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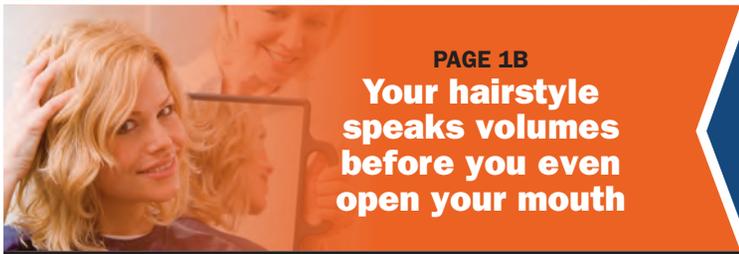
Skilled female bow and rifle hunter is also a professional tracker

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TIM JAGIELO

Sarah Thompson, 34, of Fenton Township is an avid bow and rifle hunter. She also is hired to blood-track deer with her dog, Oakley. She will be one of Michigan's 500,000 registered hunters to hit the woods this season.



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Your hairstyle speaks volumes before you even open your mouth

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Nov. 18 hearing for trio accused of shooting plot



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Argentine Township Det. Doug Fulton is seated beside Assistant Prosecutor Karen Hanson for a brief conference in Judge David Goggins' courtroom Thursday morning.

■ Linden teen's attorney says school plot 'tip of the iceberg'

By Sharon Stone
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Flint — The high-profile court case with local ties has been set to begin Wednesday, Nov. 18.

Attorneys for the three teens suspected of plotting to carry out a shooting at Linden schools were in Genesee County District Court Thursday for a probable cause hearing.

The hearing was to be held in 67th District Court Judge David Goggins' courtroom, but was adjourned for a week in order to complete discovery

for the defense. Discovery is a pre-trial procedure in which each party has an opportunity to obtain evidence from the other party or parties. Several media outlets were present for the hearing, but the teen suspects were not.

Kenneth Karasick is representing Ryan Stevens, 18, of Linden. Jodi Hemingway is representing Lamar Dukes, 15, of West Bloomfield and Elbert Hatchett is representing Cody Brewer, 15, of Wolverine Lake.

“This school plot is probably the least of their troubles, from what I understand.”

KENNETH KARASICK
Attorney for Ryan Stevens

“...These charges are just the beginning, the tip of the iceberg,” said Karasick. He said there appears to be more the teens will be charged with based on evidence being brought by the prosecutors. “This school plot is probably the least of their troubles, from what I understand.”

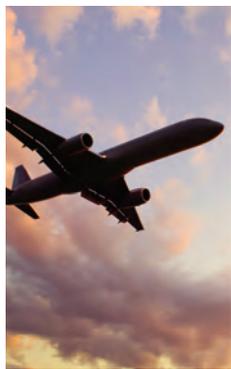
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Meet Spring Meadow's first female president

Jill Behrens has roots in the Linden community and has lived near the club her entire life. Her parents joined Spring Meadows in 1957 and she joined in 1992.

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Thanksgiving travel season will be busiest since '08

Plan ahead before leaving for the airport if you're one of the 25.3 million passengers who will be flying during this record Thanksgiving travel season.

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Thanksgiving meals for the needy

The Barn in Fenton will be serving a 'Thanksgiving Day Meal for the Needy' on Thursday, Nov. 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Interested volunteers and donors are still being sought.

