# **Planet Fitness locker room debate rages on**

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

#### **By Yvonne Stegall**

ystegall@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 If you've watched the news over the last couple of days, it is 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

Mandy-Mae on Wednesday.

This black-lab mix loves kids but is not comfortable around other animals.

See story on Page 20A



**Yvette Cormier** Membership revoked

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO The Planet Fitness in Fenton 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





▶2015 pothole season could be the worst in years

#### **By Tim Jagielo**

tjagielo@tctimes.com 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



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO The city of Fenton will spend \$13,000 on potholes this season. The Genesee County Road Commission will spend \$64 filling each hole.



**L** My favorite feature in the Times is the Michigan Votes article each week that shows how my elected

**By Emily Stocker** 

Where does the

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coverage begin and end?

ton Township, and your children attend

**AICHIGAN** representatives voted on /VIE proposed bills. It reveals their true agenda, what they do, as opposed to what they say. Watch how they vote on

the public notice bill that removes the mandatory publishing of notices in the newspaper, that will also be telling.'

Who's paying for what police department coverage? 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 depart-

If you live on parts of Rolston Road, ment coverage, and where does the you have a Linden address, live in Fen- coverage begin and end? See POLICE on 23A

> **LEDO you really** think that just because something has been means it's OK?



done for 100 years Should slavery have continued as well? That's what the cir-

cus elephants were - slaves. This is an unnecessary practice that I'm glad to see end.'



well written and informative. It's extremely important for all of us to understand

ent world today. We gave this to all of our children to read. Thank you, Times."

# Should we get rid of Daylight Saving Time?

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

#### **By Sharon Stone**

sstone@tctimes.com; 810-433-6786 State Rep. Jeff Irwin (D-Ann 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 **SAVING 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.





**EPublic 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

Tigers Opening Day is Monday, April 6 at Comerica Park

#### **By Sally Rummel**

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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 4, 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 Hutchison Island, near West Palm Beach. "We'll usu-



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

ally 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."

**L**It's so relaxed; you Their trips to Lakeland have also allowed them to meet such faclose. You can literally mous 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



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO Randy Hoover devoured a Ball Park frank, a necessary ritual of attending a ball game.

## 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/\$20/\$22, Berm \$15/\$18/\$20

• Ticket line is 866-66-TIGER

• 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 team in live batting practice. • Parking passes can be pur-

chased 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).

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."

See TIGER TOWN on 21A



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touch the players. 77

Fenton resident with 14-year

tradition of spending a week at

"Tiger Town" in Lakeland, Florida

**Bob Burek** 



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# We are our own worst enemy

**By Foster Childs** 

If I Were

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 how. Anyone watching the news over the next month will be exposed daily to in-depth reports of the civil trial taking place 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

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WHY DO SOME people keep blaming the resurgence of disease on no vaccinations when in reality it is illegal aliens crossing the border? Measles were completely eradicated in the U.S. before the policies of Obama pushing illegals into various communities without being checked and in proper order. Shame on you.

QUESTION FOR HILLARY: Wasn't the whole point of the law that demands the use of a government server so that all emails to or from high-level government officials are accessible at all times? Finally, proof of the Cliinton's dishonesty in all matters.

#### WHY IS THE dog running loose on Crane's Cove anyway?

EVERY DAY WE read about millions of our fellow Americans looking for work. So why is it that when I call for support or information from an American com-pany, I have to struggle to understand someone with a hard to understand foreign accent?

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE Fenton High School robotics team, which placed ninth overall out of 40 schools in a recent competition. They were very impressive in only their second year. Kudos also to teachers Andy Cocagne and Sara Gadwa and the mentors who

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

committed many hours to the team's success. THERE'S STILL NO answer to the singles

of 55+ meeting up. Is there a local business willing to host that event? We'd like a meet and greet.

ROAD TAX TO be raised by putting a tax on cigarettes. Let them pay for it.

