense against her is really hard because she's really fast. I had to move my feet a lot which was difficult because I'm used to guarding bigger girls, post players who don't move as much. With her, I had to move. I had to keep a hand in her face all the time because she shoots rockets."

In what was a tough defensive contest throughout, the Tigers jumped to an early 13-2 lead and used their gritty work on the defensive side to lead them to victory. When Granger wasn't being forced to limit Smith, it was typically Chloee Foor and Emma Brant who had to guard the Bronchos' other scoring standout, Paige Reid. The pair was equally strong on Reid, limiting her to just five points.

In a game neither team could

get much going, there was one player who provided some offense. It was Fenton's Emma Evo who scored 20 points, nearly one-third of every point scored in the contest by either team. It was enough offense to get the Tigers their Class A district victory.

"It means so much. I'm happy for my team," Evo said. "We pulled through and won, so I'm happy right now."

The Tigers jumped out to an 11-0 lead during the first five minutes of the game, giving Fenton a lead that was never seriously threatened during the night. The run started with an Evo three-pointer and ended with a three-pointer by Sarah Cummings off a Katie Conroy assist. Holly went into the second period trailing 13-2.

From there, the Bronchos (11-10) were playing catch-up with an offense that never solved the Tigers' defense. However, Holly stayed within hollering distance, and cut the gap to 20-12 after Reid made three free throws with 1.3 seconds left in the first half.

Holly had four possessions to start the third quarter with a chance to cut into the deficit even more, but it was Granger's defense on Smith that kept that from happening. Granger forced Smith into two missed shots and a pair of turnovers during that spurt. Eventually, the Tigers scored the



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Fenton's Carly Granger (left) attempts a shot against Holly's Michaela Luchow during the Tigers' 40-24 district title victory.

first three points of the second half on a Conroy trey with 4:38 left in the period, giving Fenton a 23-12 lead. The three-pointer started a nine-point Fenton run that ended with an Evo layup, giving Fenton a 29-12 lead with just 2:30 left in the third quarter. Holly trailed 29-16 after three quarters, cutting the gap to that amount on a hoop by Smith in the final minute of the period. It was only her second field goal of the game.

Holly cut the gap to 34-24 on

a Smith drive, but a Foor steal and breaking layup raised the gap back to 36-24 with 2:32 left.

Evo had nine rebounds. Cummings finished with seven points and seven rebounds, while Conroy had six points, five rebounds and two steals. Smith's eight points led the Bronchos. She also had eight rebounds and four steals. Brooke Jackman netted seven points and eight rebounds.

Editor's note: A more detailed story can be found at tctimes.com.

Three LFLF gymnasts qualify for state meet

By David Troppens

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It's only the first year of
the Linden/Fenton/Lake Fenton co-op gymnastics team

of talented veterans.

The squad will have three performers competing at the state gymnastics state meet to be held at Rockford High

(LFLF), but the squad is al-

ready performing like a bunch

School on Saturday.

Blake Hutchings was one of six girls at regionals who qualified for the all-around event at the state meet, helping lead the LFLF co-op team to a sixth-place team finish with a score of 133.775. The top three teams in each region qualified for Friday's team state meet, while individuals qualified for the individual event on Saturday.

Hutchings will be a busy performer on Saturday. By placing fourth in the all-around with a four-event score of 34.350, she'll be competing in all four events. The top six in the all-around qualified for the state tourney's all-around. The top eight in each event qualified for the event champion-ship events. Hutchings placed

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Tigers have big plans for this year's and future state meets

By David Troppens

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Fenton — Austin Landis is used to the routine.

Fenton's senior swimmer has been to the state meet before, so he knows what to expect Friday when the Tigers compete in the Division 2 state swim meet at the Holland Aquatics Center.

So does junior teammate Zac Miceli. This won't be his first state meet rodeo either.

But for the other five Fenton Tigers headed to the event, it's going to be a new thing. But, the big plus is it shouldn't be their last either. Except for Landis, every performer headed to the state meet

for the Fenton Tigers are underclassmen. So when the four-time defending Metro League champion Tigers compete, they should gain some valuable experience for future seasons.

"I think it gives people a taste of what they can accomplish, what swimming can offer them," Landis said. "Not every sport can you make it to state. You have to work hard and make the cuts to do it."

Miceli (100 but-

terfly and 200 individual medley) and Landis (100 backstroke) will team up with Noah Sizemore, Michael Fabatz, Kyle Banner, Ian MacPhail-Fausey and diver David Parker to try to score points for Fenton during the state event, which starts Friday at noon. The meet will continue on Saturday for those who reach the finals or consolation finals. And that's the primary goal — the Tigers want to get as many performers into the second day of the meet as possible.