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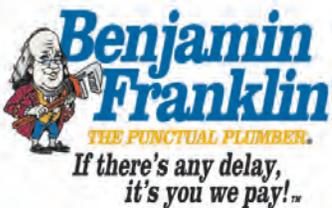
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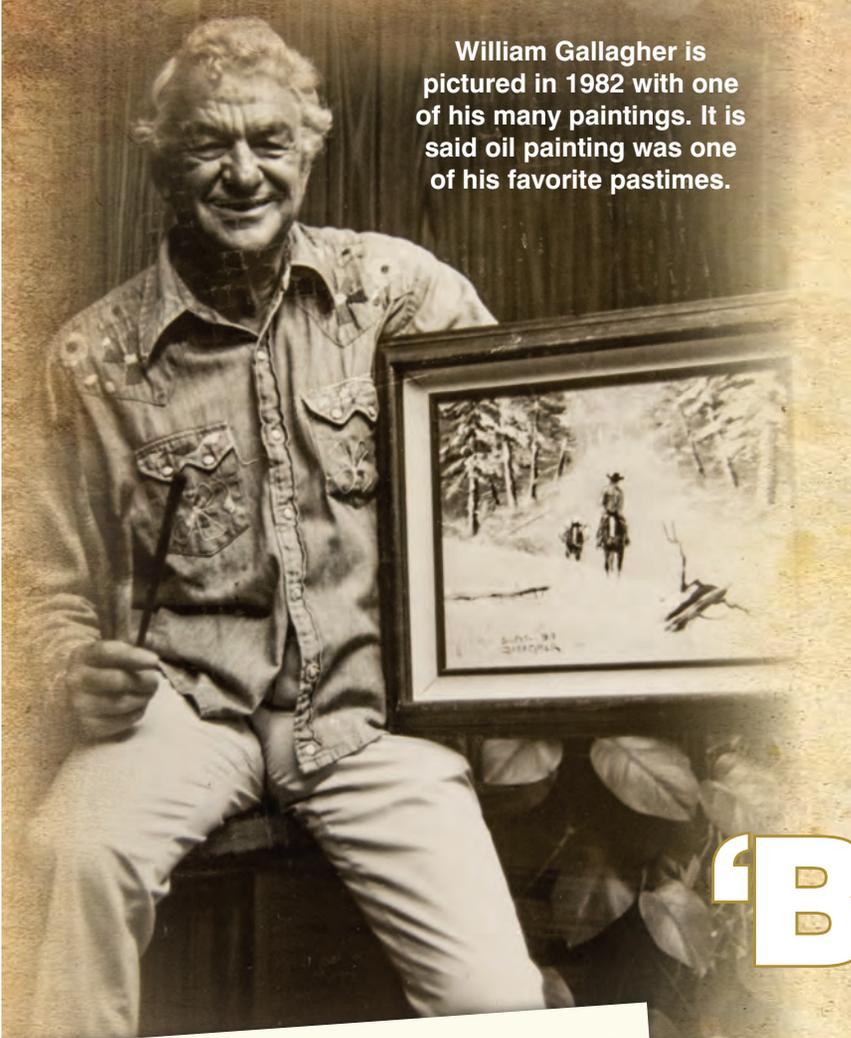
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William Gallagher is pictured in 1982 with one of his many paintings. It is said oil painting was one of his favorite pastimes.



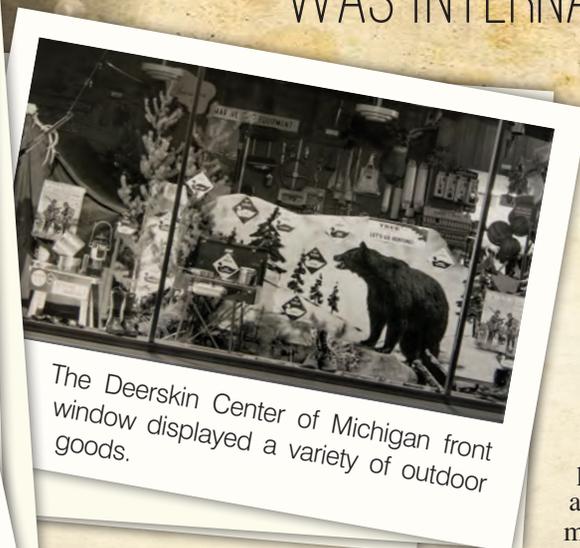
Seamstresses are busy at work inside The Deerskin Center of Michigan.

FENTON'S 'Buckskin Bill'

WAS INTERNATIONALLY FAMOUS



"Buckskin Bill" (right) stands in front of his sporting goods store, The Deerskin Center of Michigan on North LeRoy Street, across from Dewey's.



The Deerskin Center of Michigan front window displayed a variety of outdoor goods.

■ 'The Deerskin Center of Michigan' produced a line of outdoor wear made with animal skins

By Vera Hogan • vhogan@tctimes.com; 810-433-6823

Michigan's regular firearm deer season starts today, Sunday, Nov. 15, and lasts through the end of the month, Nov. 30.

If they kill a deer, most hunters will take their downed prey to a meat processor, who will skin and butcher the animal, grind some of the venison into hamburger, maybe make some sausages, a roast or two and some back straps.