TO THE PERSON calling in about the wood stoves, close your window. It's cold outside. 

I LOVE IT when people who desire city life tell me I should move. I have no desire to live in the old days, nor do I mind driving 20 minutes to get somewhere. People who stay in Fenton do so because they love small town living.

combatant?' Senators Kelly Ayotte, Saxby Chambliss, Lindsey Graham and John Mc-Cain 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 some 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

YOU 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 relieve itself in front of the Argentine Dollar General. Nobody has cleaned it up yet, but I just wondered 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



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within 30 days of being found guilty. The entire execution would be filmed and played on network TV and **44** One can't YouTube as often as possible. Americans would fight help but wonder fire with fire, so to speak. what the parents Impressionable young Muslims would see a comof the 8-yearmercial message alright old boy killed

by the Boston

**Marathon bomb** 

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would be tried and judged within 90 days

of his crime being committed. The result-

ing death penalty would not be subject to

an appeal process. He would be executed

— 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.

We are our own worst enemy.

Opinions offered in If I Were King are the author's alone and do not neces-sarily reflect the opinion of the Tri-County Times or its staff. Email the King at king@ctcimes.com. Some content adapted from the internet.

IF IT'S GLOBAL warming, why are we setting so many local snow and cold temperature records across the country? We are being told it's man-made CO2 levels that are causing colder colds and warmer warms? CO2 doesn't pick and choose where to settle. Use some common sense for once!

I FIND IT interesting that the Iditarod dog sled race has been moved 255 miles north because of warm weather and no snow. FYI, the science is there but many can't understand it.

I'M SORRY, BUT when did someone having a baby, regardless of their age, become everyone's business? It's their life, not yours. Unless you know them personally, stay out of 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 Israeli 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 stricter rules for school admission than the U.S.

IT IS UNFORTUNATE that hate is louder than love.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

# Should the minimum wage be higher?



Compiled by Alexei Rose, intern

"Yes. People who work for minimum wage have a set income and the costs of living are increasing."

> – Barb Hill Argentine Township



"Yes, because it is hard to make a living."





"Yes, because we are bouncing back and people need to spend more money to get by." — Kim Hagler Linden



"Yes, all prices go up and everyone needs to make more money."

— Joyce Spurlin Grand Blanc Township



"Yes, because you cannot make it by on \$8.15."



"Yes, much higher, people need to make a decent wage. With that, it will make a decent living environment."



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#### **HOT LINE** CONTINUED

A BIG THANK you, thank you to the couple sitting next to us five ladies at a Fenton restaurant on Feb., 2. Thank you for paying it forward. It was sincerely appreciated.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME is a typical government program. No one can explain why we do 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 flood the Times with negative comments about President Obama. I'm tired of reading your babble.

TO THE PERSON in Fenton — 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 quit leaving it outside all the time.

We would like to enjoy the outdoors without the barking, please! 

SO IT WAS OK when you trashed Bush for eight long years but we are now supposed to sit silently while President Obama destroys our children's future? Grow up and open your eyes to reality.

YES, THERE IS climate change. It's been changing for 4.5 billion years and it always will. The 'deniers' have a problem with people thinking they can control it. It's about money, cap and trade, and carbon credits.

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IT IS THE height of arrogance to believe that humankind has control over climate. Somehow, we are expected to trust politicians, drive small cars, change light bulbs, pay carbon taxes, and it will be paradise on Earth.

#### THE CLINTONS LOVE America and

have proven it. So lay off Hillary and quit making a mountain out of a mole hill. No harm, no foul.

## "Why all the household dust?"

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April and Keith Meadows help keep

indoor air clean with their local

business, Power Vac.

