Planet Fitness locker room debate rages on

Transgender male in women’s locker room is OK says corporate spokesperson

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If you’ve watched the news over the last couple of days, it’s likely you’ve seen mention of the Planet Fitness in Midland that revoked the membership of one female member because she broke their rule of the “judgment-free zone.” According to reports, Yvette Cormier, 48, had walked into the women’s locker room and saw the See PLANET FITNESS on 21A

A new issue of Planet Fitness has surfaced in Midland. The gym, which is one of 48 locations across Michigan, Planet Fitness in Midland made national news recently after a female member complained about a man, who identifies himself as transgender, using the women’s locker room.

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Who’s paying for what police department coverage?

Where does the coverage begin and end?

By Emily Stocker
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Lake Fenton schools. For newcomers to the area, the township, city, police department borders and coverage may be hard to maneuver. Who’s paying for what police department coverage, and where does the coverage begin and end? See POLICE on 23A

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Bumpy road ahead for area motorists

2015 pothole season could be the worst in years

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John Daly, manager/director of the Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC), likens the oncoming pothole season to a cartoon he saw going around the web. In the cartoon, a police officer pulls over a motorist driving erratically, suspecting he is drunk. The driver explains, “I’m not drunk, I’m avoiding potholes,” said Daly, “That’s the type of spring I see us having.”

This week, the weather is warming, and melting the snow revealing a lunar landscape of wheel, and See POTHOLE on 16A

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Adopt-a-Pet

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Danielle Reyes walks Mandy-Mae on Wednesday. This black-lab mix loves kids, but is not comfortable around other animals. See story on Page 20A

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Should we get rid of Daylight Saving Time?

Legislator from Ann Arbor introduces bill that would keep Michigan on standard time

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State Rep. Jeff Irwin (D-An Arbor) introduced a bill on Thursday, March 12, which if passed would eliminate Daylight Saving Time (DST) in Michigan.

Irwin introduced House Bill 4342, a bill sponsored by him, as well as Scott Dianda (D-Calumet), John Chirkun (D-Roseville), Sam Singh (D-East Lansing), Peter Pettalia (R-Alpena), See TIME on 16A

WHAT IS DAYLIGHT SAVIN G TIME?

Daylight Saving Time (DST) starts on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November, with the time changes taking place at 2 a.m. local time. It is the practice of setting the clock forward by one hour during the warmer part of the year. So that evenings have more daylight and mornings have less.

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Who can get a astrology reading?

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Protect and Serve Day lets the Holly Police Department meet with the public in a fun setting.

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Public notices on government websites only? Yeah, that’s not a recipe for more secrecy by our elected officials. Here’s a question: When was the last time you visited a government website? If you don’t know about something, how can you look for it?
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Spring training draws local fans to ‘Tiger Town’ in Lakeland, Florida

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For most people, the month of March is just a hopeful tease for the coming of spring weather.

But for thousands of visitors to “Tiger Town” in Lakeland, Florida, March is the month of spring training, with the crisp crack of a bat against a baseball, a welcome sound that binds friendship and tradition in a sport for both the young and the old.

The Detroit Tigers began their spring training season on March 2 in their 79th season, the longest-standing relationship between a major league team and spring training host city. Next spring, the Tigers will play their 50th season at Joker Marchant Stadium.

The month-long exhibition season wraps up Saturday, April 6, when the Tigers meet the Tampa Bay Rays. Opening Day is Monday, April 6 at Comerica Park against the Minnesota Twins.

For some visitors at Lakeland, it’s just one stop on a call to the warmth of Florida. But for more diehard fans, it becomes an annual trek and cherished tradition.

Bob Burek of Fenton and his closest childhood friend, Jim Robinson, began a tradition 14 years ago of meeting in Florida for one full week of baseball—mania. As 1958 graduates of Grand Blanc High School, this athletic duo first met in second grade, and both ended up with careers in teaching, coaching and education.

“There may be a day game, a night game and occasionally two in one day,” said Burek, from his Florida home on Hutchinson Island, near West Palm Beach. “We’ll usually hit eight or nine games during the week Jim’s here. It’s a lot of fun for us because we both played ball in high school. It’s so relaxed; you can see the stars up close. You can literally touch the players. Every time you see the Cardinals, Yankees or Red Sox play, it’s exciting. They’ve got an incredible fan base.”

Their trips to Lakeland have also allowed them to meet such famous baseball greats as the late-great Tiger announcer Ernie Harwell and former Tiger manager Jim Leyland. “We saw him (Jim Leyland) on a daily basis last year at our hotel,” said Burek. “You could talk to him at breakfast.”

Hewitt Judson, former teacher and coach at Lake Fenton High School, just returned from a week in Florida with fellow coach Randy Hoover. “It was a guy’s road trip,” said Judson, with a smile. “We went to the second home game last Thursday in Lakeland. We lost to the (Atlanta) Braves, 6-4. This is my third trip down here, two with Randy, so I guess it’s becoming a tradition.”

Judson said both he and Hoover really appreciate the sport of baseball, as ex-baseball coaches since first coaching Little League back in 1970. “After winter, it was always good to get outside and stretch again. Going down to Florida got us an advance on spring.”

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Randy Hoover devoured a Ball Park frank, a necessary ritual of attending a ball game.

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Joker Marchant Stadium is in full view here from the top of the grandstand behind home plate.