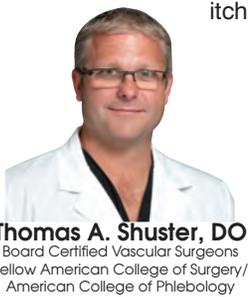
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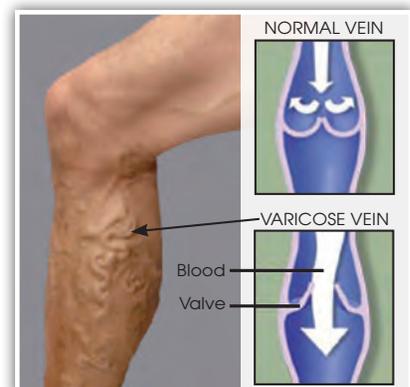
Think varicose veins are just a cosmetic issue?

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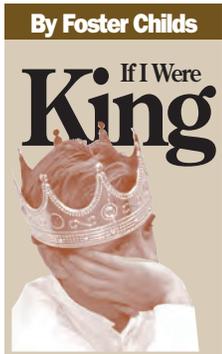
The war on our daughters

That ‘clink’ you heard last week was the sound of another common-sense door being slammed shut and locked by the liberals that are allowed to run amok across America more and more as the Obama presidency sprints to the finish line, minus the burden of another election.

Last week federal education authorities declared that an Illinois school district violated anti-discrimination laws when it did not allow a transgender student, who identifies himself as a girl, to change and shower in the girls’ locker room without restrictions.

That’s right, the Obama administration’s Department of Education Office of Civil Rights (OCR) recently ruled that Township High School District 211 in Palatine, Illinois must give a transgender

kid who was born a male (and still has all his original plumbing to prove it), unrestricted access to the girls’ facilities or they lose millions in federal funding.



In their defense, the school district did its best to accommodate the young man, whom OCR calls “Student A” in its 14-page report which charges the school district with discrimination on the basis of sex due to the kid’s “gender identity and gender nonconformity” issues.

The OCR agrees that the district honored Student A’s request to be treated as female in all respects except his request to be provided unlimited access to the girls’ locker rooms at the school.” The district had already agreed to use Student A’s chosen female name and to designate him as a female in the comput-

er system. It allowed him to participate in girls’ athletics. He received unlimited access to all the girls’ restrooms and access to dress and shower in the girls’ locker room, given he do it behind a privacy curtain.

While it appears Student A was fine with that, Obama’s OCR was not. They decreed that though Student A would likely use the curtain, they wanted it to be voluntarily.

The OCR, a federal agency with a \$41 million budget, has a staff of over 650 lawyers trolling America from sea to sea looking for reasons to justify their existence. There is no agenda too bizarre for them to jump on board with and tie our courts up for years while we taxpayers foot the bill for their nonsense.

But, I digress. Isn’t school difficult enough for our daughters? Isn’t an all-

female locker room already intimidating enough for young girls whose bodies are changing? Why would we let anyone use our daughters as pawns for their political agenda?

The answer is, we shouldn’t. We shouldn’t let the political aspirations of the left harm our children through misguided agendas that defy common sense.

Personally, I don’t care if Gene wants to become Jean. But when our fragile, impressionable children become pawns in the war on common sense and decency, a line has been crossed.

It is time to take a stand and let the left know that when you attacked our kids, you went too far.

Big mistake.

We will remember in November.

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

“He received unlimited access to all the girls’ restrooms and access to dress and shower in the girls’ locker room...”

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AS A MEMBER of the Fenton varsity football team, I want to thank the paper for the great pictures and write-ups all year. I have been building a scrapbook for years thanks to you.

HERE’S A NEW rule, actually an old rule, if you don’t care enough to cast a vote, then don’t bother to complain about the decisions made by those who do vote, and who do choose to run for office.

WELL, IT LOOKS like Linden has finally gotten a taste of where the world is going these days. Thank God, literally, for the diligence and dedication of Chief Allen and others in getting in front of what could have been an event of epic proportions. Thanks chief.

THANK YOU SO much to Argentine police and the Linden schools resource officers who stopped the possible shooting. They stopped a potentially awful situation and it’s comforting to know our officers know how to do their jobs and do them well.

SO, THE OBAMA administration is suing a trucking company for firing muslim workers who refuse to deliver alcohol, while at the same time the Obama administration is suing Christians who refuse to go against their Christian beliefs in their business. What am I missing?