"I'd like to see us have some secondday swims and break some records," Miceli said. "I'd like to see our 400 (freestyle relay) break a record because

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Fenton's state-qualifying swimmers and divers are (from left) David Parker, Ian MacPhail-Fausey, Zac Miceli, Austin Landis, Michael Fabatz, Kyle Banner and Noah Sizemore.

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Schroder by a 10-0 score in the semifinals, but bounced back to beat Lakeview's Nolan Saxton by a 4-2 score, earning himself a spot in the third-place match.

Two other Blue Devils placed. Tristen Nevadomski (160) capped his career with a seventh-place finish. He lost his first meet of the tourney, but then bounced back with wins in two straight matches as he worked himself back into placing status. He lost a tie-breaker to Bullock Creek's Adam McCann 4-3, placing him in the seventh-place match. Nevadomski (47-7) won that match with a 4-0 victory against Allendale's Jesse Groeneveld.

Saben Spangler (125) is a transfer from Swartz Creek who wasn't able to start competing until after Martin Luther King Day, but he still took eighth at state. He lost his opening match but then won two straight to earn a placement spot. He eventually lost to Goodwin Heights' Don Nguyen in the seventh-place event.

Hartland High School student and Fenton Township resident Jacob Gorial came within two points of capping his career with an undefeated record and a state title. He beat his first two foes, but then lost to Anchor Bay's Tyler Grimsley in the semis by a 5-4 score. Gorial placed third after beating Southgate Anderson's Jacob Balough by pinfall in 1:54.

Linden had one placer. That was senior Austin McNeill (215). McNeill (50-5) split during his first two matches, but the won three straight, placing him in the third-place match. Tecumseh's Landon Pelham defeated him 12-5 in his final event, earning him fourth place.



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Lake Fenton's Andrew Foerster (left) scored 13 points in the Blue Devils' 53-47 victory against Ovid-Elsie Monday night.

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contest, but it was their defense during the final three minutes of the game that assured the Blue Devils would be playing at home in the semifinals today against Corunna at 7 p.m. The Blue Devils led just 48-47 after Ovid-Elsie's Matthew Stevenshit aputback bucket and converted a free throw after being fouled on the putback with 3:10 left. However, from that point, the Marauders didn't score another point, missing four shots and turning the ball over twice during their final six possessions, earning the Blue Devils the victory.

Lake Fenton had leads in each of its last two games in the fourth quarter, but eventually lost, in part due to its defense.

"It doesn't matter if it is pretty or not, we just have to win games an that's what we did here," said Foerster, who netted 13 points and grabbed seven rebounds. "We are going to survive and advance. When coach (Jake Erway) put us in that 1-3-1 (zone defense) that really helped us out because we were able to get some stops."

"The last few days coach has been preaching to us that we have to play better defense before we worry about our offense," said junior Chris Bell, who scored 15 points and had five assists. "And that's what we did at the end of the game."

Lake Fenton enjoyed a 12-point lead in the second quarter, and led 25-19 at halftime. In the third period, the Blue Devils led 38-26 after a conventional three-point play by Foerster on the break with 4:07 left.

However, Ovid-Elsie cut the gap to 42-38 by the end of the period and cut the Lake Fenton lead to just one with 3:18 left.

Lake Fenton answered back with a Jake Zielinski 10-foot runner, raising the gap back to 50-47, and the extra hoop was more than enough considering the strong Lake Fenton defense the rest of the way. Jalen Miller forced a turnover on one Ovid-Elsie possession and Bell earned a steal on another. Also mixed in were four missed shots.

Isaac Golson had eight points and seven rebounds, while Zielinkski netted seven points. Miller had five points and three assists.

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the opening two minutes with both wrestlers in a stalemate. However, that changed with about eight seconds left in the period when Hillger did capture the first takedown of the match. Suddenly a close 1-0 lead turned into a 3-0 edge entering the third period.

"I was diving toward the legs and trying to get the takedown," Hillger said. "I needed to be up by three going into the third and I did it."

In the third period, Hillger's talent and conditioning took over against Tennihill (40-4). Hillger spent the entire period on top, as Tennihill found it impossible to escape. About midway through the period, Hillger (58-0) turned his senior opponent for another

three points, leading him to the 6-0 victory.

"It felt great," Hillger repeated. "He's a great wrestler and I knew it would be a tough match to win. I approached it like every other match."

"Trent is only a sophomore and he wrestles like a college wrestler," Lake Fenton varsity coach Vance Corcoran said. "He's mature beyond his years. He works harder than anybody I've ever had in the five or six years I've been coach. He's a captain. He sets examples for the team. He will train six or seven days a week just for this specific day, and it paid off today."