SPRING TRAINING FACTS AND FIGURES
• Ticket prices are at three price levels: Infield Box $28/$30/$35, Reserved $26/$30/$35, Left Field Reserved, $21/$25/$30, Bleachers $17/$30/$22, Berm $15/$18/$20
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• Ticket website: tigers.mlb.com
• You can buy a batting practice pass, which allows you to enter the stadium three hours prior to the game and watch the Tigers and visiting teams in live batting practice.
• Parking passes can be purchased in advance for under $10 for cars.
• Concession options include Tiger’s owner Mike Ilitch’s Little Caesar’s pizza, along with traditional ballpark treats like burgers, Ball Park franks, sandwiches, bottled and craft beer.
• Seven spring training camps are within an easy drive of Lakeland, including Pittsburgh Pirates (Bradenton), Toronto Blue Jays (Dunedin), Atlanta Braves and Houston Astros (Orlando/Kissimmee), New York Yankees (Tampa) and Philadelphia Phillies (Clearwater).
We are our own worst enemy

Americans have become so politically correct that right now, at this very moment, we are setting the stage for hundreds of Americans to die in additional terrorism attacks.

Here’s bow. Anyone watching the news over the next month will be exposed daily to in-depth reports of the civil unrest in places to determine if Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, the surviving Boston Marathon bomber, will get life or the chair. This senseless charade will result in Tsarnaev being the lead story on every front page and newscast for weeks. After the inevitable guilty verdict, Tsarnaev will be sentenced to death. Then, for the next 10-20 years, we will feed, clothe and shelter him on death row while lawyers (paid for by us) appeal his sentence. Meanwhile, thousands of young, impressionable Muslims across America will watch as Dzhokhar Tsarnaev is glorified as a martyr on terrorist recruitment websites. This will unquestionably result in increased recruiting of domestic terrorists, more domestic terrorist attacks, and more dead and maimed Americans at malls, movie theaters and other public venues.

If the terrorists hired the best advertising agency in the world they could not possibly produce a more effective recruitment message than the one this trial is providing—’kill American infidels and you will be famous.’

So, you ask, why is Tsarnaev being prosecuted as a criminal rather than an ‘enemy combatant?’ Senators Kelly Ayotte, Saxby Chambliss, Lindsey Graham and John McCain demanded that he be tried as an enemy combatant rather than as a criminal. But Alan Dershowitz, a prominent American legal scholar and lawyer, argued that he was simply a misguided young man who committed a crime—and an a-hole liberal judge agreed.

One can’t help but wonder what the parents of the 8-year-old boy killed by the Marathon blast felt about this. Or the families of the other two spectators who died instantly. Or the family of the cop the two brothers executed later that day as he sat in his patrol car. Or the 264 Americans that were injured, many losing limbs.

If I were King, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev would be tried as an enemy combatant in a military court, not open to the public. He would be tried and judged within 90 days of his crime being committed. The resulting death penalty would not be subject to an appeal process. He would be executed within 30 days of being found guilty. The entire execution would be filmed and played on network TV and YouTube as often as possible. Americans would fight fire with fire, so to speak.

Impressionable young Muslims would see a commercial message alright—a message that would show what happens to terrorists who kill Americans. A message that would be a deterrent to terrorism, not an incentive.

But, thanks to liberal lawyers like Alan Dershowitz, that is not going to happen.

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Compiled by Alexei Rose, intern

Hotlines
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WHY DO SOME people keep blaming the resurgence of disease on no vaccinations when in reality it is illegal aliens the resurgence of disease on no vaccination, by a wide margin. ABC came in last, of course.

WE’RE NOT ONLY have to be 35 years of age, but you also have to have some experience and credentials to run for president…. Oh, wait.

TWO WEEKS AGO somebody let their dog run loose in the town center and I had to look in the phone book to find who owned it. The dog was not on a leash and it was out of control. I don’t understand why someone would let their dog do that.

YESTERDAY IT was announced that the independent organization that rates news organizations has determined from a national poll that the most trusted news network is Fox News, by a wide margin. ABC came in last, of course.

IF IT’S GLOBAL warming, why are we setting so many local and national temperature records across the country? We are being told it’s man-made CO2 levels that are causing colder odds and warmer odds? CO2 doesn’t pick where it touches. CO2 doesn’t care if it’s 80 miles north because of warmer weather and no snow. FYI, the science is there but many can’t understand it.

IF YOU GET your climate change science from a political scientist you may need to consult a psychiatrist. It got very little attention on Fox, but Republicans in Congress agreed in a resolution that climate change was real.

GREAT IDEA ABOUT the parking ramps. Please send your check to the DDA.

IF YOU WATCH or read the Israel PM on Israel’s news, you would understand that he lives in a country that is politically divided also. Coming here may turn out to be what loses him an election there.

IT TURNS OUT Mexico has higher vaccination rates and standard grades for school admission than the U.S.

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME is a typical government program. No one can explain it or any benefits of it. But we just keep on changing our clocks year after year.

I’VE BEEN READING Hot lines for about 10 years, and have come to this conclusion. A local bunch of disgruntled Republicans meet in a garage every week and feed the Times with negative comments about President Obama. I’m tired of reading your babbles.

TO THE PERSON in Feniton — your dog barking 24/7 is horrible. Summer is coming and we want to be able to open our windows! Bring that poor animal inside and quiet it leaving it outside all the time.

Know of any outdated laws?

► Legislative workgroup wants your input to update the books

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Dumb laws?

► A woman isn’t allowed to cut her own hair without her husband’s permission.

► It is legal for a robber to file a lawsuit, if he or she was injured in your house.

► Putt-putt golf courses must close by 1 a.m.

► Willfully destroying your old radio is prohibited.

► It is illegal to male a pig run free in Detroit unless it has a ring in its nose.

► Persons may not be drunk on trains.