I CAN’T BELIEVE that with everything that’s going on in this country and in our world, you’re worried about a toilet seat.

CRUZ SAYS THAT he would not have bailed out the banks. I absolutely agree with him. Every time I hear of a bank robbery I wonder who the bank robbed this time.

I CANNOT WAIT to see the new downtown Fenton decked out in its Christmas best. I really hope we’ll see some beautiful decorations and lights.

SHAME ON ALL the corporations who force their employees and store managers to be open on Thanksgiving. The holidays are a time for family, not killing each other over discounted

Christmas gifts. At least wait until Black Friday.

SERIOUSLY, HILLARY CLINTON is a good presidential candidate simply because she has a child? Please stay away from all voting booths if you truly think that.

YOU IN THE black Dodge truck, following me so very close going north on Linden Road on Monday, Nov. 9. If you were trying to get noticed, you accomplished your goal. Would be nice to leave some room.

OBAMA DESERVES TWO awards — one from the NRA for gun sales going through the roof every time he demigods for gun control, the other from the Republican National Committee for his assistance in electing Repub-

licans in record numbers. Liberals also merit an honorable mention.

THANK YOU TRI-County Times for telling me what Linden schools failed to tell us.

IN RESPONSE TO the comments about Fenton needing to slow down. There are bigger places you could be renting for your budget. If you go back closer to the Flint area, you will get more bang for your buck.

THANK YOU TO Cub Scout troops 212, 286, Girl Scouts, troop leaders and parents for coming out and doing our leaves for us. It was a fun experience and wonderful to see the youth of Fenton being so helpful and community oriented.

YES, MR. PRESS, the debates are a chance for the voter to learn about the candidates. Unfortunately, the idiotic questions posed by the CNBC moderators did nothing to help that process, which also explains why CNBC has the lowest ratings of all the newscasts.

I HOPE WHEN the final lines are painted on the streets, they include a ‘No Loading/Unloading Zone’ mark at the Fire Hall. Is it that hard to drive around to the back parking lot to get out of your car? Those who stop are going to cause someone to get hurt jaywalking at that corner.

FENTON HIGH SCHOOL football coaches, please remember that not all players have driver’s licenses or cars. Giving working parents three hours notice of a team event at 4 p.m. on a school day is unacceptable. I simply cannot disappear from my job to shuttle my child around to your last minute schedules.

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“The one with Peyton Manning that always gets stuck in my head. ‘Chicken parm, you taste so good.’”

Melissa Bailey
Fenton Township



“I’d have to say the ‘mayhem’ commercials. Those are funny because of the mayhem man. He acts like he’s a squirrel in your attic.”

Summer Awad, Linden



“That new ‘Geico’ commercial. It’s the motorcycle commercial one. It’s got a funny spin at the end.”

Tod Shull
Davison



“The ‘Hershey kiss’ one with the bells. They’re set up in a triangle and they do the jingle. Holidays make me think of it.”

Heather Schmelter
Linden



“I like that ‘State Farm’ commercial with Jake. It makes me laugh. It reminds me of all my old girlfriends. They always want to know who you’re talking to.”

Joseph Ringis, Fenton Township



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Genesee County Animal Control has plans to renovate the part of the building that houses the animals.

GCAC renovation plans in motion

■ Firm will assess animal shelter to determine needed renovations

By Hannah Ball

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Genesee County Animal Control in Flint completed the first step to renovating part of the building that houses the animals.

On Nov. 9 the Genesee County Board of Commissioners approved GCAC Director Paul Wallace's request to hire

“Our main concern, naturally, is the safety and comfort of the animals.”

Paul Wallace
Genesee County Animal Control director

Creekwood Architecture Inc. at a cost of \$5,000 to create a facility and needs assessment of the building.

“What we approved today was an architectural assessment, so

we can know, from a professional/engineering standpoint, what can and can't be done given the limitations of the structure we have,” said GCAC Director Paul Wallace.

The renovation at this point will deal only with the animal-enclosed areas and the adoption/surrender area.

“Our main concern, naturally, is the safety and comfort of the animals,” he said.

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What if you couldn't 'smell the roses?'

■ Those with Anosmia have no sense of smell

By Hannah Ball

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One of the best parts of baking is the scent of the cookies, cupcakes, cake or pie wafting through the house.