For years, Power Vac, Inc. has been vacuum your car with. Then there are improving the community's health one household at a time. "Did you know that half of all illnesses come directly from dirty indoor air? In fact, our indoor air is up to 90 times more polluted than the air outdoors," explained Keith Meadows, Power Vac

Owner and Operator. "More than 90% of the phone calls I receive are from distraught people complaining about dust in their homes. They tell me they will dust the house Friday, but by Sunday it needs to be done again, and they're not sure where these dust piles are coming from. Let me tell you, you're not a bad housekeeper. All you need to do is have your ducts

cleaned. This simple step will drastically reduce the dust in your household. The reason for the dust is your cold air returns. You see, cold air returns suck in dirty air. Over time it builds up in your ducts until the debris resembles what you would find in your vacuum bag."

See for yourself! For an actual photo of the debris that is pulled from a typical home's ducts, visit our website www. callpowervac.com.

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

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

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

companies who claim they have a truckmounted system. In reality, they have a low powered portable system attached inside a van. We have the equipment powerful enough to get the job done right, and that equipment is a Power Vac truck." Want to see the

difference between our equipment and portable or truckmounted equipment? Visit our website at www. callpowervac.com

'The Power Vac truck is the most powerful equipment in the industry," Keith explained. "Simply put, the entire truck is the vacuum, and the truck motor powers the equipment. You'll know

it's a Power Vac truck because it's the size of an ambulance and when engaged, 12 large air bags come out of the roof.

"What makes the difference in equipment? Power! To put things into perspective, your furnace moves 2,000 cubic feet of air per minute, which is what you feel coming out of your register. Truckmounted equipment moves 4,000 CFMs. Well, Power Vac moves over 16,000 cubic feet of air per minute, which is four times the power of most competitors.

"You need to beware of companies using cheap equipment and advertising cheap prices. Most of these companies are unlicensed, or they may advertise that they are licensed, but are not. Avoid scams by not falling for cheap, get-you-in-the-door prices. What sets us apart from our competitors is our honest service, and, of course, our equipment. I know the importance of being on time, working with a smile and respecting people's homes and their belongings. There are a lot of duct cleaners around, but rest assured you'll receive the same quality of service I expect in my home."

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# Know of any outdated laws?

## ► Legislative workgroup wants your input to update the books

State Rep. Joseph Graves wants local residents to speak up and let him know what outdated or unnecessary state laws should be rescinded in Michigan to cut down on the number of regulations that could put people in legal jeopardy.

Graves (R-Argentine Township) said a legislative workgroup will make efforts to reform Michigan's criminal laws, and he wants input from local residents in the elimination process. People can visit his website at www.repjoegraves.com and let him know what outdated or needless laws should be purged from the books.

'Our books are overflowing with regulations and rules, some of which are not relevant to today's society," Graves said. "It's important that we take a look at what laws can be eliminated simply because they either serve no purpose or are not effective in the 21st century."

The Michigan penal code contains nearly 1,000 sections, which is eight times the number of the Model Penal Code and much more than neighboring states, according to a recent study by the Manhattan Institute for Public Research and the Mackinac Center

for Public Policy.

The workgroup will focus on repealing unnecessary and outdated statutes, as well as reducing unnecessarily or disproportionately high criminal penalties by ensuring that penalties for similar crimes are consistent.

In 2009, a Michigan woman received national

attention when state government ordered her to stop watching neighborhood children after school because she was not a licensed day-care provider. The woman faced potential misdemeanor charges



## 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 for a man to scowl at his wife on Sunday.

• It is illegal to let your pig run free in Detroit unless it has a ring in its nose

 Persons may not be drunk on trains.

Source: www.dumblaws.com

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**State Rep. Joe Graves** 

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(R-Argentine Township)

relevant to today's

before the Legislature intervened.

"Statutes such as that, which prevent neighbors from helping one another, have no place in today's law books," Graves said. "I encourage anyone who has had a similar experience with outdated laws or unnecessary regulations to go to my website and weigh in with their

comments."

Graves also encourages local highschool government classes to research Michigan laws and submit ideas to his website.



