We got an incredible shoot with Gunner rearing up in the film's most impressive scene. 77

Tim Scarberry, Owner of Windwalker Farms

Local horse trainer appears in movie

► Horses from Windwalker Farms also star in the show, with release date of April 6

By Sally Rummel

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 Now you can add "actor" to Fenton Township resident Tim Scarberry's active resume.

In addition to being a building contractor and horse

trainer, Scarberry and four of his horses from Windwalker Farms are starring in their first movie, "Beyond the Mask," a Christian-based film produced and directed by a Michigan

See MOVIE on 8



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Tim Scarberry met
the actor for whom
he was going to

the actor for whom he was going to perform as a stunt double, prior to a three-hour makeup session to be ready for the part.

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Less snow means less flooding this spring

By Tim Jagielo tjagielo@tctimes.com

Fenton — On Dauner Road, cars crawl along the lunar landscape of waterfilled potholes, instead of risking a bent frame or wheel.

There's also some flooding along Eddy Lake Road. "These are both grav-

Summary

Less snowfall and no rain during the melting phase have made it an easier year on DPWs, without major flooding.

and when the snow melts the water turns the gravel to mud," said Department of Public Works (DPW)

el roads

Director Dan Czarnecki. "Also, when the frost begins to come out of the ground these two roads turn muddy and easily rutted."

When the road surface dries, road crews can get out and start taking care of potholes on dirt roads. There's also a few flooded

See FLOODING on 7

Bronchos on a mission



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I MARK BOLEN

Holly's Parker Rowse (left) and Paris Partee (right) give each other a high-five seconds after the Bronchos' 68-64 Class A regional semifinal victory against Plymouth Monday night. The Bronchos play Walled Lake Central today at 7:30 p.m. at Holly High School. **See story on page 10**

Pedestrian safety a top priority in downtown Fenton

Spring signals the beginning of the Streetscape project

By Sally Rummel

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With downtown Fenton's goal to be a walkable city, pedestrians will have to be more careful than ever as spring signals the beginning of the Streetscape project.

"Fenton is unique from other cities in that pedestrians have the

See **SAFETY** on 5



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I FILE PHOTO Pedestrians are urged to use caution when the Streetscape project begins in Fenton. These crosswalk signs will not be used during construction.

What should we expect to pay for gas this summer?

Nationally, consumers save more than \$450 million a day compared to earlier highs

By Emily Stocker

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Gas prices typically rise this time of year. During early spring, refineries conduct seasonal maintenance so that equipment will run smoothly during the busy summer driving season.

See GAS on 6

Gas could average \$3 per gallon in May, slightly more than what's expected for the remainder of the year.

No plea deal: Fenton man headed to trial

► Alleged shooting of neighbor last May could lead to life in prison

By Tim Jagielo

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Flint — On Tuesday, Gregory Johnson's attorney Nicholas Robinson was in court attempting to negotiate a plea deal on his behalf.

Johnson, 47, faces a jury trial on three felonies in **See TRIAL** on 6



Gregory Johnson

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pronouncing often, it's



offen, the 't' is silent. It's no different than soften, which would never be pronounced

with the 't' heard. Signed, a high school English teacher for 42 years."

COURTIE Our generous state has \$50 million in film incentives for Holly-



ilm incentives for Hollywood millionaires. Also, another \$10 billion for business tax credits whose big, heavy trucks are the reason for our bad roads. Yet,

come May 5, they want to pick our pockets for a sales tax increase. Wrong priorities. Vote 'NO.'"



be working out at a place that has a policy that puts her in a dangerous situation and defies all common sense. What the hell is the matter with those people?

Holly woman recuperating suffered seizure, no pulse

► Holly police officers, firefighter credited with saving her life

By Sharon Stone

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A 53-year-old Holly woman is recuperating at Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township following a medical emergency on March 15.

Holly Police Chief Michael Story said detectives Craig Simpson and Heather Wolkow responded to a home on Hartner Street at 1:15 p.m. on March 15 for a report of a woman having seizures.

When they arrived at the home, the detectives were advised by dispatch that the 911 caller was not giving CPR. Wolkow grabbed the AED from the patrol vehicle and Simpson grabbed the CPR pocket mask. They entered the home through the open side door and went to where the woman was lying on the bathroom floor.

The woman was not responsive when they called out her name. They could not detect a pulse either.

Wolkow started chest compressions, while Simpson placed the pads to the AED on her chest. While Wolkow was

doing the chest compressions, Simpson administered breaths using the mask.

The AED called for a shock, which Wolkow administered. Wolkow continued chest compressions when Holly Village Fire Department firefighter Michael Mishler arrived, along with Groveland ALS.

The AED called for a second shock, which Wolkow did. Groveland personnel Capt. Dan Myers then took over along with Mishler.

After Wolkow and Simpson retrieved the cot from the Groveland rig and took it into the house, medical personnel told the detectives that they detected a weak pulse on the woman but continued chest compressions. The woman was transported to the ER by Groveland ALS.

As of Tuesday morning, Holly police learned that the woman was doing OK.

"Sgt. Simpson and Det. Wolkow are to be congratulated for the quick decisive actions undertaken in this event. The interaction between the officers and Capt. Dan Myers and firefighter Mishler were instrumental in saving the lady's life and are clearly indicative of the service we provide to the citizens of this community," said Michael Story, Holly police chief



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

James McEnrue (front) leads a group of runners during the 2014 Wings of Mercy Runway 5K race. This year's event is set for June 6.

Price's Airport setting for Wings of Mercy 5K run

► Annual fundraiser provides free flights for patients in need

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This year's Wings of Mercy Runway 5K is set for Saturday, June 6. The 5K race and one-mile fun run/walk will be hosted at Price's Airport of Linden.

The event will be a twilight race along the runway and taxiways of Price's Airport. This unique 5K race benefits Wings of Mercy East Michigan, Inc., which provides free air transportation in General Aviation Aircraft for patients with limited incomes needing treatment at medical centers within 600 miles of eastern Michigan.

On-site registration will take place on Friday, June 5 from 4 to 7 p.m. and on Saturday, June 6 from 12 to 7 p.m. Online registration is also available at www.runsignup.com/wingsofmercy5k.

The event will kick-off at 7:45 p.m. on Saturday on airport grounds. The one-mile fun run/walk is from 8 to 8:45 p.m. The 5K race will begin at 9 p.m. Awards will be given out afterward.

In addition to seeking runners for the event, organizers are also seeking sponsorships of various levels. To find out more, go to www.wingsofmercyrunway5k.org.



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In 1991, a group of committed and compassionate pilots met in Holland, Michigan to organize what became Wings of Mercy, Inc. Their purpose was to offer air transport at no cost to financially needy persons from eastern Michigan who required specialized medical treatment at distant medical centers. Early on, it became clear that the need was far greater than expected. Based on experience, upward of 80 percent of their clients would not be able to receive specialized medical treatment if this service was not available. Newspaper, radio and television coverage helped to expand the service. Soon, other aircraft owners volunteered their aircraft at locations throughout western Michigan.

In 1996, another group of committed and compassionate pilots in the Midland, Saginaw and Bay City area contacted Wings of Mercy for assistance in organizing a group to provide similar services for the residents of eastern Michigan. This effort grew into Wings of Mercy East Michigan.

How Wings of Mercy works

All services are performed by volunteers. Aircraft owners/ operators are reimbursed for fuel only, which represents only about 1/3 of the actual cost of operating an aircraft, and many refuse even that. Wings of Mercy East Michigan is funded entirely by charitable contributions. Since there are no paid staff. 100 percent of donations fund operations. Overhead for Wings of Mercy is confined to fuel reimbursements and direct office expenses for mission management (phone/fax, postage, paper, etc.). Wings of Mercy does not compete with commercial airlines, which their patients/clients cannot afford, or with air ambulance services, which are reserved for more critically ill persons.



News & Features

The Ambassador Bridge and its new counterpart

The monetary and

agency-based

breakdowns

I-75 interchange -

U.S. customs plaza —

Canadian customs plaza -

Windsor Essex parkway —

Michigan — zero dollars

Administration — zero dollars

Private sector partner —

TOTAL — \$3.536 billion

Source: MDOT

U.S. Federal Highway

General Services

Administration -

\$263.6 million

\$949.1 million

\$385.9 million

\$413.6 million

NITC Bridge -

\$949.1 million

\$387.6 million

\$1.4 billion

▶ Second Detroit-to-Windsor crossing set for completion in 2020

By Emily Stocker

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The Ambassador Bridge connecting Detroit and Windsor is the busiest international crossing in North America. It carries 60 to 70 percent of the commercial truck traffic in the region.