Kristy Kline, 33, is sad she can't smell the food she bakes even though it's one of her favorite activities.

For 20 years, the Texan, who's a Holly graduate, could smell perfectly fine. When she was 20, she became sick in college — pneumonia, bronchitis, pleurisy, and a massive sinus infection — and the three-month sickness wiped out her olfactory (smelling) sense and she now lives with Anosmia, which is the loss of sense of smell.

"It was a couple of months later that I actually realized that I could no longer smell. About mid- to late-May after my awful winter illness and I was home for summer break, I decided to make brownies from scratch, melt butter and cocoa powder and everything," Kline said.

"I cleaned everything up, left no dishes out and hid the brownies in the oven as a surprise for my mom and sister when they got home from work.

"They knew before they entered the house that I baked. I could not smell the chocolate at all. I went outside and came back in and still couldn't smell it," she said.

There are many scents Kline misses, especially fresh baked anything.

"When I made my first apple pie, I asked my mom how you know when it was done. She told me when you smell it. That sucked. I said, 'seriously, I'm home alone and you think I will know when I smell it? The smoke from it burning might be my giveaway if I wait until then'," Kline said.

She misses the smell of doughnuts, cider, fresh rain, and simply smelling candles in a room.

"I would love to smell these things again. I always sniff everything in hopes of a brief hint of it," she said.

One perk to having Anosmia is missing out on the gross smells.

"Skunks, gasoline, rotting anything, spoiled milk, etc. One thing I do still notice the smell of that I really wish I couldn't is cigarette smoke. It burns and stings and is the only thing that can still make me gag," she said. "I can tell when someone is smoking and I actively avoid it because I really wish I couldn't smell it."

She gets stuck doing a lot of dirty jobs that would make other people gag, like taking out the garbage.



“That was the great dawning of how bad that ‘cold’ had been. It wiped out my ability to smell, and I hadn’t even noticed.”

Kristy Kline
Holly graduate
who lives with Anosmia

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | HANNAH BALL

Kristy Kline, 33, formerly of Holly, has been living with Anosmia since she was 20. While in college, she became very sick and lost her sense of smell. She can sometimes smell really strong scents like cinnamon and cigarette smoke.

One funny thing happened at a museum that had smell stations from the desert. A man before her smelled one with coyote urine and Kline said he "[freaked] out about it being so bad."

She took a wiff and didn't flinch. The man was shocked.

"So there's a perk, some kind of weird party trick," she said.

When people find out she has Anosmia, most try to test it. "They give me things to smell and want me to guess what it is. They can get pretty bad with things they want you to smell, too, but that usually backfires on them, as they are gagging and I am just looking at them like they have lost their mind," she said.

People often forget about her condition and she has to remind them.

"My husband still forgets from time to time and asks me to smell stuff," she said.

Many scientists consider Anosmia a disability because of the emotional toll it can have, and not being able to smell possibly dangerous environments, according to fifthsense.org.uk. Kline doesn't consider it a disability.

"The worst part is the danger it poses to me. I can't smell if meat or milk is spoiled and can risk a terrible case of food poisoning, which is why I pay strict attention to best buy dates," she said. "If there is a gas leak, I don't have a means of telling. In that respect, I suppose one might think it is (disability), but really I don't."

Living with anosmia

Anosmia and personal hygiene

Kristy Kline said she stays on the side of caution with hygiene.

"I can't smell if I stink or not, so I tend to just stick to a routine and hope for the best," she said. She uses neutral/unscented products for shampoo, lotions, and laundry detergent.

"I rely on others when picking out things to tell me if it has a foul smell. I always sniff first, shrug and ask what it is," she said. "I had the sense of smell for a long time, so I can remember how things smelled and use that to decide if I like it or not."

She doesn't wear perfume, but walking into a scented-overloaded Bath and Body Works doesn't bother her.

"Sometimes my mouth feels like I just licked hairspray, most likely the aerosol particles in the air," she said.

Anosmia

Anosmia affects an estimated two million Americans, according to fifthsense.org.uk, and can be permanent or temporary. A common cold can cause temporary Anosmia while brain or nerve damage can cause permanent Anosmia.

Anosmia and taste

Anosmia also affects how things taste. Some people who suffer from the condition cannot taste anything at all.