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Spring thaw brings ice dangers

Four inches of ice needed to support 200 pounds

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The unofficial start to spring, for many, came with the time change this past weekend. It’s not officially spring out and it doesn’t quite feel like spring yet, although it has been warming up some.

The thought of warm weather will have some worrying about safety on the local lakes as ice fishermen continue to drive, walk and fish out on the ice.

Ryan Volz, Fenton Township fire chief, said, “This year was a good ice year as far as freeze and thaw. I think the average was around 15 inches of ice.” That ice isn’t going to melt over night, but that doesn’t eliminate all of the dangers.

If you plan to make a trek out onto the ice, Volz said, “What they need to watch out for is old fishing holes.” The ice will be much thinner in those areas.

He also warned about areas where the snow was cleared away. “Those spots don’t have the snow to insulate them from the sun,” he said. If we start to get some rain, that too will speed up the melting process of the lakes. “Just remember 4 inches of ice will hold around 200 pounds of weight,” Volz said. He suggested not fishing or walking on areas where rivers, creeks, or springs allow water to flow. Those areas will be much thinner than the rest of the lakes. Ice shanties should be removed, if not already done.

People’s safety isn’t the only matter when it comes to the melting lakes. When the thaw begins, the waterfowl will return and the family pets will try to get them. So keep an eye on them when they’re outside. Volz said, “Animals through the ice are the most frequent calls we respond to.”

“If your pet does go through the ice and it’s not close to shore, please don’t try to get them,” Volz said. “Your pet weighs much less than you do and you will go through the ice way before you get to them.”

If you witness an animal, person or vehicle go through the ice, call 911 immediately and the fire department will respond.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHERE ARE ALL THE kids and the snow shovels? When I was a kid, I made $100 a month shoveling Fenton residents’ sidewalks. Or, is it the fact that the Fenton residents prefer complaining instead of paying a kid to shovel their sidewalk? □□□

IT JUST AMAZES me how our President seems to think he is a one-man show. We do vote in Senators and Congressmen for a reason don’t we? Apparently, someone needs to explain that to them. Time to make decisions for the U.S., too.

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SO, OUR AMBASSADOR in South Korea was attacked and he had with him one security person who was unarmed. Is this how we protect our personnel overseas? Who is responsible?

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I QUIT THE GOP when, according to the secretary of the treasury, they circled the wagons to protect the most wealthy from losing their Bush tax cuts while turning their backs on our country during the financial crash of 2008. How’s that for research? Wish I had submitted that.

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IN 2007, CONGRESSIONAL leader Nancy Pelosi met with Syria’s president Assad, even after being told by then-president Bush not to. Liberals have a short memory when it comes to so-called ‘unprecedented actions’ concerning the letter sent to Iran about its nuclear deal with Obama.

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TO WHOMEVER said, ‘gravity is a theory’ you are sadly mistaken. It is called ‘the law of gravity’, not ‘theory of gravity.’ The difference between the two is one is definitely proven and a theory is not 100 percent proven. Example: I theorize you are an idol.

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ENJOYED THE LIBERAL comment about the guy serving 27 years on death row. Liberals always take the most extreme example to make their case for progressive causes which ignore personal responsibility and corporate accountability. Do you have a better justice system which is in effect immune to mistakes? Please share it with us.

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How much do you want to make?

Research careers carefully before you make a decision

By Sally Rummel
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What do manicurists, cashiers, lifeguards and fast food workers have in common?

Many of these jobs start out at minimum wage, now $8.55 in Michigan or slightly higher at about $10 an hour. A cashier, stocker or bagger at Alpine Marketplace in Linden will start out at $8.15 per hour, but can move up after six months following an evaluation of their work skills, according to Ashley Colwell, a cashier at Alpine.

While some of these jobs involve unskilled labor, especially jobs in the fast food industry, other positions require unique skills, labor or training.

For example, a manicurist-pedicurist must complete a state-approved cosmetology or nail technician program and pass written and practical exams. Their median pay in Genesee County is $18,417 a year, according to salary.com. If their workweek is based on 40 hours, their hourly pay is about $8.85.

Lifeguards, ski patrol and other recreational protective service workers are an example of safety workers with a relatively low pay scale. The city of Fenton, for example, hires lifeguards for Silver Lake Beach in the summer, at a pay rate of $9 per hour last year. Gate patrol workers at the entrance to the park are paid minimum wage.

“We’re hoping to go up with both those wages this summer,” said Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Dan Czamecki.

Entry-level bank tellers, often considered the public face of the bank, are another segment of lower-paid professionals, with an average pay of $22,911, according to salary.com.

On the other hand, the pay scale moves up in jobs in certain high-demand fields or with more training involved. The average secretary earns $18,16 per hour, and a dental assistant earns about $16.86 per hour, according to about.com/careers. Bus drivers earn an average of $15.13 per hour and phlebotomists earn about $14.86 per hour.

To move up to a $30-an-hour job will require more education and training, and will earn a worker $62,400 per year. That is just under the amount the average dental hygienist earns in Michigan, $64,065, with an associate’s degree and state licensing.

Other high wage earners in the $30 per hour wage category include accountants and auditors, chiropractors, landscape architects, insurance underwriters, registered nurses, technical writers, web designers and developers, automotive engineers, urban and regional planners, diagnostic medical sonographers and cardiovascular technicians, arbitrators and mediators, multimedia artists and animators, to name just a few.

Even minimum wage earners will find a few more dollars in their paycheck when Michigan’s minimum wage goes up to $8.50 an hour on Jan. 1, 2016, with an increase to $8.90 on Jan. 1, 2017 and $9.25 on Jan. 1, 2018.

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The sun warms the snow, creating morning fog that blankets this Fenton backyard on Wednesday. Even though it’s not technically spring yet, the weather made a clear turn toward spring this week.