According to Bloomberg Businessweek, the value of freight traveling across the Ambassador Bridge every year is more than our entire trade with Germany and Japan. Canada is our largest trading partner, outranking China, Mexico and Japan. Last year, the U.S. exchanged more than \$650 billion in goods with Canada alone.

The 85-year-old bridge is inundated by thousands of trucks on a daily basis and it was not built for today's enormous tractor-trailers. The long and short of it is, the Ambassador Bridge is wearing out.

Sam McLean, a Windsor resident, said, "I think another bridge

would be ideal. I'm not a big fan of the privatization of the current one. It'll also primarily give us a bridge used by cars and a bridge used by trucks, which is good. I don't quite know the costs, but I know we're (Canada) paying for the new bridge, which I'm OK with. I see it as necessary."

The post 9/11 security increase has

also led to long delays and traffic jams. Average wait times vary, but if you want to cross on a Saturday at 11 a.m., you'll be waiting more than a couple of hours, according to traffic.callit2.net.

The Ambassador Bridge's owner, Grosse Pointe billionaire Manuel "Matty" Moroun's fight against a second bridge running from Windsor to Detroit has come to an end. After numerous lawsuits that have all been dismissed by the

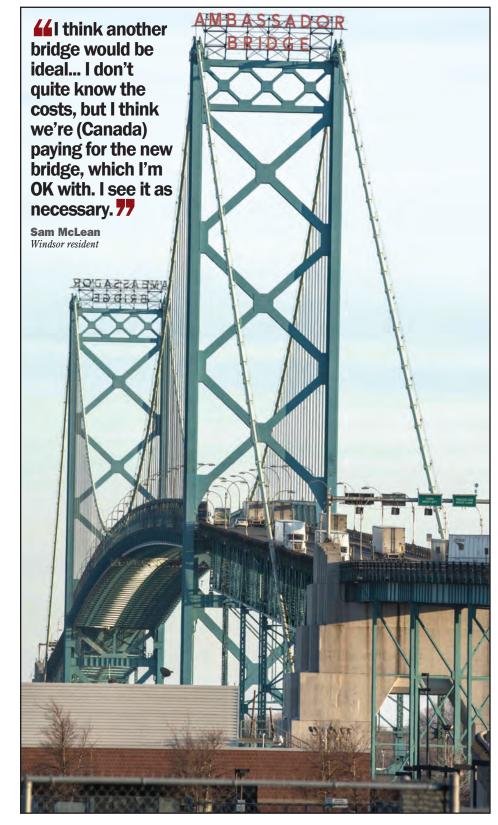
courts, the New International Trade Crossing (NITC) has been approved for construction by the Canadian and United States governments.

After a decade in the making, the projected date for bridge completion is 2020. Michigan residents will not have to reach into their pockets to pay for the new bridge from Detroit to Windsor. Canada is guaranteeing all costs of the \$2.1-billion bridge. The Canadian government is also picking up the tab for the \$250-\$300 million customs plaza in the new International trade crossing on the U.S. side, with the U.S. paying back its portion over time

through toll revenues. This bridge will be a government-owned and operated See AMBASSADOR on 9

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Thousands of trucks cross the Ambassador Bridge daily, which connects Detroit and Windsor. Another bridge is expected to be completed by 2020.







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How Hillary can defeat Hillary

If Hillary Clinton didn't do anything wrong, why is she so reluctant to talk

It is hard to call her barely legal use of her personal account to conduct government business a 'scandal,' since she so resolutely refuses to sound scandalized by it.

Yet even supporters of her expected presidential bid must ask themselves: How would they feel if Dick Cheney, as vice president, mixed his government and personal emails in a personal account on a personal at-home internet server?

How would they feel if he told us that he deleted 30,000 of those emails and responded 'trust me' to question about whether none had to do with the public's business?

Worse, if Clinton has nothing to hide or even feel embarrassed about, why did she avoid facing reporters about the bubbling 'Emailgate' or 'Servergate,' as some called it, for more than a week?

Yet her remarkably glib and casual responses to questions about her email destruction ('I didn't see any reason to keep them.') and her justification for mingling public and private emails ('convenience') recall some of her ugliest past episodes — just as she appears poised by all indications to throw her bonnet into the ring as a presidential candidate.

There were the billing records from her law firm about the Whitewater land deal that could not be found during that investigation, yet miraculously turned up in the White House two years after they were subpoenaed.

There was her reluctance to release even the names of her consultants during her failed effort to enact health care reform.

This story's not going away. The very notion of leaving the documents on Clinton's private email account and private server up to Clinton has given new life to Rep. Trey Gowdy's House select committee on the Benghazi raid.

'One thing that's clear,' said Gowdy, the South Carolina Republican, 'is that we don't get to grade our own papers in life.' But Clinton thinks she does. She insists that she can be trusted to let us, the public, know what she thinks we should know.

THE CITY OF Fenton does not have a clue what its residents want anymore. Painted sidewalks? How about fixing the residential streets for starters. We the people need to hold our city politicians accountable!

I HAVE READ a number of accounts regarding the proposed sales tax increase and still don't understand the impact on gas tax, motor vehicle tax, registrations, etc.

Maybe the Times could publish a side-byside chart comparing 'now' versus 'proposed.' It would be very helpful. Thanks.

TWO THINGS THAT will never happen before the dollar collapses: the Feds will never raise interest rates above 3 percent and the Federal government will never reduce spending. The Keynesians and the 'sheeple' will never allow these two things to happen, even though they would be best for our country.

IF PASSED, OBAMA'S amnesty plan will make 40 million illegal immigrants eligible for all Social Security benefits including refunds without even making any contributions if they're eligible. That's expected to cost our taxpayers \$5 billion. That doesn't include assistance costs for medical, education, food and living expenses.

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AS I WATCH the news and see terror, murder, crooked politicians and moral decay, I wonder if civilization will survive. Then, I go to church on Sunday, look around at the people, and see that there is hope! I wish that others would take an hour to share this weekly experience.

FOR THE HOT line, 'a lower heating

bill is more important than a child's education.' Yes, affording to keep my house at 65 in winter is more important than paying more for your child's education. I pay enough for others' children. Pay it yourself if you want better.

> TO THE BIBI hater, move to Iran. You will fit in well. Maybe they will use you to be the first of their country to go to the moon as they are trying to build ICBMs.

TO THE PERSON who does not like the smell of wood smoke, turn off your cell phone, leave your vehicle and walk, turn off your lights and please get off your computer. Put up a windmill and cover your house with solar panels. Then talk. This is what you want.

TO THE CHRISTIAN conservative, what are you saying, getting up early is a reason to quit a job? I was up at 4:15 a.m. when I worked days. I believed it was my duty to be on time for my shift. I resent having my taxes pay for a deadbeat.

CAN I GET a detailed list from the city of Fenton as to how my taxes are being spent, because they are not maintaining my road. I would like to see where the money is going.

I UNDERSTAND THAT unions and especially teacher unions are the enemy of Republicans. However, unions do disclose what they give to politicians. The Supreme Court made it possible for people to give undisclosed amounts of money and now politicians can keep their Super Pac money.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times



Hillary's matter of 'convenience'

Hillary Clinton finally met with reporters at the UN Tuesday to explain why she used a personal email account for the vast majority of her communications as secretary of

The problem for any public figure attempting to testify to their innocence is that one's believability is directly tied to the public's perception of one's character. After so many years with Bill Clinton, who has trouble finding the word 'truth' in the dictionary, Hillary Clinton's forced media appearance was something less than a tour de force. In an 'open letter to Hillary Clinton,' Paul Waldman of the left-leaning publication 'American Prospect' wrote, 'You have to be better because of everything that's happened before.'

For a generation born since Bill Clinton's presidency and for those whose memories might have faded, the magazine lists some of the baggage: Whitewater, cattle futures (in which Mrs. Clinton made a guaranteed return on her investment), Travelgate, White House sleepovers (that included the 'selling' of the Lincoln bedroom for campaign donations) and Monica Lewinsky, whose sexual encounter with her husband, which he at first denied, was part of a pattern of womanizing. After Bill Clinton was forced to admit the truth, his defenders, including Hillary, continued to disparage the many women. How's that for 'gender equality,' the subject of Mrs. Clinton's speech to the UN?

The headline from the brief news conference was that Hillary Clinton has no intention of turning over the server in her home to any investigators. She said she erased personal, non-work-related emails that were about private matters, like planning daughter Chelsea's wedding, her mother's funeral and communications with her husband. Not too many of the latter, I would expect, since Matt McKenna, a Bill Clinton spokesman, said the former president has sent just two emails in his entire life, both as president.