# Spring thaw brings ice dangers

▶ Four inches of ice needed to support 200 pounds

#### By Yvonne Stegall

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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 on the lakes."

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 is those areas.

He also warned about areas where the snow was cleared away. "Those spots don't have the snow to insulate them from

## **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 tell him that they are there to make decisions for the U.S., too.

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 ambassadors? Our ambassador in Benghazi wanted and asked for more security at his location. Is that how we protect our personnel overseas? Who is responsible?

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 the sunlight," 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 also 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

before you get to them."

vehicle go through the ice, call 911 immediately and the fire department will respond.

backs on our country during the financial

about its nuclear deal with Obama.

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 idiot.

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#### **11** just want everyone to be safe and cautious while on the ice. 77

**Ryan Volz** 

Fenton Township fire chief

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

If you witness an animal, person or

crash of 2008. How's that for research? Wish I had submitted that.

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

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ENJOYED THE LIBERAL comment about the guy serving 27 years on death row. Libto 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?

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## ▶ 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 \$8.15 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 Czarnecki.

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 not meet your wage the \$30 per hour wage category include accountants and audi-

tors, 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 pocket 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.

## **HOT LINE** CONTINUED

PART-TIME LEGISLATORS would be a good change for Michigan. Remedy would be to meet 50 percent of the time to accomplish 100 percent of the legislation. Our legislators are in session less than 50 percent of the year now and yet are paid a full-time rate. The system takes advantage of taxpaying Michigan citizens.

FENTON DPW DESERVES a pat on the back for their timely and effective salting and plowing of our streets this past winter. They did a great job at the expense of their families and sleep. Much overtime and lack of sleep to keep our streets clean and usable.

SO, HILLARY CLINTON uses her private computer/server to conduct both personal and government business, then chooses what to delete from it and what to provide to the government. She sure thinks a lot of herself. Who made her God anyway? Is this what you really want for president of USA?

FOR THE RECORD, the majority voted for President Obama twice. That is the way

winners are chosen. You want the Keystone pipeline but celebrated stopping a pipeline here. Wrong in so many ways this one is.

AS STATE REPUBLICANS cut the income tax rate and continued to give business tax breaks and cuts, they ignored road funding. Now the cowards neglect their duty and are passing it onto the voters instead so they can still spin they didn't raise taxes, the voters did.

AS A TRANSGENDER person, I would not use the ladies locker room, but the ladies restroom is a different story because stalls are fully enclosed. I have been threatened and asked not to use the restroom at a local bar. 

BAFFLING BILL, THE magician at Lake Fenton last Saturday was amazing. Thanks Lake Fenton Foundation and sponsors.

**REGARDING THE HOT** line on having a place for singles 55 and up to gather at, the Community Center would be wonderful for get-togethers, dancing and socializing, etc. Many other cities and towns have such places, why not Fenton?

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## A clear turn toward spring

## TRI-COUNTY TIMES

TIM JAGIELO 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

IWISHYOU Bibi lovers would move to Israel.

REPUBLICANS PREACH WE need more competition to reduce healthcare cost. So why did they made it illegal for the federal government to negotiate prescription drug prices for Medicare and Medicaid? A one trillion dollar bonus for drug companies.

AMERICA'S PROBLEM ISN'T just a few bad apples in the barrel. It's that the barrel is rotten.

I LIVED IN Fenton for 25 years until I joined the military and left. Why are the residents complaining about the sidewalks? They pay the city for the bug sprayers in the summertime. Why don't they pay the city to clear the sidewalks in the city limits?

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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.

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## is for pineapple

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

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 healthy benefits, and the aim of these articles is to share some of those benefits with our readers. This is not a comprehensive list, but it's a good place to start.

#### PEAS

Peas might be smallbutthey are giants 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.