**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

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October 10, 2011 - March 9, 2015

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Bella loved shapes, books, music, Michael Buble and adored her little sister Sophia. The sound of her laugh and the beauty in her smile could make anyone’s day. Although Bella may have lived a short life, she has touched the lives of so many people. She left us with an impact larger than life and will never be forgotten.

Retinoblastoma Awareness: Retinoblastoma is a rare cancer of the retina. It is usually diagnosed before a child reaches the age of 3 and affects 1 in every 15,000 to 30,000 babies in the United States. Retinoblastoma is caused by a mutation in a gene that can occur sporadically or can be inherited from a parent. Know the Glow: A white glow in a child’s eye reflected by a camera’s flash could be a sign of cancer.

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

P is for pineapple

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Part nine of an ongoing series

Pineapple is by far this reporter’s favorite P fruit, but it isn’t the only fruit or vegetable I enjoy in this category. I am sure some of your favorites are listed here, too. P has a plethora of produce for your palate enjoyment.

Fruits and vegetables have numerous health 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.

PEAS

Peas might be small, but they are a giant when it comes to health benefits. They are high in antioxidants, which makes them anti-aging and helpful to the immune system. They are rich in vitamins and they even contain those good-for-you Omega 3 fatty acids. Peas are easy to add to your diet, too. Eat them alone, add them to garden salads or pasta salads, and add them to your soup for a colorful meal.

PEPPER

There are many kinds of peppers. We’ve covered some of them, like jalapeno. The hotter the pepper, the more capsaicin it contains, which is pain relieving, among other things. Bell peppers are a wonderful source of vitamin C, as are other pepper varieties. Add peppers to salads, stir-fry, eat them with dip or top pizza with them.

POTATO

Many people consider the potato to be a comfort food. What you might not realize is that this starchy vegetable has some decent benefits. Not only is it a good source of vitamin B6, but it is also rich in potassium, copper, vitamin C, manganese, phosphorus, niacin, dietary fiber, and panthenic acid. Slice them up for homemade baked (not fried) fries, mash them up, bake them or add them to soup.

PUMPKIN

Pumpkins are related to squash, cucumbers and cantaloupe. They are incredibly rich in vital antioxidants, and vitamins. While most people only think of pumpkin being used in pies, it’s also a good addition to smoothies. The seeds have great health benefits, too!

PEAR

There are a few varieties of pears, but not as many different varieties as apples though. The skin of pears contains at least three to four times as many phenolic phytonutrients as the flesh. Phytonutrients are antioxidant, anti-inflammatory and more. Pears are great fresh, baked or even in a pie.

PINEAPPLE

Pineapples contain 105 percent of the recommended daily allowance (RDA) of vitamin C. Now that’s healthy. They contain far too many vitamins and minerals to list individually. Pineapple is sweet and has a lot of natural sugar, so eat sparingly. They are great alone, on pizza or mixed in a fruit salad.

PLUM AND PRUNE

Plums contain vitamins C and K, copper, fiber and potassium. They are rich in these whether you eat them as a fresh plum or a dried prune. Plums are great on their own or as juice.

PAPAYA

Papaya is soft and sweet and often they are added as a flavor with other fruit juices. They can also be found dried in fruit and jelly. Papaya is extremely high in vitamin C, which may be why they are a super fruit!

PLANTAIN

While the plantain is closely related to the banana, it appears they are often treated like a vegetable and used similarly to potatoes and sweet potatoes. This interesting fruit is sweet and somewhat slimy, but tastes great once you get used to them. Eat alone or fry them up as a side dish for Caribbean-style cuisine.

PERSIMMON

Persimmons are a fruit that can be eaten fresh, dried, raw, or cooked, which changes the flavor. They are generally sweet and pulpy. They look similar to a medium tomato. They contain vitamins A, C, E and B6, as well as dietary fiber, and much more.

PEACH

Peaches are amazingly delicious when bought fresh in season. They can be hard and flourless out of season, instead of juicy and sweet. Peaches are great alone, baked in cobbler and pies or added to smoothies. They make a great summer snack with other fruit. They contain many vitamins and minerals.

PASSION FRUIT

Passion fruit doesn’t look too odd until you cut one open. The seedy pulp inside is what you’ll eat. This strange looking pulp is rich in more than a dozen vitamins and minerals. Passion fruit can be added to smoothies or eaten atop yogurt. Try it out as a topping for chicken or fish the next time you’re cooking up dinner.
ABC Supply Company buys Siding World

Dan Squires is the manager of the new ABC Supply Company in Fenton, after more than 40 years in the building materials industry.

Fenton’s Dan Squires heads local branch as manager

By Sally Rummel
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If you’ve bought building materials in Genesee County in the last 40 years, chances are you know the face and name of Dan Squires.

Working in the building materials industry since 1972, including many years at James Lumber in Flint, Squires brings four decades of experience into his new position as branch manager of ABC Supply Company in Fenton.

ABC Supply Company, the world’s largest distributor of exterior building products, has purchased Siding World’s 17 locations in Michigan and the Midwest, including its location in Fenton at 195 South Alloy Dr.

The store’s inventory includes siding, windows, gutters, decking and railing, roofing and other exterior building materials by reputable manufacturers including CertainTeed, Napco, Mastic, Vinylmax, Ply Gem and Therma-tru, to name just a few. Anderson Windows are also available upon request.

In addition to building contractor sales and retail sales for do-it-yourself homeowners, ABC Supply is also a wholesaler for The Home Depot and Lowe’s.