Mrs. Clinton said in retrospect that she should have had two cellphones, one for her government work and another for private emails. (According to John Favreau, Obama's former speechwriter, in 2009, BlackBerries couldn't securely accommodate more than one email account.) Clinton reportedly chose the one account as 'a matter of convenience.'

streettalk



Compiled by Alexei Rose, intern

How are low gas prices affecting you?



"I drive a truck so when gas prices are low, I save money."



"It is cheaper when filling up my tank for work.'



"It is easier for me to go to work far away."



"It helped me greatly. I use my car quite a bit due to my job so it was cheaper to fill my tank."

– Lynne Keller Fenton Township



"It was great. It was more affordable to see my grandkids and go to work."

Ricci Williams



"I can go to more places cheaper and spend more money on other things."

 Sawyer Long Linden

Trevor Thomas Argentine Township

Tim Gelason Fenton

Fenton Township

— Trace Duval Fenton

A plug-free charger for your phone?

▶Young inventor works to free up plug space

By Yvonne Stegall

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With all of our tech gadgets, it could be challenging to charge everything when it needs it. Maybe, like me, you find that you have to unplug a thing or two in order to charge your smartphone, laptop and tablet all at the same time.

There are many great devices out there for charging all of those technological goodies, from car chargers to travel chargers. What if you could charge all of your electronic devices that are Wi-Fi capable

using one charger that didn't have to take up plug space or be directly attached to your phone or tablet?

That product is on the way. According to a recent article in USA Today, 25-year-old Meredith Perry of New Jersey has invented what is called the uBeam. uBeam is a wafer-thin transmitter, the

size of a small plate, that emits ultrasonic frequencies (hence the 'U' in uBeam). It works similar to the way speakers work to emit sound. The transmitter speaks to the receiver, which turns the ultrasonic wave movement into energy that charges your item.



CREDIT: NICK BILTON/THE NEW YORK TIMES Meredith Perry shows off a concept prototype of uBeam, a wireless charging platform that uses ultrasound to send electricity to devices through the air.

Right now, the receiver is a phone case, but it seems like the possibilities would be endless. The whole idea behind the concept is for people to be able to easily and quickly charge their phones wherever they are, at home or at the coffee shop. The design was made to fit nicely in coffee

shops and restaurants.

Upfront Ventures, the company that is backing this creation, is still doing some research, but they are hoping to work with phone manufacturers in the future to make smaller, more efficient phones with longer lasting batteries.

The biggest questions that remain are whether this charger will work with all cell phones and if it will harm the life of the battery. Some cell phone companies recommend only charging your battery when the phone alerts you that it needs to be charged or it shortens the battery's life and charging abilities.

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SAFETY

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right-of-way on any city street, not just at a crosswalk," said Fenton

Police Chief Rick Aro.

"However, for everyone's safety, my advice is for pedestrians to always cross at a crosswalk. It's difficult for motorists having to yield. Don't assume that the driver sees you."

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Summary

► New technology

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Rick Aro

Fenton police chief

The city of Fenton has had 16 pedestrian accidents in the last five years, although they aren't very common. "Typically, someone is waiting off a side street to pull onto a main road," said Aro. "They're looking for traffic, not a pedestrian or bicycle."

Residents will notice that crosswalk signs won't be going back up this year from Elizabeth Street to Ellen Street, because they'd be in the way of construction, according to Dan Czarnecki, Fenton's Department of Public Works (DPW) director. "However, you can still cross the street at those crossings. People will just have to be careful."

Pedestrians can also count down their time to safely cross LeRoy Street at Silver Lake Road and Caroline Street at electronic crosswalks. "As a pedestrian, you can see how much time there is until the light counts down," said Czarnecki.

The Streetscape project is addressing the issue of pedestrian safety by narrowing the road so people won't have to cross such a wide area. "We're also putting in colored brick crosswalks during the project," said Czarnecki. "People will have to be careful at street corners."

amount of traffic downtown, which will be a benefit for safety concerns during the project, but could be a

Aro says that construction will limit the

detriment for businesses. "I hope people will still patronize our downtown businesses during construction. That's a whole different topic, but it's still very important to our downtown.'

How many pedestrian accidents have occurred in the last five years in the city of Fenton?

March 2014 to March 2015:	2
March 2013 to March 2014:	
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March 2012 to March 2013:	5
March 2011 to March 2012:	1
March 2010 to March 2011:	3

Source: Fenton Police Department





GAS

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This however can limit fuel production and supplies at a time when demand begins to rise.

Last year, average gas prices increased by about 43 cents per gallon from early February to late April, according to gasbuddy.com.

While motorists will undoubtedly not like to see pump prices start moving in the other direction, they can take solace in the fact that the increase should be slight and short-lived, said Patrick Dehaan, a senior petroleum analyst for the Midwest and Gasbuddy.

'When we do see prices climb, it will be much more palatable especially if we see pump prices start with \$2 instead of \$3 for most of the time," said Gregg Laskoski, a senior petroleum analyst for GasBuddy.

DeHaan said by June, prices at the pump should be headed down again. "June is normally the cheapest month for gas," DeHaan said.

The national projection for the price of gas through the first quarter of the year is \$2.48 to \$2.87 through the second quarter and \$2.73 through the third quarter and \$2.49 through the fourth quarter of 2015. A consensus of figures throughout the petroleum analysis industry shows the national average at \$3.00 for the month of May, the only month of the year that we can anticipate gas prices to touch \$3/ gallon.

According to AAA, lower gas prices will let consumers nationally save more than \$450 million a day, compared to the gas highs earlier this year.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES FILE PHOTO

Motorists continue to feel relief at the pump despite constant ups and downs in price.

For the year, GasBuddy projects the U.S. average gasoline price to be \$2.64, amounting to a savings of \$97 billion during 2015 versus the \$465 billion dollars motorists shelled out for gasoline in 2014.

Economists have said that sustained lower fuel prices could give the state a big boost because gas prices often are inversely tied to auto, particularly truck, sales. This also allows for Michiganders to spend more on other things like boating, ATVs and summer travel.

OIL STOCKPILE

As always, the unknown variable is the price of crude oil, which has the largest influence on gasoline prices. With crude oil's stockpiles rising, no one has yet to call a bottom to oil's price decline. This week Barclay's, a global private equity business with a focus on Upstream Oil & Gas, slashed its forecast for prices and said it expects the supply surplus to extend into early 2016. For consumers, that means gasoline prices might be higher than they are now from time to time, but nowhere near where they were over the last six years.

Dental care for dogs and cats

▶Your pet's teeth are as important as yours

By Yvonne Stegall

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According to a recent article in Family Circle magazine, 91 percent of dogs and 85 percent of cats that are over 3 years of age show signs of suffering from oral disease. In fact, according to Fenton Veterinary Clinic, dental disease is the most common disease in pets.

Vicky Bales, office manager at Fenton Veterinary Clinic said, "Poor pet dental

care can lead to bad breath, gingivitis, and infected gums." She said that the infection in your pet's gums could spread through the body, causing heart disease and kidney disease. This can also cause loss of teeth.

"Little dogs can be worse," Bales said, partially because of their mouth structure. She also said that a dog's diet could affect teeth health. If they only eat soft food, their teeth can build up more plaque.

The American Veterinary Dental Society recommends that people get their pet's teeth professionally cleaned every six months, but Bales said they recommend a yearly cleaning. If you want to be able to go farther between cleanings, she suggested a product called Tartar Shield, which is a tablet that helps prevent plaque from reforming as

quickly after a cleaning. When your dog or cat comes in for their yearly checkup, ask your veterinarian to check their teeth. Bales said they

44 Poor pet dental care can lead to bad breath, gingivitis, and infected

Vicky Bales Office manager at Fenton Veterinary Clinic

gums. 77

very thoroughly at this time and will recommend a cleaning if it is needed.

So, what can you do from home to help

keep your pet's teeth healthy? Bales recommended brushing your pet's teeth once a day, if possible. Always use toothpaste that is made for dogs or cats. Human toothpaste can harm your pet. Pet specific toothpastes are also made to taste in a way that will make your pet more receptive to a cleaning.

You can also buy dental treats at your local pet food stores that help promote clean teeth, for both dogs and cats.

These aren't as good as an old-fashioned teeth brushing though!

Signs something is wrong with your pet's teeth

Bad breath — Bad breath can be a sign of gum disease, infection or even tooth decay.