"Eating isn't usually enjoyable. I mean, I taste sweet, sour, salty, tartness, but actual flavors are lacking a lot. It's purely about the texture of the food. I can still taste, it is just more bland, kind of duller. I know when my husband is chopping onions because my eyes water, not because I smell it," she said.

She doesn't know what hot sauce tastes like, but she can identify it because it burns her tongue.

"If I had a chocolate frosty and a vanilla frosty from Wendy's and did a blind taste test, they taste the same. If it happens to be a very strong flavor, then I can taste it, like peppermint. I probably add way more chocolate syrup to my milk now than I used to," she said.

She no longer gets cravings for certain foods, which she said is frustrating. She also finds alcohol to be disgusting.

"For me, it tastes like hairspray. Every time. I've tried wine, champagne, daiquiris, and they all taste the same, horribly disgusting, so I have just given up entirely on them," she said.



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Sally Kaylor, a bank teller working at The State Bank on North LeRoy Street in Fenton helps a customer at the drive-through window on Thursday. The temperature by the teller window is colder, especially during winter. All employees on the lower level of The State Bank use space heaters, said Dennis Leyder, senior vice president.

'Tis the season for office 'thermostat wars'...

Discussions get heated when talking about who controls the temperature at work

By Sally Rummel

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How many "office wars" may have begun with just a little twist of the thermostat?

With cold weather temps already here, many people are beginning the seasonal fights over the office temperatures. This is the time of year when some women are shivering with shawls and blankets over their shoulders and a warming space heater at their feet, while men turn down the thermostat because they're too warm.

Part of it is biology — men have more muscles than women that create significant amounts of body heat — yet much of it has to do with the reality of most commercial office buildings.

"Offices are generally colder for women because they're heated and cooled from overhead," said Dave Lamb of Dave Lamb Heating & Cooling in Fenton. "They're sitting down, so their feet are even further away from the heat, so they're cold."

Many offices are also constructed with glass, offering little or no insulation from the sun or the cold.

"It's been a long ongoing battle here," said Kristy Schaffer, director of human resources at The State Bank in Fenton. "Upstairs, the windows have made it freezing and in the summer, the sun is glaring. Everyone owns their own personal fan or heater."

Tom Bertschy, vice president of commercial banking at The State Bank, said they made a huge improvement to

address the problem a year ago, having Fenton Glass install new windows at the southeast and southwest corners.

The new windows are made of a transition glass, much like the sunglasses of similar material. "The windows darken with the sun instead of bringing in 110-117 degree temperatures like it used to be," said Bertschy.

“It's been a long ongoing battle here. Everyone owns their own personal fan or heater.”

Kristy Schaffer
Director of Human Resources at The State Bank

"Before we got the new windows, it was more about where you were located in the building than anything else," said Bertschy. "The south end gets the sun's rays and the north end doesn't. Even now, the majority rules, with 12 thermostats in the building. Ten people are asking for more heat and 10 are asking for more air."

On the first floor of The State Bank, it's still cold for many employees, especially if you're sitting in the north corner office of Dennis Leyder, senior vice president.

"It gets pretty chilly in here," he admitted. "There's more glass in my office than two-by-fours. Everyone on the lower level uses a space heater. It's a fact of life."

Electrician Jim Waite of Craftsmen Electrical Services in Fenton said his company gets 10 to 20 calls in the winter about space heaters that blow a circuit. "They can be a problem," he said. "They use a lot of electricity and they can cause fires."

While the issue of office temperatures can be a serious one for many workers, he advises people to get up from their desks and move around every half hour, "to keep your blood flowing." He also suggests that people look at infra-red heaters instead of space heaters, because they use less electricity. "Your best alternative is to put on more clothes," he said.

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HILLARY CLINTON IS unfit to be a presidential candidate. During the Democratic Party debate she said she was proud to have among her enemies groups of other Americans. A new president needs to unify the country, Hillary would further polarize us.

News briefs

Downtown Fenton streets are open

Digital displays posted at both ends of town last week were a welcome sign for many — "All roads open, thank you for your patience." The roadwork is complete for 2015," according to Fenton's Assistant City Manager Mike Burns. River and Caroline streets will be completed next year. Burns said for the remainder of this season, permanent pavement markers will be placed. Brickwork, lighting and landscaping may also be finished this year. "There might be some intermittent closures in the next few weeks, however, unless there is an unforeseen circumstance, I don't see major closures," Burns said.