“Customers will appreciate our huge selection of all exterior building products, as well as our level of experience,” said Squires. “We can guide you through any project and will work with you step by step. We won’t just ‘load your cart.’

This new job is a perfect fit for Squires, who is able to manage all the decision-making policies and product buying for the local store, with the support of the company’s National Support Center in Beloit, Wisconsin. “We’re our own stand-alone profit center,” said Squires. “We can reap our own benefits here based on our own hard work.”

This entrepreneurial spirit comes naturally for Squires. His grandfather, Arleigh Squires, held the original copyright and built the original wood boats for MasterCraft Boats. He also built all the heavy wood cedar picnic tables for the state of Michigan rest stops in the 1960s and 1970s. Squires’ dad was Bill Squires, who worked at The State Bank as senior commercial loan officer for many years.

Squires is also well known locally for his involvement at Fenton United Methodist Church and as a member of the LeRoy Street Band, which plays contemporary Christian music during the Fenton Freedom Festival.

At age 64, Squires isn’t slowing down anytime soon, especially with good genes handed down from his father and grandfather, both of whom lived into their 90s. “I figure I’ve got another 30 years to work,” he said, with a smile.
**Pothole**

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budget-busting potholes.

Along North Walnut Street in Fenton, fresh patch material fills some potholes, a sign that the Fenton Department of Public Works (DPW) had just been there. Any other low points in the street are filled with water.

The 2015 “pothole season” could be a perfect storm of poor road conditions, following a record-setting cold winter, coupled with historically anemic road funding. In Michigan, potholes tend to be patched instead of replaced by sections of new roads.

“The reality is that pothole patches are just that — a patch,” said Anita Richardson with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). “A true fix will require much more.”

The GCRC, MDOT, and local departments of public works will have their hands full with patchwork this season.

Richardson said that MDOT will spend $88 million this season, based on a five-year average. She said they’d likely go over that due to the extreme cold of the winter, and state highways may go without grass cutting this season.

“Weather this winter can once again be described as ‘extreme,’” she said. “Yes, pothole season will likely be worse as a result because the state has a highly used road system that has been underfunded for a number of years.”

The GCRC will spend $64 per pothole, when staffing and materials are considered. Fenton DPW Director Dan Czarnecki said his department will spend $13,000 each year on “cold patch” patch is what you’ll see them using this time of year — a pliable, oily filler that doesn’t need to be warm to work. It also never gets completely set, and can be pushed out of the holes by tires.

“Hot patch” material, which is more permanent, isn’t available until warmer months. Manufacturing costs increased, putting cost pressure on the state as well.

According to a March 12 article in the Lansing State Journal, the number of potholes being filled in 2015 is even more due to cold weather and water getting into roadways. A city in Michigan recently had potholes filled after heavy rain and freezing temperatures.

**How are potholes formed?**

“Potholes begin after snow and rain, seep below the ground and freeze, causing the ground to expand and push the pavement up. As the temperatures begin to rise just before springtime — usually, the ground returns to normal, but the pavement remains raised. As vehicles drive over the raised pavement, it cracks and falls into the hollow space below, leaving a pothole.”

Source: Anita Richardson, MDOT

**To report a pothole**

The Genesee County Road Commission is responsible for roads in local townships — go to gcrc.org. Scroll down to the left-hand link, “Report a pothole or other maintenance problem here.”

You can also call (810) 767-4920.

For Livingston County, call (517) 546-4250.

The Road Commission of Oakland County will take large pothole notices at (877) 858-4804.

If you live in a city or village, you can report problems to the city or village office.

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Holly Village: (248) 634-9571

Each pothole costs the Genesee County Road Commission $64 to patch.

Potholes may be so bad that state highways may not receive grass cutting to save funds.

**TIME**

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Tom Barrett (R-Potterville) and Robert Kosowski (D-Wayne).

The legislators propose that Michigan eliminate DST, which calls for clocks to be set ahead one hour every spring and backward one hour every fall. This bill would direct the state to follow the standard time of the zone in which it is located.

According to a March 12 article in the Lansing State Journal, winterists called “well-documented” accidents and heart attacks in the days after the spring shift. He also says DST is supposed to save energy, but evidence from Indiana’s 2006 changeover found an increase in electricity usage. The Alaska Senate voted Wednesday to eliminate DST in their state. Their bill passed 16-4 and now goes to Alaska’s House for consideration. HB 4342 was referred to the Committee on Government for Operations for review.
Blue Devils advance to district final

Hold off Corunna in fourth to earn semifinal win

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Lake Fenton — With a win of 69-62 over the Corunna Cavaliers, the Lake Fenton Blue Devils did something they haven’t done since 2011. The Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team earned a shot at a Class B district championship against state-ranked Goodrich at Lake Fenton High School on Friday night.

The seven-point win could make it seem like the Blue Devils played a close game, but that was merely the fourth quarter. Before that, Lake Fenton held onto a double-digit lead the entire game, reaching a margin of 20-plus points through most of the first half.

Now with Goodrich looming on Friday night at home, junior Jake Zalewski calls a chance at a district title the “best feeling I’ve had yet in high school.” Results of Friday’s game can be found at www.tctimes.com or in Wednesday’s edition of the Tri-County Times.

But to keep that good feeling going, they’re going to have to figure out what happened in Wednesday’s fourth quarter, where the Blue Devils were out-scored 19-10, and the Cavaliers came within six points with about

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Lady Tigers’ season ends in regional semis

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Fenton — Becki Moore said she felt bad for her kids. Moore thought she let her Fenton varsity girls basketball squad down during the team’s Class A regional semifinal contest against a 20-4 Salem squad.