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Discoloration} & - \textbf{If your dog or} \\ \end{tabular}$ cat's gums are red or swollen, it's important to take them to see the vet. Their teeth should be white, not brown or stained.

Bleeding — Just like with your teeth, bleeding gums is a sign of gingivitis. Gingivitis is a common and mild form of gum disease (periodontal disease) that causes

irritation, redness and swelling (inflammation) of your gums. **Broken teeth** — If your pet starts losing teeth or has any broken or chipped teeth, this could be a sign that something is wrong. Source: familycircle.com

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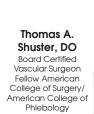
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connection with a shooting that took place in Fenton in May 2014. On Tuesday afternoon, he was in the Circuit Court building, but not present in the courtroom.

Circuit Court Judge Archie Hayman briefly addressed the courtroom,

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in court. 77

Defense attorney

Nicholas Robinson

forward to our day

and then returned to negotiating deals on multiple cases, including Johnson's.

Robinson said these negotiations did not yield a plea deal, and jury selection for his criminal trial would begin

Wednesday morning, March 18. Opening statements are the week of April 1.

Johnson could face up to life in prison if he is found guilty as charged. He is being charged with assault with intent to murder, carrying weapons with unlawful intent and felony firearms.

Fenton police and deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff's Department responded to a home in the 800 block of North LeRoy Street in the afternoon of May 26, 2014 to investigate a possible shooting.

According to a May 2014 Times article, Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said an ongoing dispute between neighbors escalated to where one of the neighbors, Johnson, allegedly shot the other. The chief said police were made aware of past disputes over lot lines, pets and yard maintenance.

Johnson was charged with shooting

his 43-year-old neighbor in his own yard over a lawn mowing dispute. Aro said one shot was fired from Johnson's registered .380-caliber semi automatic handgun, striking the neighbor in the hip area. Aro

added that Johnson carries a concealed pistol license (CPL).

The injured neighbor was transported to Genesys Health Park for medical treatment and police did not believe alcohol played a factor in the incident.

Johnson has remained in the Genesee County Jail since his arraignment on May 28, 2014.

"We're looking forward to our day in court," said Robinson. He promised a vigorous and spirited defense.

Editor Sharon Stone contributed to this story.



The flag of the State of Michigan

There are some shared features in Michigan courtrooms including a judge wearing a black robe, the Michigan State seal, the United States flag and the flag of the State of Michigan.

There are historical reasons behind this commonality, which I won't detail here. However, when it comes to the history of the Michigan State flag, I would daresay that many people are not familiar with all of it, and so what follows are some perhaps unfamiliar facts.

In 1837, Michigan's first governor was Steven Thomas Mason. In recognition of this fact, our first state flag displayed his portrait on one side and the State Coat of Arms on the other.

In 1865, Michigan's second flag was unfurled at the laying of the cornerstone at the monument of the Soldier's National Cemetery at Gettysburg on July 4, 1865.

This flag no longer had Governor Mason's portrait on it and instead had Michigan's Coat of Arms on one side and the United States Coat of Arms on the other.

In 1911, Michigan's third official flag was adopted by statute in one simple sentence:

'The state flag shall be blue charged with the Arms of the State.'

Our third flag now has identical sides with the Coat of Arms being comprised of a bald eagle holding an olive branch and arrows and an elk and a moose supporting a shield showing a man standing on a grassy peninsula with one hand raised in friendship and the other holding a rifle.

There are also three Latin mottos: E Pluribus Unum (from one, many), Tuebor (I will defend) and Si Quaeris Peninsulam Amoenam Circumspice (if you seek a pleasant peninsula, look about you).

The bald eagle represents the United States and the elk and the moose represent Michigan.

In 1972, by statute the Michigan legislature enacted an official pledge of allegiance to the state flag:

'I pledge allegiance to the flag of the State of Michigan, and to the state for which it stands, two beautiful peninsulas united by a bridge of steel, where equal opportunity and justice to all is our ideal.'

History is a wonderful thing and for more information go to the State of Michigan and Netstate websites.



FLOODING

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driveways in low spots that are starting to dry out.

Aside from that, the spring thaw has not flooded as many homes or presented the challenge to the local DPWs that it did last year. While residents experienced recordlow temperatures this winter, they didn't experience snowfall to match last year.

We are fortunate to be having a slow melt with no **rain.** 77

Dan Czarnecki

Czarnecki added that it hasn't rained during this period of melt-off, and that helps too.

"So far so good," said Holly DPW Director Brian Klaasen. There is still frost in the ground, and statewide, weight limits have been

imposed on non-class A roads, which will affect gravel trucks on rural routes. He said village streets aren't that badly rutted from the winter.

Since temperatures rose, DPWs and road commissions have been making sure the water can drain away properly. "We try to make sure all the catch basins are open and can take water without restrictions," said Czarnecki.

"We do the same with any culverts that could be plugged and or frozen that could cause flooding problems along the streets."

If there are issues with flooding, he said it's the DPW's job to attempt to channel the water to the area that it belongs. "Residents and businesses should make sure any water from snow melting is directed away from their buildings and do not put storm water or snow runoff into the sanitary sewer," he said.

Last year, water systems were challenged by not only heavy snow melt-off, but also May rain showers that overwhelmed storm sewers with four inches of rain.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE TRANSGENDER ARTICLE, I totally agree with the lady who does not want the transgender male in the lady's locker room. Nor do I want them in the male locker room. It's time for a third locker room. Problem

WHY ISN'T THE city of Fenton doing anything about the rat infestation? Since January, my son has caught 50 of them.

IF YOU WANT to talk about somebody being bought, you should look up George Soros, the liberal multimillionaire and see who he supports and has contributed to on a regular basis. He is also a foreign subject and a socialist.

THE INDIVIDUAL WHO wrote that the Republicans are appointed doesn't make any sense in his statement and secondly, I don't think he ever voted Republican in his life so his threat goes with no weight.

I LOVE LIVING in Argentine, where nothing changes — you wannabe yuppie! You should value your family and friends instead of materialistic downtowns and keeping up with the Joneses.

IT'S SPRING IN Fenton. We saw the first robin of the year on Friday, March 13. Now, this is exciting news.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

PLEASE STUDY OUR country's history with Iran before the 1979 hostage crisis. Learn for yourself about the Shah of Iran and the CIA. Learn how we brought scientists from Iran in the '70s to MIT to teach them how to enrich

WHAT IF THE deniers are wrong about climate change? Clean renewable energy is not going to bankrupt the country. Falling behind the world in new technology will though. Go back and look at some of the 1970s advertisements promoting the benefits of solar that the oil companies paid for.

YOU ARE NEVER going to meet anyone if you are so needy. Just pick a place and go from there.

READ THIS SLOWLY, measles was eradicated because 'everybody was getting vaccinated.' A vaccine prevents the virus from taking hold in an individual. It does not mean the virus that causes measles was eliminated. Example, shingles vaccine keeps you from getting shingles from the chickenpox virus already in you.

HOW CAN CLOSING the windows help with the smell of the wood burning stoves when I'm outside shoveling snow? That makes no sense. Even my kids complain it stinks when they are outside playing.

IT BECOMES MY business when my taxes get raised just to pay for stuff you should be able to provide for your children on your own. Starting a family is a huge responsibility, which should not be entered into lightly.

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MOVIE

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film company, the Burns Family Studio in Ortonville.

The PG-rated film is an action adventure romance set during the international turmoil of the Revolutionary War. Filming took place at Henry Ford Museum, Scripps Mansion, Big Fish Lake in Ortonville, two horse farms in Metamora, Huckleberry Railroad at Crossroads Village and Meadowbrook.

"Someone else with horses canceled at the last minute before the shoot last summer and the studio called me," said Scarberry. "I got the call before the weekend and had to be at the shoot at the Scripps Mansion in Lake Orion the following Monday. They needed me for double stunt riding, so I spent a couple hours practicing with my horse over the weekend."

It took three hours in the make-up chair to turn Scarberry into a bald African-American male, for a stunt double for actor Charlie Newhart, in a scene where people were charging at him, and Scarberry, as the double, had to swing one of the guys around him.

"It was a lot of fun to be involved in the shoot," said Scarberry. "They called me a month or so later because they were pleased at how easy it was to work with my horses. They asked me if I had a black horse that was trained to rear up."

While Scarberry said he had never taught a horse to rear up because that's considered bad behavior, "I did it for the privilege of having my horse in a movie."