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## POTATO

Many people consider the potato to be a comfort food. What you might not realize is that this starchy vegetable has some decent ben-

efits. On top of being a good source of vitamin B6, they are also rich in potassium, copper, vitamin C, manganese, phosphorus, niacin, dietary fiber, and pantothenic 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

tain 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 potas-

sium. 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 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 seed blends. Papaya is extremely high in vitamin C, which may be why they are a super fruit!

## PLANIAIN

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 flavorless out of season, instead of



juicy and sweet. Peaches are great alone, baked in cobblers 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.





daily allowance (RDA) of vitamin C. Now that's healthy. They con-





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

## **ABC Supply Company buys Siding World**

Fenton's Dan Squires heads local branch as manager

#### **By Sally Rummel**

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 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. Andersen 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.'

who is able to manage all the decisionmaking 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-

our own hard work."

spirit comes naturally for Squires. His grandfather, Arliegh 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.





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#### POTHOLE **Continued from Front Page**

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). "Atrue fix will require much more."

The GCRC, MDOT, and local departments of public works will have their shovels 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

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" mate-

rial, which is more permanent, isn't available until warmer months. Manufac-

#### TIME

**Continued from Front Page** 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, Irwin

#### 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. Fenton: (810) 629-2261 Linden: (810) 735-7980 Holly Village: (248) 634-9571

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reality is that pothole patches are just that -apatch. 77 Anita Richardson Spokesperson, MDOT

year on "cold patch" materials. Cold

### 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.

turing plants aren't even producing it yet.

According to Czarnecki, there really isn't a "pothole season." They fill all year round, but clearly more potholes develop as the ground starts to thaw. "Currently, I don't think the potholes are any worse or less than usual, we will be seeing many of them developing now that the nice weather is starting," he said.

Fenton's small DPW crew is responsible for 75 miles of road.

Daly is responsible for 2,954 miles of Genesee County road lanes, and MDOT covers 9,669 miles of

state and U.S. highways. Daly said the extreme cold is ex-

acerbating the problem of potholes. The extreme cold of the winter means the ground is frozen a foot deeper into the earth than usual, and will be longer to thaw, leading to more potholes. He said there will be weight restrictions until late April for all roads that aren't all-season roads.

Motorists can help overextended departments by avoiding hitting potholes — even patched ones.

> The Fenton DPW, GCRC and MDOT all invite reports of bad potholes. See sidebar for contact information. Daly said he moves crews around, taking care of the worst potholes first. Invariably, the same spots will open up again and again. He said the GCRC will get 70 or so pothole complaints each day.

cited "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.

## TRIVIA prep basketbali

Entering Friday night, who was the last tri-county boys basketball team to win a district title?

The Fenton Tigers won a Class A district in 2012. The Linden Eagles won the last regional, back in 1998.

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# ► Hold off Corunna in fourth The seven-point win could make be found at www.tctimes.

to earn semifinal win By Jordan Climie

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**Lake Fnton** — 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 stateranked 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 Zielinski 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 outscored 19-10, and the Cavaliers came within six points with about **See DISTIRCT on** 

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CHRIS BELL Scored 19 points in Lake Fenton's 69-62 win vs. Corunna.

## **ONLINE EXCLUSIVES**

Friday night's district action is detailed at tctimes.com.

#### TC ELITE TRYOUTS SET FOR MARCH 22

The TC Elite, formerly the Tri-County Tigers, will be holding tryouts for the 2015 season on March 22.

The try-out fee is \$15. Seventh- and eighthgraders will tryout at Fenton High School from 9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. The ninththrough 11th-grade students will try out from 10:30 a.m until noon. Please arrive 1/2 hour early before your start time to register.

For more information go to tricountytigersaau.com.

#### FOURTH-ANNUAL TIGER TROT SLATED FOR MAY 16

The fourth-annual Tiger Trot is May 16 at Fenton High School. The 5K walk and run begins at 8:30 a.m. The children's race for ages 3 to 10 will be at 9:30 a.m. and be held exclusively on the Fenton High School track. Each child earns a medal. The 5K course begins at Fenton High School, runs thru the City of Fenton and finishes at the high school track. The cost is \$25 with a shirt and \$20 without one. For more information or to register go to www.fenton.k12.mi.us.