It was apparent from the tears rolling down her face, that the Fenton varsity girls basketball coach sincerely believed what

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Online Exclusives

Friday night’s district action is detailed at tctimes.com.
Future is bright for girls hoops

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With Fenton’s loss in the Class A regional semifinal on Monday, the 2014-15 girls varsity basketball season came to an end.

However, when 2015-16 begins, don’t be shocked if it seems like a repeat of this year — at least in terms of who the star players are.

A good chunk of the standout people have watched and talked about over the last couple of years will remain. So, in short, don’t be shocked if the girls varsity basketball scene takes a jump up in talent among the four tri-county area squads.

One could argue that the best players from each team will be back next season. On Monday, the Fenton Tigers (12-11) completed a season that saw them finish second in the Metro and capture a Class A district title. Next season, the two players who led the team in scoring and rebounding (junior Sarah Cummings and sophomore Emma Evo) should return. Actually four-fifths of Monday’s starting lineup will return. That list includes Chloee Poor, Madison Shegos and Madeline Carr.

“I’m really excited because looking at our team we will lose a couple of girls, but they are going to be so great next year,” senior Katie Conroy said. “I will be excited to see how they do. They have a lot of young kids and a lot of leadership on the team, so they are going to do great.”

The Holly Bronchos (12-10) had to stave off several key injuries this season and yet found a way to finish third in the Metro. Holly’s roster should return two of the Metro’s top players next season. Junior Kaitlyn Smith has been among the league’s elite players since her freshman year. This season, sophomore Paige Reid became another strong scoring option as she gradually grew into a leadership role. Those two should help keep the Bronchos near the top of the league.

And then there is Linden, the tri-county’s third Metro squad. Playing with eight players the entire season, the squad finished a respectable 8-13 overall, and earned regular-season splits with Holly and Fenton. Five players from that squad should return, led by junior Taylor Smith and sophomore Sterling DeGayer. They will make up a pretty potent 1-2 scoring combination as well.

First-year coach Brian VanBuren is excited about starting his second year with Lake Fenton’s program as well.

Fenton’s Emma Evo (left) and Holly’s Paige Reid (right) are two of many quality varsity girls basketball players who should return to their squads next season.

The team’s leading scorer this season was sophomore guard Sierra Arroyo while post player Autumn Beardsley was second in scoring, first in rebounds and first in blocked shots. Freshmen Hannah Garty and Cameron Williams also saw ample playing time this winter.

“I think we made some progress, especially with our young ones,” VanBuren said after the team’s final game of the season. “Our two freshmen are two girls I’m very proud of. They were with us the full year and not for a moment did they want to go back to JV or want to have a selfish moment where they wanted to go back. Both of them were extremely supportive to the team and I think we will have two soon-to-be stud players in (junior) Sydney Sheybach and Beardsley. I think they’ll give us even more of a post presence next year.”

So when the 2015-16 season begins in about eight months, don’t be surprised if the faces look the same, and the basketball ends up being a year more mature and stronger.

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Continued from Page 15 two minutes left in the contest. At halftime, the margin was 41-23 in favor of Lake Fenton. The Blue Devils (13-9) still led by a 59-43 margin entering the fourth quarter.

“We’ve done it a few times where we came out in the second half and pull away,” Zielinski said. “This time we came out in the first half.”

Close games with Corunna have been the norm this season. The Blue Devils lost a Dec. 12 contest against the Cavaliers when Corey Mort hit a game-winning three pointer, earning Corunna a 62-61 victory. On Jan. 30 the teams faced off and had a similar game to Wednesday’s district semifinal contest. Lake Fenton entered the fourth quarter of that game with a 55-41 lead, but had to hold off a furious Corunna comeback attempt to capture a 73-68 victory.

Both Zielinski and Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Jake Erway had reasons the fourth quarter nearly spelled doom for the Blue Devils, and what they need to work on for Friday’s matchup.

For Zielinski, he knows his team has to work on the clock down instead of taking quick shots on possessions. For Erway, it all starts at the free-throw line.

“We missed 12 free throws in the second half,” he said. “When we miss 18 the entire game and they only miss three, that’s not good.”

Erway also mentioned several big shots going Corunna’s way, most of those coming from sophomore Jaron VanFletteren. In the second half alone he racked up 16 points. He led both teams in scoring with 24 overall. No other Cavaliers managed to score double-digits.

Lake Fenton was led by junior Christopher Bell, who had 19 points. Sophomore Andrew Foerster chipped in 16, along with a big presence under the basket to nab both offensive and defensive rebounds, grabbing eight boards in the contest. Foerster also took his fair share of the foul shots for the Blue Devils thanks to his aggressive play down low.

Senior Tyler Brownning and sophomore Isaac Golson both had nine points for the Blue Devils. Zielinski and sophomore Jalen Miller both had seven. Zielinski helped on the boards, collecting eight rebounds. Meanwhile, Miller led the Blue Devils with four assists.

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she was saying.

But, for those who witnessed the game, there was nothing to be sorry for. Fenton played with the aggression and class that typifies the Tigers’ program, but fell short against a squad that was riding a 20-game win streak, losing a 50-33 verdict in the semifinal game Monday.

“I’m sad for my kids. I’m frustrated I couldn’t come up with something better for them,” Moore said. “I’m frustrated we couldn’t come up with something better of- fensively. I’m glad we did it better defensively.”

While the Tigers (12-11) did struggle offensively, the reality of the situation is Salem’s defense has made a lot of offensives struggle this season. Since the Rocks start- ed their recent 14-game winning streak in late December, Salem had scored less than 40 points in a game in only one of those games it took double overtime to do it. So, in a lot of cases, the Tigers did pretty well. Four-year senior player Katie Conroy had no regrets.