Hillger was dominating the entire three-day tourney, capturing first-round pinfall victories in his opening three matches. On Thursday he opened the tourney with a pinfall in 1:17 against Berrien Springs' Gage Wells. On Friday, he earned two more pinfall victories. The first was against Benzie Central's Devlin Philo in 1:55. He clinched his spot in the finals by defeating Dundee's Gabe Heiserman by pinfall in 1:37 in the semifinals.

It was the second season Hillger has qualified for the state tourney. As a freshman Hillger wrestled at 171 pounds and placed fourth. He lost his opening round match in 2014 and followed it with four straight victories, earning himself a spot in the third-place match. While there, he lost by a 6-3 decision to Caro's Skylar Ley, ending an impressive rookie year at 57-8. He said he learned a couple lessons during last year's state experience.

"I learned about the warm-up period," Hillger said. "I warmed up way too much last year. I was tired as I went into the match. This year I took each match one match at a time."

In a sport that 200 wins is considered an outstanding milestone, Hillger already has won 115 matches with two more prep seasons remaining. In a weight class typically dominated by juniors and seniors, Hillger is already ranked 18th in the nation at the 220-pound weight class according to intermatwrestle. com. The most recent top 20 list includes 18 juniors or seniors on it. But Hillger isn't one to rest on what he's already accomplished. He's already thinking about the future.

"I'll be back Monday working for next year," Hillger said.



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TIGERS

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we just missed it last year. I'm looking forward to improving my times even further."

"Second-day swims is our goal in the relays," Fenton boys swim coach Brad Jones said. "We narrowly missed (breaking the school record) in the 400 free relay last year. It would be great to get that off the board since it is a record from 1982. ... Holland is a great pool and we are only sprinting with the new guys. Certainly we are in shape to go down there and have a big run."

The Tigers will have all three of their relays at the meet. The 200 medley relay

will include Landis, Sizemore, Fabatz and Miceli. The 200 freestyle relay team will be Landis, Banner, MacPhail-Fausey and Fabatz, while the 400 freestyle relay team will be Miceli, Banner, Fabatz and Landis. Parker will dive.

Regardless what happens, the Tigers feel their young performers have had an outstanding season.

"I think we've done really well this year," Miceli said. "A lot of our younger kids have stepped up and filled the spots left open by the seniors last year. And I think next year we'll be even better. We are only losing Landis, and we have six sophomores that have been really good this year."

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in the top eight on two apparatuses. She placed third on the bars (8.850) and eighth on the vault (8.600).

"(Blake) said she was not expecting (to qualify for state), so she was pretty excited," coach Nancy Holden said. "Blake is a great competitor. She generally does not let her nerves show and stays consistent. Being solid on every event proved rewarding for her."

She'll have two teammates with her at the state meet, and both will be competing in the same event. Macy Mitchell placed third on the beam (8.800), while Nicole Haberkamp placed fourth (8.775) in the same event.

"I thought the girls did a great job," Holden said. "They came into this meet knowing the competition was going to be tough, but not really knowing what to expect. They kept their cool and had a steady performance."

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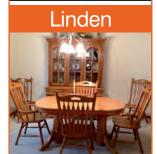


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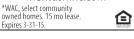


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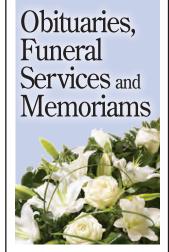
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John Joseph Grobbin 1945-2015

John Joseph Grobbin age 69, of Martinsburg, passed away March 4, 2015. Born April 25, 1945 in Dearborn, Michigan, he was the son of the late Frank and Juanita Grobbin. John served in the Army during the

Vietnam War. He was a UAW Local 1590 member and shop steward during his 22 years employed at GM and was a long standing member of the Detroit Highwaymen. He loved his family and will be sadly missed by his wife, Dianne Grobbin; four children: Meridyth Fiorita and husband, Mike, Evan Travers, Chelsea Burress, and Garrott Grobbin; four grandchildren: Wyatt and Charlee Fiorita and Oakley and Realynn Burress; his mother-in-law,

Rose-Marie Murphy; one brother, James Grobbin; and one sister, Linda Waits. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother,

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Barbara Ann Gavette 1941-2015

Barbara Ann Gavette - age 73, of Linden, died Friday, March 6, 2015. Funeral



services will be held 12 PM Saturday, March 14, 2015 at Sharp Funeral Homes. Linden Chapel, 209 E.