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Showing off the donated public address system is Bonnie Holt (left) of ALA Saginaw VA Medical Center, and Betty Smith of the Linden American Legion.

American Legion 119 honors veterans

■ **Community events show pride for veterans and their families**

By Sharon Stone

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The American Legion 119 and its Auxiliary in Linden have been busy. The organizations have held three major veterans' events.

On Friday, Nov. 6, members hosted a dinner and show. They served any veteran's family from the area a full-course meal at no cost to them. Pat Lozano said members and guests were honored when Linden Mayor David Lossing dropped by to volunteer.

The American Legion 119 donated a portable public address system to the veteran volunteers at the Saginaw VA Medical Center. It will be used for bingo and other events for the patients there.

The Linden American Legion members took part in the Genesee County Veterans Day ceremony, which took place at McFarland Park in Flint.

Police&Fire report

COUPLE ARGUE OVER LEAF RAKING

At 9:32 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7, Argentine Township police responded to a home in the 14000 block of Duffield Road to investigate a complaint. Apparently, a married couple argued over the raking of leaves. According to police, the wife reportedly was angered and attempted to leave. Thinking that she might hit his truck, the husband got between her vehicle and his. She nudged him with her vehicle. There were no injuries. Police say she could be charged with a local ordinance violation of simple assault.

DRIVER PLEADS NO CONTEST TO INDECENT EXPOSURE

Michael Curtis Reed, 55, of Byron Center pleaded no contest to a reduced charge of indecent exposure during a



hearing on Tuesday, Nov. 10 in 67th District Court. Reed had been arraigned on Oct. 13 with aggravated indecent exposure, a two-year circuit court misdemeanor

stemming from an incident in Fenton on June 18. He had been out on \$20,000 personal bond. According to Fenton police, a Fenton area woman was loading items into her vehicle in the Target parking lot. The woman told police that the driver of an older black Toyota, later identified as Reed, was naked as he drove very close to her. She was able to provide the license plate number to police and a loss prevention employee had video surveillance showing his car next to the surprised shopper. The victim also identified Reed in a photo lineup. The reduced charge is a one-year misdemeanor. Sentencing is expected to take place after the New Year.

Notes of thanks

We would like to say 'thank you' to Mrs. Bertram, Mr. Smith and the students at the elementary and middle schools at Holly Area Schools. The Veterans Day programs they put on were wonderful and moving. It transported many of us to another time and place. To all the children and educators present — you are welcome and thank you.

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BUCKSKIN BILL

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A week or so later they will return to the butcher, cough up a couple hundred dollars for their now-packaged meat and the antlers, and be on their way — without what one famed Fenton businessman would have called the most valuable part of the deer — its hide.

William A. “Buckskin Bill” Gallagher worked with deerskins since 1946, owning a sporting goods store called “The Deerskin Center of Michigan,” producing a line of outdoor wear made with animal skins and woollens. His store was located on North LeRoy Street, in the building that later housed Fenton Fabrics and Sandy’s Stitchin’ Coop (destroyed by fire in May of 1996). Today the vacant site serves as the new entrance to Bush Park by the gazebo.

Gallagher was born and went to school in Byron. Since he was fond of hunting and fishing, he began a part-time taxidermy business for friends. As some animal hides came to him, he even found ways to make jackets in the frontier way by lacing the skins together. It was a start.

But like other young men, Gallagher’s activities were interrupted by World War II. He enlisted in the air Force and spent five years serving his country, mostly as pilot-instructor and eventually as captain with the 9th Air Force in Europe.

While in Europe, Gallagher met some German repatriates recently released from a Russian prison camp. Known as a friendly and concerned person, he learned that these people had been leather craftsmen before the war.

In 1946, Gallagher settled in Fenton with his bride, Kathleen “Kay” Gallagher. The leather workers in Germany heard about this man in Michigan who was looking for craftsmen and they somehow found each other. Gallagher took care of them, found them homes, gave them jobs and made them welcome. In return, they helped Gallagher begin a deerskin business, which flourished.

Suede and leather jackets were in demand at this time, but there were few sources of supply. When the shops in Flint discovered that Gallagher was beginning to make leatherwear they sent him special orders and the German workers began designing patterns for all types of garments. Over the years, the European workers were replaced with local seamstresses.

In 1947, Gallagher designed and made a unique piece of headgear known as the Alcan hat. These warm hats were purchased in large quantities by law enforcement agencies and the Air Force, as well as individual sportsmen.