“We played as hard as we could and I’m proud of my team,” Conroy said. “(My four years with the varsity basketball program) has meant the world to me. Basketball is my main sport. I stopped playing soccer a couple of years ago. This season this team has been the best and I cannot be more thankful for all the girls, my coach, the staff and everything. It’s been so amazing.”

The Tigers came into the contest clear underdogs, and for the first half the Tigers proved transfer Ian Hodges that sparked the Bronchos as both players had 22 points. Hodges finished with four steals while Daniels also had four assists and four rebounds. Holly’s defense forced 23 Fen- ton turnovers, limiting many of those becoming Holly steals for transition hoops.

“It’s all about ball movement and get- ting stops on defense,” Daniels said. “I said it from day one, if we get stops on defense we are going to win games. I thought our defense was almost at its best tonight. We are going to keep getting bet- ter and get good shots.”

“We have the confidence of being nine games ago and last Simms five games ago,” Holly coach Lance Baylis said. “Each time we kind of have to re-invent ourselves, and today I saw us getting a little back to the old Holly. We ran in the back out of the ball Holly, the get the ball and get it flying to the open man Holly. We’ve had set- backs with Kyle and Josh, but here we got getting revved up with different faces and different situations.”

The Bronchos never trailed, but Fenton did tie it at 16-11 on a 12-foot bucket by Peyton Coffman with just over seven min- utes remaining in the half. However, the Bronchos put together a string of nine unanswered points, eventually taking a 25-16 lead after Scott Maki assisted a Jake Dan- iels three-pointer with 3:40 left in the half.

straight points themselves. Fenton got a driving layup by Carly Granger, cutting Salem’s lead to 10-8 after one quarter.

Fenton never had the lead again, but did cut the gap to one twice during the third quarter. The latest time came at 14:13 on a putback hoop by Fenton’s Sarah Cum- mings with 3:07 left in the half. However, seconds later, Salem’s Lasha Petree con- nected on a three-pointer, fouled and connected on the free throw, raising the gap back to 18-13. Two free throws by Aly Lenz with 1.7 seconds left in the half kept the Tigers competitive, trailing just 22-18 at the half.

The start of the third quarter became the critical juncture of the contest, Salem scored the quarter’s first nine points, in- creasing their lead to 31-18 with 5.11 left in the this quarter. From there, the Tigers typi- cally trailed by a number in the teens, and never cut the gap back into single-digits.

Salem was able to nullify one of the Tigers’ biggest strengths during the Metro League season — rebounding. With Ewo and Cummings patrolling the boards the pair made it tough for opponents to get second- and third-chances through off- ensive boards. Meanwhile, Fenton’s defense typically scored at least double-digits off their offensive boards. However, on Monday, the Rocks held Fenton to just four second-chance points, with none of them coming in the second half. Mean- while, the Bobcats enjoyed 14 second-chance points. For the most part, the Tigers’ de- fense was strong.

If I had to look back on it, we forced them in the shots we wanted better ones, we didn’t box out and that stuff confounds itself,” Moore said. “They would come back down and hit shots, which would’ve been OK if we didn’t give up the extra ones.

“A lot of times we live off of offensive rebounds and if my memory serves me correctly, I’m not sure we got a ton of those.”

Granger led the Tigers’ offense with nine points. The four-year varsity senior also had four rebounds and two assists. Cummings netted eight points and four rebounds, while Ewo had six points, seven rebounds and two steals. Lenz finished with five points.

The Tigers concluded their season with a Class A district crown, winning three games during that portion of the tourney.

“We all came together at the end of the season and did everything we could,” Conroy said. “We have no regrets. I’m really happy with my team.”

The lead grew to double-digits for the first time at 28-18 after a converted free throw by Hodges, and Holly never al- lowed Fenton to cut the margin back to single-digits, taking 32-19 lead at halftime on a bucket by Adam Tooley right before the half ended.

Much like the Tigers’ first game of the season against Holly — a 93-81 loss — Fenton never seemed entirely out of the game during the second half. Fenton got the deficit to the point of making Holly uncomfortable either. The Bronchos biggest lead came back after fast break layups by Hodges, giving Holly a 46-22 lead with 5:37 left in the third quar- ter. However, Fenton later cut the gap to 48-36 on a layup by Austin Bossenberger. That’s as close as the Tigers would ever get after failing behind by 20.

With the losses of Simms and Wood- ruff, Hodges has become one of the players who has surfaced. He opened the district by leading the Bronchos in scoring with 21 points in a 56-38 district opening victory against Linden on Monday. Wednesday’s game in the game was Hodges’ 13th with the team since he became eligible on Martin Luther King Day. Being a transfer, he had to wait until that date to play.

“I feel way more comfortable,” Hodges said. “Just being able to go out and com- pete with the guys, everyone has accepted me great.”

The Bronchos also saw Paris Partee have a nice game, scoring eight points and grabbing a team-best 10 rebounds. He also earned three steals.

Fenton was paced by Bossenberger’s
Are you ready to adopt a dog?

Finding the right dog for your lifestyle and family

By Yvonne Stegall
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Spring is a big time for pet adoptions, according to Fenton’s Adopt-A-Pet Program Director Jody Maddock. “We do typically have an increase in adoptions in the spring,” she said.

Speculating on why so many people want a new pet in the spring, Maddock said, “Maybe because the weather breaks and people want to be out more and they can visualize themselves with an animal.” She said it could also be that spring is the season where more animals are born so there are more from which to choose.

Maddock said she has also heard that dogs are easier to train in the spring. Whether that is true, if you find yourself looking for man’s best friend to join your household, you may be unsure of what type of dog you should get.