An 18-year-old was riding the horse in an all-night shoot in November, according to Scarberry. "We got an incredible shoot with Gunner rearing up in the film's most impressive scene." The shoot went so



BURNS FAMILY STUDIOS

Tim Scarberry gallops on his horse, Moving Mayhem, while practicing for a film shoot in Metamora, Michigan.

well that Scarberry was once again called back for another scene, this time shot in Metamora.

Scarberry's horse, Top Secret, starred in the most scenes in the movie, while Mayhem was in a spectacular scene, but she was just running down the road. "She was running next to the carriage wheel at high speed and didn't spook or anything," said Scarberry. Another horse, Black Majic, was just "background filler" for the film.

The national release date of the film will be April 6, when "Beyond the Mask" will begin its on-demand distribution to approximately 1,000 theaters.

Alocal showing is set for Monday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Great Lakes 25 IMAX. Tickets are \$10.25 each, available online until March 26 only through BeyondThe-MaskMovie.com/tickets or on the link on Windwalker Farms Facebook page. Other showing dates and times are taking place at nearby theaters. However, showings are

not guaranteed, depending on number of tickets sold. For a complete list and up to date information on ticket availability, type in your zip code at the above website.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SUBMITTED PHOTO Tim Scarberry trains Gunner at Windwalk Farms to rear up for shooting one of the most impressive scenes in "Beyond the Mask."

HOT LINE CONTINUED

EARTH DAY WAS originally celebrated on the first day of spring. However, in 1970 the environmental movement was hijacked by the Left and changed from March to April 22. This was the celebration of the 100th birthday of VI Lenin, father of the Communist Party. Their goal? Ruin our economy.

THERE ARE CURRENTLY 18 governors in the USA who are Democrats. All of them have more experience governing than the current Democratic frontrunner. Three of them are female, if that is important. Is Hillary really the best nominee that Democrats have to put forward?

AUTISM/ASPERGER'S SYNDROME

can impact our families, it can impact our friends, but people with Autism are still people and we should treat them the same way we expect to be treated.

IT IS UNFORTUNATE that hate is louder than love.

I JUST WONDERED if anyone knew where you could get some good liver and onions around the Fenton/Linden area, maybe even the Brighton area?

WHAT IS WRONG with the system? I work at a convenience store. A man just came in for \$1.89 pop. He complained about the price and asked if we take Bridge Cards. I said no, so he whips out a wad of \$100 bills. He has a bridge card but has that much money. I am so angry I almost can't see.

INSTEAD OF READING the Bible, where racism is openly condemned, we watch TV. We watch the vultures sitting outside Ferguson waiting for trouble to erupt where they can stir the pot of racism. What a shame.



WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS VOTED ON RECENTLY

The Mackinac Center for Public Policy provides a weekly report of how local elected officials in Michigan have voted and on what topics. This report was released Friday, March 13.

Senate Bill 72: Let landlords refuse rental for smoking medical marijuana

To prohibit smoking medical marijuana in a public place, or where it is banned by a private property owner. The bill would also allow a landlord to refuse to rent a residence to someone who uses medical marijuana on the property.

Passed 34 to 3 in the Senate Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)

×ÝES	\square NO
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	- NO
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)	□NO
X YES	□ NO
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	
X YES	
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	

House Bill 4163: Ease residential lift licensure restrictions

X YES □ NO

To permit licensed home builders to install residential stairway lifts used by the elderly and disabled without incurring the much more rigorous licensure provisions that apply to elevator contractors. This reform has been opposed by elevator unions and incumbent sellers of expensive medical equipment to consumers. All Democrats in the House voted 'NO' on this.

Passed 62 to 47 in the House Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)

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ep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51)	
X YES	

House Bill 4069: Expand criminal defendant "youthful trainee status"

To make 21- to 23-year-old offenders eligible for criminal defendant "youth-ful trainee status," which provides a mechanism for not including the offense on a youth's permanent record. Also, to authorize imposing conditions including a full time school, work or community service requirement.

Passed 98 to 12 in the House Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)

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ep. Joe G	Graves ((R-Dist.	51)	
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House Bill 4135: Revise criminal defendant "youthful trainee status"

To require that if a young criminal is assigned to "youthful trainee status" (which prevents an offense from going on the youth's permanent record) but then is convicted for a serious felony, the "trainee" status must be revoked, which places all the offenses on the record.

Passed 85 to 25 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)

X YES □ NO

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51)

House Bill 4122: Terminate state film producer subsidies

To repeal the program that gives state subsidies to film producers (for which \$50 million was appropriated this year). Also, to require any leftover money go to reimburse state pension funds for losses incurred under deal made by the previous administration to back some politically well-connected individuals' investments in a Pontiac studio. Since 2008, nearly \$500 million in state tax revenue has been distributed to producers.

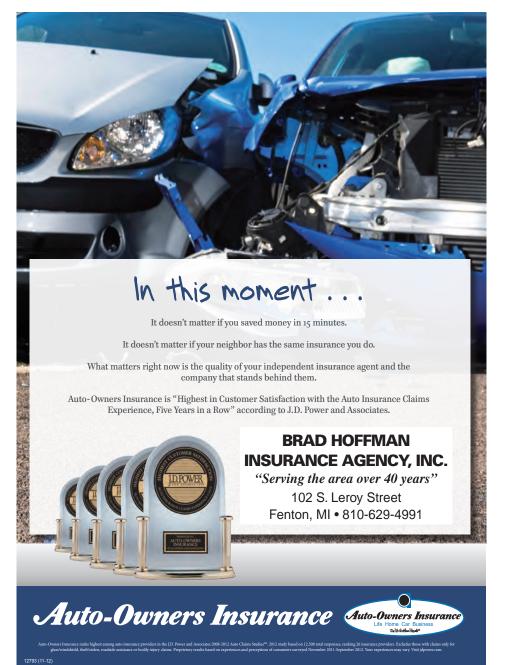
Passed 58 to 51 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51)

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crossing between Detroit and Windsor, according to Michigan.gov.

Not just for Michigan

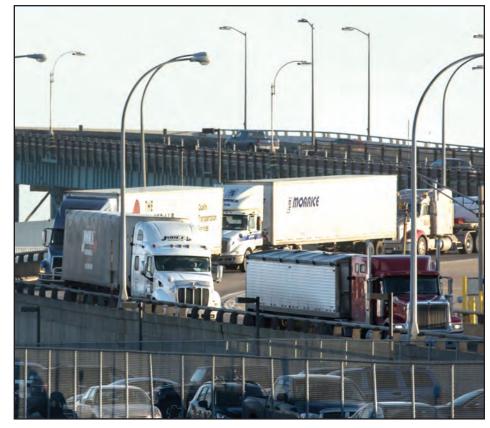
U.S. Sen. Gary Peters said, "The NITC will create thousands of Michigan jobs, enhance trade with Canada, our closest trading partner, and help transform Michigan into a transportation and logistics hub for trade, manufacturing and innovation."

The NITC will be more than Michigan jobs and less traffic. The new bridge will be of national importance. Detroit is an extremely important depot, especially truck movement. Last year 1.6 million trucks passed through metro Detroit, the busiest border crossing between the U.S. and Canada and the second busiest in North America (Laredo 1.9 million trucks). Detroit funnels \$131 billion, nearly half of all goods that move by truck between the U.S. and Canada.

Only 4.7 percent of the \$131 billion carried on trucks over the Ambassador Bridge are consumed or produced locally in Detroit. A variety of markets across the U.S. rely on Detroit to profit from Canadian trade. The vast majority of these are for bigger markets, such as New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles. The new bridge will reinforce Michigan's role as a global trading hub.

TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO The Ambassador Bridge is a carefully controlled international border. Photographs taken near the truck ramps (top) are at the permission of border agents.





HOT LINE CONTINUED

ATTENTION FENTON POLICE Department, perhaps you might consider enforcing the noise ordinances on motorcycles.

SOMEONE HAVING A baby, at any age, becomes everyone's business when those parents are not able to provide for their child, and they must rely on tax-assisted programs.

THE PLANET FITNESS story is troubling. If I were a woman, I would be shocked to see an individual with male 'parts' in the locker room, especially if I had my teenage daughter with me. It's very easy to abuse the 'gender I identify with' rule.

ACCORDING TO WEBSTER'S College Dictionary, both pronunciations of 'often' are acceptable.

THE LAST TIME I saw this much division in our country was the early '70s when there was forced integration with school busing.

I'LL NEVER WALK into a Planet Fitness ever. No common sense.

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ZAC MICELI

Fenton's boys swim team competes at state meet See Page 11



ONLINE EXCLUSIVES

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PREP BASKETBALL

When was the last time Holly's boys basketball team won a regional title?