Broad St, Linden. Fr. David Harvey officiating. Burial in Fairview Cemetery, Linden. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Friday from 1-4 and 6-8 PM. Those desiring may make contributions to St. John G.I.F.T. Campaign. Barbara was born June 22, 1941 in Drayton Plains the daughter of Fred and Clara (Mulencourt) Roughton. She married Curtis G. Gavette December 21, 1990. She had resided in Linden since 2002 coming from Waterford. Surviving are: her husband, Curtis; 7 children, Suzette Gleichner of Fenton, Mark Gleichner of Ohio, James Gleichner of Texas, Michael Gleichner of Texas, Monica (Chris) Kindel of Flint, Todd Bass of Alaska, and John Paul Gavette of Pontiac; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; 6 siblings, Jeanne Ballant, Mary Waszak, Patty (Dale) Johnson, Robert (Carol) Roughton, Carol (Gary) Moore, Susan (Pat) Falsone; sisters-in-law, Susie Roughton and Kathy Roughton; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Phillip and Gerald Roughton; and brothers-in-law, Gene Ballant and Tom Waszak. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Isabella Rose Ward 2011-2015

Isabella Rose Ward - age 3, of Linden, courageously finished her fight with can-



March 9, 2015 surrounded by her family. **Funeral** Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Friday, March 13,

2015 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton with Fr. David Harvey celebrant. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Linden. Visitation will be held 1-5 and 6-9 PM Thursday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton where a scripture service will be held at 7 PM Thursday night. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to Isabella Rose Ward Trust. Isabella was born October 10, 2011 in Kalamazoo, the daughter of Scott and Andrea (Starrs) Ward. Bella was an amazing little girl, she brought joy and laughter to everyone she met. She was a fighter and valiantly battled cancer since 2012, even in her pain and suffering she was always happy and never complained. Bella was a true gift from God. Surviving are: parents, Scott and Andrea (Starrs) Ward of Linden; sister, Sophia Ward; grandparents, Scott and Sue Ward of Linden and Pat and Suzanne Starrs of Linden; aunts and uncles, Maria Starrs of Linden, Allie (Dustin) Johnson of Naperville, IL, Jon Ward of Linden, Sara Ward of Linden; cousin, Olivia Johnson; great-grandmothers, Betty Burroughs of Suttons Bay, Toni Ward of Fenton, Pat Findlater of Fenton, Bella is also survived by many extended family members, friends and loved ones. She was preceded in death by her great-grandparents, Francis and Rosemary Starrs, Walter Thompson, Al Ward and William Findlater. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page of www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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The Village of Holly Council will hold a public hearing on the final draft plan on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at the Holly Area Schools Board of Education Room, 920 E. Baird Street, at 7 PM or as soon thereafter as possible.

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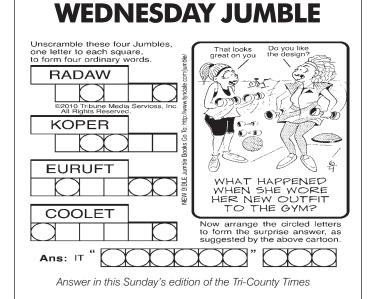
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

Change is still dominant for Rams and Ewes, both in the workplace and their private lives. This is also a good time to look at a possible relocation if that has been one of your goals.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

Doing things for others is what you do well. But don't forget that Bovines thrive on the arts, so make some time for yourself to indulge your passion for music and artistic expressions.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

While the Romantic Twin considers where to go for his or her upcoming vacation, the Practical Twin will start making travel plans now to take advantage of some great bargains.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your sensitive nature helps you deal with a difficult emotional situation. Be patient and continue to show your sincere support wherever (and for whomever) it is needed.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)

You're making progress as you move through some unfamiliar territory. And while there might be a misstep or two along the way, overall you're heading in the right direction. Good luck.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Some good news arrives — and just in time to remind you that you're making progress. Perhaps things aren't moving as quickly as you'd prefer, but they're moving nevertheless.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

This is a good week to step back and assess the facts that have recently emerged to see where they can be used to your advantage. Also, don't hesitate to make changes where necessary.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

You should begin to experience some support from those who now agree with your point of view. This should help counter the remaining

objections from die-hard skeptics.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Don't let your aim be deflected by trivial matters as you try to resolve a confusing situation. Take time to find and thoroughly assess the facts before making any decision.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) The possibility of moving to another location has come up. But before you

dismiss it as unworkable, it's worth checking out just in case it does have some merit after all.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) New relationships — personal or work-related — show mixed signals. Best to assume nothing. Let things

something substantive to work with PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)

play themselves out until you have

Your ability to make needed changes without causing too much, if any, negative ripple effect comes in handy when dealing with a sensitive matter either on the job or in the family.

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