When it comes to adopting a dog, breed isn’t your only choice. You will also want to consider the age of the dog. It’s also important to know that the dog isn’t the only factor in your decision. You and your family factor in, too. Do you have children? What ages? Does everyone in your house work full time? Are you able to get out and exercise the dog, or do you need a dog that lives a more sedentary lifestyle? How old are you?

Maddock said, “As far as what dog is better, so much depends on the needs of the animal and the needs of the person.” She suggested that people should never adopt an animal just because they feel sorry for them or because they look alone. It’s important to know the specific and individual needs of that animal before making a decision.

The AKC recognizes at least 160 breeds of dogs, and adding all the mixed breeds to that it can be confusing knowing what dog is right for your family. You can find dog breed selectors online, but your best bet is to talk to the people working at the adoption place you choose to visit. They will know the temperament, needs of the dogs in their care, and will be able to help you make the right choice in a forever pet.

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The popular left field berm of Marchant Stadium is similar to the fun of lawn seating at DTE Music Theater, according to Hewitt Judson.

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He likes the relaxed atmosphere at spring training, compared to the regular baseball season. “Players are always more friendly down here with the fans. It’s a lot more relaxed for them.”

He and Hoover also spent time visiting several Lake Fenton alumni who were also in Florida, including Tony Conrad, Denny Hoover, Randy Caszatt, Phyllis Heusted and Wayne Newton.

“Our second annual road trip was a success,” said Judson. “We couldn’t decide if we were Tom Cruise and Dustin Hoffman in ’Rainman’ or Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels in ’Dumb and Dumber’!”

PLANET FITNESS
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woman in question, one who considers herself transgender, using the same facilities. She immediately went to the front desk to make management aware of the situation. Cormier was told that the policy at Planet Fitness is that you can use whatever facility equates with the gender you identify with. Bypassing the local manager, Cormier went straight to Planet Fitness corporate, where representatives confirmed that the policy explanation given to her was correct.

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she expressed her concerns about the policy exhibited behavior that club management deemed inappropriate and disruptive to other members, which is a violation of the membership agreement and as a result her membership was cancelled.”

Following this news, there is now talks about “bathroom bills,” in which laws are drafted that persons must use the bathroom facility that corresponds to the gender they were born into, not the one they identify with, and would result in fines to those who break that law. Kentucky, Texas and Florida already have this law in place. Will Michigan be next due to the Planet Fitness policy?

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Size and age — All little puppies are adorable, but they grow quickly and some of them grow to be pretty big. Find out how large, in height and weight, that cute puppy will become before you bring him home. Maybe a puppy isn’t the right choice and you want an older dog to love. Mature dogs are usually less energetic and take a lot less work. Puppies will need a lot of training and a lot of your time.

Grooming needs — All dogs need to be groomed regularly to stay healthy and clean, which can be as simple as a bath and a brush down for shorthaired dogs. Long-coated dogs require much more effort to stay untangled and clean. All dogs shed, too, but some more than others, so you’ll want to determine how much dog hair you’ll be cleaning up on a daily basis.

Health — Find out if the breed you are looking at is prone to hereditary diseases or conditions, such as hip or eye problems. Looking into this ahead of time can save you future issues. It’s also wise, when getting a mixed breed, to know what breeds they have in them, for this same reason. There are doggy DNA tests that can be done that cost anywhere from $50 and up. When you’re ready to start your search, make a list of the characteristics you are looking for to help you find the perfect dog for you and your family.

Source: AKC.org
POLICE
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Fenton Township covers about 36 square miles. The U.S. census tells us that approximately 13,000 people live within the township. Fenton Township gets its police coverage from the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department through an annual contract. The annual operating budget totals $687,662, coming from the general fund.

The city of Fenton is seven square miles bordering Oakland County and Livingston County. As of the last census, the population is approximately 11,574. Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said his department is a full-service, 24-hour-a-day, 7-days-a-week department. It also houses the dispatch center for the city’s 911 services, employing two full-time and four part-time dispatchers. The operating budget for fiscal year 2014/15 is $1,894,775.

Holly Township is about 36.2 square miles, with between 7,500 and 7,800 residents. Argentine’s department (short-term) 24/7. There is no charge. “This in essence reduces travel time roughly 36.6 square miles with a population of 11,362 residents. Rose Township has approximately 6,210 people. Holly and Rose townships are both covered by the Michigan State Police.

Lt. Michael Shaw of the MSP said, “Naturally, you see our troopers more in that area as there is no local/county police patrol in that area. Other parts of Oakland County normally will not have a trooper respond for a call for service as they have contracted with the sheriff for patrol, such as Independent Township, or have their own department, such as the village of Holly.”

Shaw added that if one of those departments called for help they would be there to assist, just as they would be for the MSP.

As for costs, “We don’t break it down as far as Holly or Rose townships. It is just part of Michigan. We are responsible for providing police service to all citizens of Michigan, regardless of their location in the state.”

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**NOW $10,500**
2012 CHEVROLET CRUZE 2LT
Stk#8407034A

**SALES HOURS**
Mon - Thurs: 8:30am - 6pm
Fri - Sat: 8:30am - 6pm
Sun: Closed

**SERVICE HOURS**
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**PRICES / PAYMENTS INCLUDE GM EMPLOYEE DISCOUNT AND MAY INCLUDE GM LEASE LOYALTY, USAA DISCOUNT OR SELECT BONUS CASH WHERE APPLICABLE. LEASE PAYMENTS ARE $2000 DOWN, 39 MONTHS (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED) PLUS 1ST MONTH PAYMENT AND NORMAL START-UP FEE.**