The last time was in 1959. Holly advanced to the Class B state title game that season, but lost to River Rouge 52-47.

CLASS A HOLLY REGIONAL

Monday's Results

WL Central 67, Howell 59 Holly 68, Plymouth 64 **Today's Final**

WL Central at Holly, 7 p.m. Winner advances to the Class A state quarterfinal at Grand Blanc High School on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

HOLLY REGIONAL SEMIFINAL BOX

Holly 68, Plymouth 64

Plymouth 16-13-19-18-64 Holly 20-12-16-20-68

Plymouth Scoring

Josh Reynolds 21 pts, Randall Aikins 20, Dejl Abebiyi 6, Brent Davis 6, Armani Tate 6, Pete Carravallah 5.

Holly Scoring

Jake Daniels 27, Ian Hodges 19, Adam Tooley 8, Isaac Casillas 4, Paris Partee 4, Scott Maki 4, Morgan Baylis 2, Parker Rowse 1.

Holly leaders

Rebounding: Partee 12. **Assists:** Rowse & Tooley 3 each.

Team records

Plymouth 16-7 Holly 22-2

Holly playing in regional title game

▶Bronchos earn spot in championship contest with 68-64 semi win vs. Plymouth

By David Troppens

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Holly — Lance Baylis doesn't believe there is a better prep guard in the state of Michigan than Jake Daniels.

And it seems with each game, Holly's senior standout keeps solidifying his varsity head coach's case.

Daniels scored a game-high 27 points as the Bronchos defeated Plymouth 68-64 in the Class A regional semifinal contest at the Horseshoe Monday night. The Bronchos play Walled Lake Central (19-5) at Holly High School on today at 7:30 p.m. Central defeated Howell 67-59 in Monday night's opening regional semifinal contest. With a victory on Wednesday, the Bronchos will win their first regional title since 1959, the last season Holly played in a state championship contest.

'When you have Jake Daniels on your team, you are never out of it," Baylis said. "If there is a better guard in the state, I want to know who it is because this guy shoots legitimate jumpers from five feet behind the (three-point) line and he does it with pressure on him. He shows up in every big game. Every big game for two years he's had 27 or more points."

Daniels helped the Bronchos (22-2) lead against the Wildcats almost the entire game. Plymouth led at 2-0, but Ian Hodges tied it with a driving jumper and Daniels followed that hoop with three straight three-pointers. And while Holly never led by more 10, the Bronchos led

until Plymouth took a 49-48 lead on a three-pointer by Josh Reynolds with 7:31 left in the contest. The Wildcats' lead grew to 55-50 after another Reynolds' trey with 5:06 left, but that's when Daniels took

Daniels scored a breaking layup with 4:32 left, cutting the gap to 55-52. He followed that hoop by drawing a foul and converting two free throws. Plymouth's Brent Davis answered with a three-pointer, but on Holly's

See BRONCHOS on 12



dtroppens@tctimes.com **Ortonville** — Paris Partee has had to patiently wait on the Holly Bronchos' bench all season long, hoping to one day make his presence felt.

▶ District crown is

captured with 57-55

verdict vs. Bobcats

By David Troppens

The Holly sophomore post player did just that on Friday night. It became a Paris Partee paint party as he scored a career-high 15 points and grabbed 12 rebounds leading the Holly Bronchos to their first district championship since 1982, edging out Grand Blanc 57-55 at Brandon High School.

The victory placed Holly (21-2) in the Class A Holly regional semifinal against Plymouth on Monday, a contest the Bronchos also won by a 68-64 verdict. The regional semifinal story is located on the left side of this page.

But the regional semifinals weren't on the Bronchos' minds after the game. The victory erased over 30 years of district dryspells and erased the memories of a tight district loss to Grand Blanc a year ago.

"It means so much," said Partee. "This is my first district championship game. I came out here and just tried to play my best game."

"This means the world to me," said senior Jake Daniels, who transferred from Grand Blanc after his freshman season. "Everything we've been working for all came together. ... I'm so proud of my teammates. They came through in such a big way."

A year ago the Bronchos led

See CROWN on 12



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(Immediately above) The Holly Bronchos celebrate with their first-ever Class A district title trophy just moments after beating Grand Blanc 57-55 in the district championship game on Friday at Brandon High School. (Top photo) Holly senior Adam Tooley (left) and assistant coach Kyle Sherwin celebrate seconds after Holly's 68-64 win against Plymouth on Monday night during the regional semifinals. The Bronchos play Walled Lake Central in tonight's Class A regional final game at Holly High School at 7:30 p.m.



Blue Devils push Goodrich, but lose in district final

▶ Fourth-ranked Martians sneak by tourney hosts Lake Fenton, 62-58

By Jordan Climie

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Lake Fenton — Erasing a doubledigit deficit to come within a shot of winning a district title in the last minute was enough to make the Lake Fenton gymnasium roar with fans of both schools. A runaway win for Goodrich turned into a game of seconds.

But the Lake Fenton Blue Devils were unable to jump that final hurdle to take the lead for good, falling to the Martians 62-58 to lose the Class B district title.

'We talked about that moment where we could either sail off into the sunset or capture the moment, and that was the moment," Lake Fenton coach Jake Erway said of the final minutes. "We were down 14 and came within one point. The cards just fell differently that time."

At the end of each quarter, the game seemed to be within striking distance for the Blue Devils (13-10), with the Martians holding a single-digit lead each time.

But the Genesee Area Conference foes traded blows throughout each quarter, each team fueled by fan interaction from both sides of the court. It was Goodrich, however, that found itself with the points to show for it.

A 36-30 lead for Goodrich coming out of the halftime break was only helped by two quick turnovers by Lake Fenton. The Blue Devils could have fallen apart then. They could have laid down, or sailed off into the sunset, when they were down by 14 in the second half.

Instead, they kept on fighting.

"I'm just proud. I've never been more proud," Erway said. "This is my sixth year here, three as an assistant and three as head coach, and I've never been more proud."

While Erway is proud of his team, sophomore Jalen Miller, who led the Blue Devils with 15 points, couldn't be more proud of the fans.

"At the beginning of the year there was nobody in the stands," he said. "Then they started to believe in us. It really showed how great the community is. It's a great place."

After Miller, the Blue Devils were led by senior Tyler Browning and junior Christopher Bell with 11 points, while sophomore Isaac Golson had 10. Junior Jake Zielinski had eight points.

It marked the third time the Blue Devils lost to Goodrich during the season. Lake Fenton lost a 68-55 contest at home and lost a competitive 67-60 verdict at Goodrich on Feb. 27.

With all that pride of the 2014-15 season toward the players and the community, it's time to look ahead to next year, when Lake Fenton returns many core players who now have the experience from a near-win in a district title game.

"I think we're going to be strong next year," Miller said. "We're going to use Goodrich as motivation."

Erway sees big things for his squad

"They know they're close to something special," he said. "They'll be motivated when the ball tips."

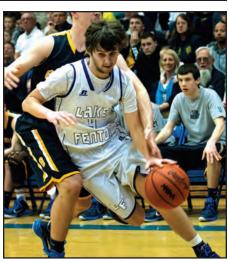
Erway also expects the closeness to develop on the team, as this was the first year many of his players were on the



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO (Above) Lake Fenton's Christopher Bell receives support from teammates following the 62-58 Class B district final loss against Goodrich Friday night. (Right) Lake Fenton's Tyler Browning drives to the hoop during the same contest.

court together for the first time.

And while Erway and the Blue Devils might not have any games circled when the schedule comes out, you can be sure the students and the community will be out to support them when Goodrich comes to town.



Fenton swim finishes season with fine performances at state meet

By David Troppens

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The season could've been a rebuild-

After all, the Fenton varsity boys swim team lost eight seniors a year ago, and six of them competed at the state meet in the past.

But it didn't end up being a rebuilding year by any stretch of the inmagination. Instead, the Fenton Tigers kept their recent strong tradition alive for another year.

The Tigers completed their 2014-15 season by earning a relay into the second day of the Division 2 State Swimming and Diving Championships at the Holland Aquatic Center on Saturday.

The 400 freestyle relay team of Zac Miceli, Michael Fabatz, Kyle Banner and Austin Landis started the meet by posting a 12th-place time of 3:20.07 during Friday's preliminary round. The time represented about a four-second drop off their best time during the season. About 24 hours later, the squad placed 11th in the consolation final event with a time of 3:18.17, just slightly off the school record time. The relay represented just two of six swims (and one diving participant) the squad had at the D2 meet during the weekend. But the 400 freestyle relay was the clear highlight of the meet.