# **Bronchos buck the Tigers**

Set up Friday's Class A district title contest with Grand Blanc

#### By David Troppens dtroppens@tctimes.com

**Holly** — Sometimes being a champion means re-inventing yourself.

The Holly varsity boys basketball team knows that all too well.

About halfway through the season, the Bronchos lost one of the most potent perimeter shooters in the Flint area when Kyle Woodruff suffered a broken collarbone.

Five games ago, the Bronchos also lost one of the best driving players in the Flint area when Joshua Simms went down with an injured ACL.

To many teams those injuries would be a death sentence — but not for the Bronchos. All they do is continue to find ways to win. They've won 17 straight. And now the Bronchos are one victory away from earning their first-ever Class A district title in school history, and their first one at any class since 1983.

Holly (20-2) pushed the tempo frequently and had a doubledigit lead the entire second half



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I MARK BOLEN

Holly's Jake Daniels drives to the bucket in the Bronchos' 66-50 Class A district semifinal victory against the Fenton Tigers at Brandon High School on Wednesday. The Fenton defenders are Ross Ebert (right) and Alec Thomas (right).

against the Fenton Tigers (10-11), resulting in a 66-50 Holly victory at Brandon High School. The Bronchos play Grand Blanc in the Class A district title game Friday at 7 p.m. at Brandon High School. Grand Blanc beat Bran-See **BRONCHOS** on 19A

## Lady Tigers' season ends in regional semis

#### By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com 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 See SEMIS on 19A



TRI-COUNTY TIMES MARK BOLEN Madison Shegos (left) attempts a shot in Fenton's loss to Salem.



#### www.tctimes.com

# Future is bright for girls hoops

► All four TC teams have strong players returning

#### By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 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 standouts 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 Foor, Madison Shegos and Madeline Carr.

"Tm 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



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SCOTT SCHUPBACH

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 Bronchos near the top of the league.

And then there is Linden, the tricounty'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. 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 Sheyachich 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.

## DISTRICT

**Continued from Page 16** 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 come 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 the clock down instead of taking quick shots on possessions. For Erway, it all starts at the freethrow 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 VanFleteren. 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 Browning 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.





#### SEMIS

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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 on 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 to get us going a little bit better."

While the Tigers (12-11) did struggle offensively, the reality of the situation is Salem's defense has made a lot of offenses struggle this season. Since the Rocks started their 20-game win streak, opponents have averaged 30 points a game. In their most recent 12 games, only two squads have scored more than the 33 points Fenton provided on Monday, and in 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, but for the first half the Tigers proved they belonged in the regional. Fenton opened the contest scoring the first six points, including four by sophomore Emma Evo on a 10-foot jumper and a three-foot runner. However, Salem slowly forged control of the game, scoring 10 straight points themselves. Fenton got a driving layup from 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 second quarter. The latest time came at 14-13 on a putback hoop by Fenton's Sarah Cummings with 3:07 left in the half. However, seconds later, Salem's Lasha Petree connected on a three-pointer, was 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, increasing their lead to 31-18 with 5:11 left in the third quarter. From there, the Tigers typically 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 Evo and Cummings patrolling the boards the pair made it tough for opponents to get second- and third-chances through offensive boards. Meanwhile, the Tigers' offense 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. Meanwhile, Salem enjoyed 14 second-chance points. For the most part, the Tigers' defense was strong.

"If I had to look back on it, we forced them into the shots we wanted but we didn't box out and that stuff compounds 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



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** I MARK BOLEN Fenton's Emma Evo (right) competes for a ball with a Salem player in the Tigers' 50-33 loss in the regional semifinals.

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 Evo 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."