"That was an incredible swim," Fenton swim coach Brad Jones said. "Where those guys started and where they finished is amazing. Last year we went 3:18.18 and just missed the varsity record. ... That was one of our goals this year, to come back and get it with three new guys. Fabatz and Banner dropped over five seconds this year (with their 100 freestyle swims) and Miceli dropped another second. For me, that was the swim of the meet. Those guys went up and went at it."

Miceli was a busy swimmer at the state meet. He competed in three other events while at the meet. He teamed with Landis, Noah Sizemore and Fabatz to earn a 23rd-place time of 1:44.02 in the 200 medley relay. Individually, he also competed in two events. He placed 26th in the 100 butterfly (55.38) and 29th in the 200 individual medley (2:04.01).

Two others competed in individual events. Landis made an appearance in the 100 backstroke and placed 27th (56.55). Meanwhile, David Parker competed in diving and took 31st (133.30).

The final Fenton performance at the state meet was provided by Landis, Fabatz, Ian MacPhail-Fausey and Banner in the 200 freestyle relay, placing 21st in 1:33.24.

The Tigers were a young team this season, making the future look promising. In other words, the word 'rebuilding' won't be part of the squad's vocabulary. There should be plenty of swimmers returning to state next year.



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next possession Daniels immediately answered back with a three-pointer of his own. The contest was now tied 57-all, and the Bronchos' offense was back in rhythm. Holly's Paris Partee nailed a putback, and then an Adam Tooley steal resulted in Tooley being fouled. Tooley made the two free throws and Holly led 61-57 with 2:16 left. And while the game remained close the rest of the way, the Bronchos were back in the lead for good.

"The emotions I was going through, honestly, involved confidence," Daniels said about his seven-point run. "My teammates have given me confidence to shoot the ball all year long. We are going to continue to do that."

Holly iced the game at the charity stripe down the stretch, netting 7-of-10 free throws during the final 1:08. Still, the game wasn't truly decided until Adam

Tooley made two free throws with 5.1 seconds left and Hodges drew a charge with 1.2 seconds left.

"Our composure is what I'm most pleased with," Tooley said. "Last year if we were up 10 and got down five, our body language was awful. We would end up losing by 10 or 15. Give this team another year of experience and return 10 of 12 players and you can see the growth — we're going to a regional final and we're still playing."



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I MARK BOLEN

Holly's Jake Daniels (center) scored 27 points in the Bronchos' 68-64 Class A regional semifinal victory against Plymouth on Monday.

Daniels chipped in six rebounds to go with his 27 points. Hodges netted

19 points. Tooley had eight points, three assists, two steals and drew two charges. Partee had foul trouble issues most of the night, but still finished with a team-best 12 rebounds.

Reynolds netted 21 points for Plymouth, (16-7) while Randall Aikins netted 20 points.

We expect to win in our hearts. That's what I like about our team. We just stick together. ... We stick together and anything is possible. 77

Jake Daniels
Holly senior guard

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the Bobcats 73-62 in the fourth quarter, but eventually lost to Grand Blanc by a 92-86 overtime score. This year, Holly never led by double-digits but only trailed once. That deficit was at 39-37 after Grand Blanc's Jaylen Rutherford hit a fastbreak bucket after a Holly steal to open the fourth quarter.

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and that's OK.

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However, the Bronchos answered right back with several players playing a key role. Holly went on an 11-0 run. Once it was completed the Bronchos led the rest of the game. Ian Hodges scored the first two on a driving layup, fol-

lowed by two free throws by Daniels. Partee earned one of his many offensive boards on the Bronchos' next possession and hit a layup off a Hodges' dish. Daniels followed with his own putback bucket and Adam Tooley capped the run with a three-pointer off a Parker Rowse dish. Holly led 48-39 with 4:26 left.

Grand Blanc (14-8) made a strong comeback. A three-pointer by Rutherford cut the Holly lead to 50-47 with 2:32 left. About a minute later, a Tre'von Avery trey cut the gap to 52-50 with 1:41 left. Later, the gap became just 55-54 after a conventional three-point play on a layup and a free throw by Grand Blanc's Bryan Pollard with 45.4 seconds left.

On Holly's next possession, Daniels converted a free throw, upping the gap to 56-54. Grand Blanc's Jacob Schroer missed a shot to tie the game and Partee came up with his biggest defensive board of the contest. He was fouled and made a free throw, raising the gap to 57-54. Grand Blanc had one more chance to possibly tie the contest on its last possession. Holly purposely fouled Avery, who made the first free throw and purposely missed the second. Tooley rebounded,

threw the ball down court and the clock expired giving Holly its first Class A district title in school history.

"It was great revenge for last year," said Holly's four-year senior starter Parker Rowse. "Our guys have been working so hard. It was such a great game. Hats off to Grand Blanc for playing such a great game, but there was no way we were going to lose this game. We are on a mission."

Partee was the MVP. While Daniels led the Bronchos with 18 points and six rebounds and Hodges netted 12 points, their scoring was expected. Until recently, Partee wasn't getting much playing time. However, he started and had eight points and 10 rebounds in the Bronchos' 66-50 district semifinal victory

against Fenton on Wednesday, and he followed that performance with an even better one on Friday. As Holly coach Lance Baylis said in a much snazzier fashion, Partee is now a known entity to the Michigan prep basketball world.

"Paris Partee just turned 15 a couple of months ago; he's a young sophomore," Baylis said. "He has a huge huge upside. I said reputations are made in the play-

offs, and he's going to be a name to remember. A lot of people are taking notice. We brought him along slowly, but he's done a great job."

"That guy is an animal," said Rowse who had seven assists. "You are going to hear about him for

many more years. He stepped up. It was amazing.

"But we have a lot of players that can do the same thing he's doing. It's just a matter of what the coaches want and what we think will work for us. He's a special player."

Partee has been more than willing to wait for his moment to shine.

"It wasn't really frustrating because as long as my team is getting the win, I was willing to sit for the team," Partee said. "These last two games coach has had a lot of faith in me, and I tried to make the most of my time."

Partee definitely did that. He was the Bronchos only constant rebounding source during the contest. Offensively, when Holly's big scoring producers were getting the defensive attention, they found Partee underneath for several easy layins.

"Whoever is the hot hand, you have to give him the ball," Daniels said. "It may be Ian. It may be me. It may be Paris. (Paris) came up in a big way today. I'm so proud of him."

Rutherford led Grand Blanc with 20 points, scoring 10 of the Bobcats' 18 points in the fourth quarter.



Paris Partee (left) led the Holly Bronchos with 12 rebounds in the team's 57-55 Class A district championship victory on Friday.



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CITY OF LINDEN - PUBLIC HEARING **ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS**

The Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Monday, April 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., as part of the regular meeting agenda, in the Council Chambers located at 201 N. Main Street, Linden, Michigan, to consider

Amend Section 2.2 by deleting the definition for stealth tower, adding definitions for front, rear and side lot lines, and revising the definitions for church or synagogue, master plan, mural sign, restaurant, sidewalk café and wireless communication facilities; amend Section 3.5.2 pertaining to preliminary sketch plans; amend Section 3.5.3 pertaining to preliminary site plans; add a new Section 3.11 pertaining to amendments; add a new Section 3.12 pertaining to conditional rezoning; amend Section 4.4.1 to allow schools and churches as permitted uses and two-family dwellings as a special use; amend Section 4.4.2 to allow two-family dwellings as a permitted use; amend Section 4.4.4 to allow churches as a permitted use; amend Section 4.4.5 pertaining to live/ work units; amend Section 4.4.6 by clarifying language pertaining to multiple-family dwellings and eliminating sidewalk cafes as a special use; amend Section 5.2 pertaining to accessory buildings and satellite dish requirements; amend Section 5.5 pertaining to home occupations; amend Section 5.8 pertaining to temporary uses; amend Section 6.14 pertaining to wireless communication facilities; amend Section 8.3 by fixing incorrect cross-references; amend Section 9.2.2 pertaining to sign illumination; amend Section 9.2.6 pertaining to exempt signs; amend Section 9.3.7 pertaining to window signs; amend Section 9.4 pertaining to ground signs for non-residential uses; amend Section 9.5 pertaining to wall signs for non-residential uses; amend Section 9.6.1 pertaining to temporary sign colors; amend Section 9.7.5 pertaining to mural signs; amend Section 9.8.2 pertaining to mural signs; amend Section 10.2.6 pertaining to front yard parking; amend Section 10.3.3 pertaining to collective parking; amend Section 12.4 pertaining to the duties of the Zoning Board of Appeals; and, amend Section 12.5 pertaining to Zoning Board of Appeals procedures.