## BRONCHOS

**Continued from Page 17A** don in the other Class A district semifinal 57-37.

On Wednesday night it was the deadly combination of Jake Daniels and Carman-Ainsworth 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 Fenton turnovers with many of those becoming Holly steals for transition hoops.

"It's all about ball movement and getting 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 better and get good shots."

"We lost Kyle after like nine games and then lost 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 — the run the heck out of the ball Holly, the get the ball and get it flying to the open man Holly. We've had setbacks with Kyle and Josh, but here we go getting revved up with different faces and different names."

The Bronchos never trailed, but Fenton did tie it at 16-all on a 12-foot bucket by Peyton Coffman with just over seven minutes 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 Daniels three-pointer with 3:40 left in the half. The lead grew to double-digits for the first time at 28-18 after a converted free throw by Hodges, and Holly never allowed 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, but never got the deficit to the point of making Holly uncomfortable either. The Bronchos biggest lead came after back-to-back fast break layups by Hodges, giving Holly a 46-22 lead with 5:07 left in the third quarter. 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 falling behind by 20.

With the losses of Simms and Woodruff, 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 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 compete 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



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** I MARK BOLEN Holly's Paris Partee (center) attempts a shot in the Bronchos' 66-50 victory against Fenton in the Class A district semifinal contest. The Fenton players are Ben Hajciar (right) and Ross Ebert (left).

13 points, with nine coming from behind the three-point arc. Ben Hajciar also nailed three treys and finished with nine points

"We had a lot of unforced turnovers tonight," Fenton coach Tim Olszewski said. "We just kind of gave it away a little bit. They got into transition. ... They got 14 transition points in the first quarter alone. We were always down 14 to 16 and got stuck there. We'd make a little run and they'd do something or we'd turn the ball over. ... We were one run away from turning the table and then we'd turn the ball over."





My 2002 Chevy Impala 3400 V6 is making a squealing noise near the front of the engine when i start the car. When I shut the car off it continues to squeal for about 10-15 seconds before running down and shutting off. I think the sound is coming from the fan but I'm not sure. - Ridge

A: Victor, This happens quite often and is usually caused by the tires being worn differently from front to back. When you rotate them the noise will generally go away after some driving, but if the wear pattern is excessive it may not go away and might indicate that you need a front end alignment.

Do you have a question that you would like to have answered? E-mail it to me at: askthemechanic@wilkinsonautorepair.com



## Are you ready to adopt a dog?

Finding the right dog for your lifestyle and family

### By Yvonne Stegall

ystegall@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 Spring is a big time for pet adoptions, according to Fenton's Adopt-A-

Pet Program Director	
Jody Maddock. "We	Things to
do typically have an	consider
increase in adoptions	when
in the spring," she said.	looking
Speculating on why	for the
so many people want a	perfect
new pet in the spring,	dog.
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Page 22A 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 with the dog, or do you need a dog





TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Tim and Debby Early hold their dogs after getting them 'fixed' at Adopt-a-Pet. They adopted the dogs from friends who could no longer care for them. As retirees, they have time for smaller dogs that need more attention.

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 breads 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.

#### Adopt-A-Pet receives 2015 Best of Fenton Award

Adopt-A-Pet, Inc. has been selected for the 2015 Best of Fenton Award in the Animal Shelter category by the Fenton Award Program. Each year, the Fenton Award Program identifies companies that it believes have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category.

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Jody Maddock Adopt-A-Pet program director







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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.

#### TIGER TOWN **Continued from Page 3A**

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'!"



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SUBMITTED PHOTO Hewitt Judson is pictured here before the game on Thursday, March 5, when the Tigers lost to the Atlanta Braves, 6-4.

#### PLANET FITNESS

**Continued from Front Page** man in question, one who considers himself 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 ex-

planation given to her was correct. McCall Gosselin, Planet Fitness director of public relations, said in an

email, "Planet Fitness is committed to creating a non-intimidating, welcoming environment for our members. Our gender identity non-discrimination policy states that members and guests may use all gym facilities based on their sincere, self-reported gender identity.