The text of the proposed amendments is available for review at the city offices during normal business hours. Persons wishing to comment on the matter are encouraged to attend the public hearing or to address written comments to the City Clerk in City Hall at P.O. Box 507, 132 E. Broad Street, Linden, Michigan 48451 prior to the date of the public hearing.

amendments to the City of Linden Zoning ordinance as follows:





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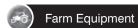
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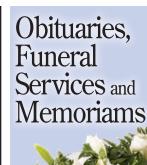


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Shampine, Carla (Craig) Frownfelter, Wanda Marlowe, Brenda Marlowe and Melanie (Mike) Spires; grandfather of Trevor (Mendy) Randall, Heather Singleton, Allen (Michall) Shampine, Keith (Jessica) Shampine, Amber Shampine, Nichole Stabley, Corey Frownfelter, Ashley (Chris) Turner, Isaiah Spires and Alicia Spires; great-grandfather of 10. Carl began his career as a farmer and then was part owner of L.E. Marlowe and Sons for 40 years. He also was involved in property development. Carl was known as a hard worker and as someone who was always lending a helping hand. He never met a stranger. He was a lifetime member of Clarkston Community Church. Friends may visit at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston Thursday 3-5 and 7-9 PM. Funeral Service Friday 10 AM at Clarkston Community Church. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Clarkston Community Church. Online guestbook www.wintfuneral-

James Roy Buffmyer 1940-2015

James Roy Buffmyer - age 74, of Fenton formerly of Jackson, died Saturday, March 14, 2015. Services



Homes, Linden Chapel 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Rev. Donald Neuville officiating.

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Visitation will be held at the funeral home Saturday from 10AM until the time of service. Those desiring may make contributions to Genesee District Library - Fenton Wingarden Branch. James was born August 17, 1940 in Flint the son of Roy and Ella (Price) Buffmyer. He was a 1958 graduate of Fenton High School. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. James retired from Upjohn Pharmaceutical after 35 years service in Clinical Research. He was a former member of First Presbyterian Church of Fenton. He was an avid reader and enjoyed the outdoors. Surviving are: daughter, Leann and husband Richard Littlejohn; 4 grandchildren, Jordan, Jason, Jennifer, and Joseph Harris; former wife, Thelma Buffmyer all of Fenton. He was preceded in death by his parents. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuner-







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fifteen minutes or so gives you enough time to express your sympathy. Your simple presence will mean a lot to the family. You do not need to stay for the entire visitation, but try not to leave during any prayers that might be offered.

Elizabeth Jean Weigant 1921-2015

Elizabeth Jean Weigant - age 93, of Fenton, died March 14, 2015, of a long life, lived well. She will live



caregivers whose lives

on in the hearts and memories of the family. friends students, and

she touched. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at St. Jude's Episcopal Church, 106 E Elizabeth St., Fenton. The Reverend Heather Barta will officiate. Visitation will be held from 10 AM until the time of service at the church. Those who wish to do so may make contributions to St. Jude's Episcopal Church or the Fenton Community Fund. Jean was born April 15, 1921 in Detroit, the daughter of Mark and Alice (Bennett) Gordon. She was a graduate of Fenton High School and Eastern Michigan University. Jean married Leo W. Weigant on December 23, 1949 in Ann Arbor; he preceded her in death on July 21, 1998. Mrs. Weigant was a teacher at State Road Elementary School for more than 20 years, retiring in 1981. She began her career teaching high school "Commercial" in Linden and Holly. She is survived by her daughter, Shannon Weigant of Birmingham; step-son, Dr. Leo A. Weigant of Annapolis, MD; daughter-in-law, Carol Weigant of Pittsburgh; former daughterin-law, Nancy Fowles, of Raymond, ME; brother, Vance Gordon of Fenton; sister, Mary (Stanley) Poag of Texas; grandchildren, Wendy, Christopher, Tracy and Peter; greatgrandchildren, Eric, Amy, Sarah, Rebekah, Elisabeth, Alexa, Charlotte, Diamond, Chenelle, and Vincent, Mrs. Weigant was also preceded in death by her step-son, Peter Weigant, and granddaughter Shelly. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



VILLAGE OF HOLLY

Notice of Adoption of Ordinance No. 433

Ordinance No. 433 was adopted at the regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Holly on March 10, 2015. The ordinance amends Chapter 4-01 of Title 4 of the Code of Ordinances by adopting a new Article 4-01-05 to make parents responsible for the acts of their minor children in certain circumstances. The full text of the ordinance is available for inspection at the Village of Holly, 300 East Street, Karl Richter Center, Holly, MI during regular business hours.

Cathrene A. Behrens, Village Clerk/Treasurer

Joyce A. **Steiner** 1938-2015

Jovce A. Steiner - age 76, of Fenton, died Saturday, March 14, 2015 at home surrounded by her loving



family. A celebration of Joyce's life will be held 12 Noon Saturday, March 21, 2015

at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton, with Rev. Jeff L. Jaggers officiating. A luncheon will follow at The Family Life Center, Fenton United Methodist Church, 119 S. Leroy St., Fenton. Family will receive friends 4-8 PM Friday at the funeral home. Joyce held a deep love of nature, humanity and community. She loved literature and spent a great deal of her time both reading and writing. Playing games with family and friends was one of her greatest pastimes. A seventy year member of the Fenton UMC, she was born September 16, 1938 in Elmira, Michigan, the daughter of Dwight and Dora Fisher. Joyce was married August 3, 1957 to Ronald Steiner, her high school sweetheart, and the passionate couple celebrated 44 years of loving marriage. Always up for adventure and travel, Joyce now joins Ron for their next journey together. A nurturing homemaker, Joyce's greatest interest and love was family. A devoted wife, mother, sister, aunt and grandmother, she will be sadly missed by her son, Russell and wife Raydean and their children, Andrea, Brianna, Jessica, Christina, Cameron and Garrett; daughter, Charissa and husband Matthew Rausch and their children, Kathryn, Benjamin and Rebecca; daughter, Dorice Steiner and her son, Nolyn Ronald; sister and dear friend, Carolyn Moyer; dear brother, Lawrence and wife Barbara Fisher; sisters-in-law, Barbara and husband Harry Rinkenberger, Ruth Steiner and Lois Steiner: many nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors. She was preceded in death by her parents; beloved husband, Ronald; dear sister, Donna. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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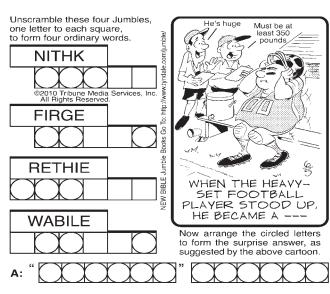
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A Broadway classic comes to the big screen with a new, contemporary vision in Columbia Pictures' comedy, Annie.



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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Disappointed about something that didn't go your way? Cheer up. Look at the reasons it happened,

and you could find a valuable lesson about what to do (or not do!) the next time.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

It's a good time to do some reassessing of plans and goals — even how you considered redoing your bathroom. The point is to be open to change if change can improve things.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Take some time to learn who is the right person (or persons) to approach and discuss your ideas with for your new project. Also, reserve time to prepare for an upcoming family event.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Dealing with a demanding situation, as you recently did, could drain much of your own emotional reserves. Take time to relax and indulge yourself in some well-earned pampering.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)

The regal Lion might feel that she or he is above emotional displays. But showing your feelings can be liberating for you, and reassuring for someone who has been waiting for you to do so.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

An emotionally needy person might make more demands than you can cope with. Best to ask for some breathing space NOW, before resentment sets in and makes communication difficult

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

An unexpected spate of mixed signals could cause serious schedule setbacks. Best to focus on straightening everything out as soon as possible and get everyone back on track.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Be aware that someone in the workplace could try to use a disagreement with a colleague against you. If so, be prepared to offer your side of the

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story with the facts to back you up.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

An unexpected challenge to a previous decision can be unsettling. But your reservoir of self-confidence plus your loyal supporters — should help carry the day for you. Good luck.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) While the idea of making some sort of major move in the near future continues to interest you, don't overlook a new possibility that could be emerging closer to home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Be careful not to base an upcoming decision on gossip or anything you might hear if it can't meet provable standards. That's true regardless of whom the source might be.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)

You might still need to do some solid reassessing early in the week before you can close that sensitive situation. A new job-related opportunity could present itself later in the week.

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