Cormier could have just taken the advice to wait until the other member was done in the women's locker room, but according to most reports she wasn't the only one to voice a complaint. She was, however, the only one who had her membership revoked.

Gosselin said, "The membership of the member in question was not cancelled as a result of complaints about the policy, as we welcome all feedback from our members. Rather, the manner in which

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**McCall Gosselin** Planet Fitness director of public relations

she expressed her concerns about the policy exhibited behavior that club management deemed inappropriate and dis-

> ruptive to other members, which is a violation of the membership agreement and as a result her membership was cancelled."

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?



#### HOT LINE CONTINUED

SORRY, YOU'RE WRONG. As a Christian conservative, you should be helping those who cannot help themselves. The father of the illegitimate baby had a great fulltime job and quit because he didn't like getting up early. Mom quit hers because she wants to stay home. I rest my case.

## MY WOOD-BURNING stove is the pri-

mary source of heat for my house during the winter. I have saved thousands of dollars using it. So, unless you are willing to pay to have my propane tank filled each month, I will continue to use it.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME is a blatant misuse of just that - time. My time and your time. Can anyone give a reasonable explanation why I am forced to run around my home twice a year and reset 11 different clocks? It seems insane to me.

PRIME MINISTER NETANYAHU gave the facts concerning Iran and their race towards developing nuclear bombs. Let's see what our self-serving President and incompetent Congress do with those facts. Remember, they were all elected to serve the best interests of America and its citizens, not elected to play politics with our security and serve their respective parties.

## CARBON DIOXIDE DOES not settle to

the ground, it moves around because of kinetic energy of the gaseous particles. If heavier gases settled we couldn't breathe standing up, oxygen is heavier than nitrogen.

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# Things to consider when looking for the perfect dog

Source: AKC.org

**Temperament** — Know the personality of the dog first. You need to make sure that they are compatible with your family. Do you want a dog that is active, or laid-back? A dog that is easily trained, or strong-willed? Some breeds, like Australian cattle dogs, are very strong-willed. A dog that is friendly to everyone he meets, or one that is loyal to family but aloof toward strangers? A dog that needs a lot of attention from family members, and lots of activity to prevent him from becoming bored and destructive, or a dog that is content to be left alone for periods of time during the day? All of these things matter.

**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. Longcoated 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 eve 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.



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well together. 77

Scott Sutter

Linden police chief

#### 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.

The population of the city of Linden is 3,961, according to the last census in 2010, and is 2.5 square miles. It too is a 24/7 department. The department operated with an annual budget of \$501,800 coming from the general fund.

The village of Holly is 2.63 square miles with a population of about 6,300 people. The police department pays \$114,000 annually to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office for dispatch

and warrant retention services. That amount includes dispatching services for the Holly Village and Groveland fire departments. The village is bordered with the Michigan State Police (MSP) coverage and conducts mutual aid activities.

Holly Police Chief Michael Story said, "Holly police allows for the MSP serving the outlaying townships (Rose, Holly, Groveland) access to our police station, most of our oper-

ating systems and holding facilities (short-term) 24/7. There is no charge. "This in essence reduces travel time outside the three townships for troopers processing prisoners, interviewing individuals, etc." No funding from the surrounding townships comes to the police department. The current village of Holly budget aside from the dispatch

contract is \$1,258,150.

Although there is no overlap of services in the city with Genesee County Sheriff or Michigan State Police, Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter said, "We have a great working relationship with the neighboring departments, the Genesee County Sheriff's Department, and the Michigan State Police. We work well together."

Holly Township is 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 Independence 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."

Argentine Township is about 36.2 square miles, with between 7,500 and 7,800 residents. Argentine's department's annual operating budget is roughly \$632,000 for 24/7 coverage.

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