One year, the shop filled orders for 11,000 hats, including a large one from Sears Roebuck and Co.

Among his most famous customers was Nancy Williams, wife of former Gov. G. Mennen “Soapy” Williams. On Christmas Eve, while employees were having a party at the Fenton shop, the governor and his wife came in to try the jacket she ordered for her husband. The governor was so pleased, he personally went into the workrooms to thank the women who had made the coat.

Gallagher had learned that deerskin is a very versatile material and possesses



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William Gallagher was, among many other things, a fine musician, according to long-time Fenton resident and author Robert G. Harris. Harris is shown in the front, far left on alto saxophone, while Gallagher is at the keyboards. The late Ralph Crawford of Fenton was on the drums. The names of the other Fenton musicians are not known.

strength not found in the skins of domestic animals. The leather is wind proof, it dyes easily and evenly and in natural colors can be successfully washed like a chamois skin. A deerskin coat will last a lifetime. Four skins will make a jacket, six a full-length coat, and four pairs of gloves could be made from one skin.

When he wasn’t working at his store or traveling to sportsman shows around the state, Gallagher re-activated his pilot’s license, enabling him to cut down on travel time to some of the winter ski areas. Snow skiing was one of the many outdoor hobbies Gallagher enjoyed over the years.

Somewhere along the way, Gallagher learned to play the piano and performed with his own group called the “Bill Gallagher Orchestra.”

He also got into big-game fishing, the kind that takes place in warm ocean waters. He formed the Michigan Deep Sea Fishing Club and once a year, the members and their friends would take a group trip somewhere in the world with Gallagher making all of the arrangements.

If that weren’t enough, it is said that Gallagher’s most favorite pastime was oil painting. He studied art for a while at the Beaux Arts in Paris when he was in the service. But he said he learned mostly by just watching the local artist-in-residence in each small town he passed through while in Europe. Gallagher’s subjects leaned mostly toward wildlife. His work was shown at the Rackham Galleries in Ann Arbor and at the Flint Institute of Arts.

Since painting wasn’t too profitable,

Gallagher kept on with his deerskin business. He also started selling boats and motors while in the sports clothing business. There wasn’t enough room for the boats at the North LeRoy location and the two businesses eventually became too much, so in 1969 he and his wife sold the deerskin operation. He and his wife then owned Gallagher X-Way Marine.

The couple raised two sons, one of whom, Patrick, was killed in an automobile accident when he was 26, after returning home from combat in Vietnam. Son Michael resides with his family in California.

In addition to all of his other endeavors, Gallagher found time to volunteer for various local civic groups. He died on June 16, 2000. His wife died on June 9, 2009, at the age of 87.

They may be gone, but there’s no hiding the Gallaghers’ many legendary contributions to Fenton.

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ANIMAL SHELTER

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One renovation involves taking out the cages and putting in runs for the comfort and safety of the animals. Currently there are separate wards with block walls between them.

Architects will determine if the wall can be removed.

Wallace said these renovations have to include fresh air for the animals, minimal noise, a washing machine and dishwasher, enough room to move around comfortably, something comfortable for the animals to lay on, and many other things.

He said the architects might say they need to build a whole new building, which would be extremely expensive.

“Animal shelters have a lot of requirements that regular commercial buildings don’t have and they can easily cost three to four times more per square foot,” he said.

Shelter administration do not yet know how much time it will take or how much renovations will cost.

“Some of the firms we’ve talked to have designed multimillion dollar facilities, and we just can’t do that. We’re just starting in on this,” he said.

Wallace said this will be challenging when they consider that whatever else happens, they have to continue operations

and have 140-plus animals to house, feed, care and account for with more coming in all the time.

Tony Brown, Genesee County commissioner for District 6 was one of the ‘yes’ votes that approved the needs assessment.

“It definitely needs some improvements,” Brown said. “If you have allergies and you’re walking into that building it’s very hard with the pet dander, lack of ventilation, the smell of keeping animals, and the lack of maintenance.”

SUMMARY

■ Creekwood Architecture Inc. will assess Genesee County Animal Control facility to see what kind of renovations can be done to the animal-enclosed areas.

Once the needs assessment is done, the Board of Commissioners will develop a few proposals and choose the best one.

“The county board will decide the best way to do this,” he said.

Brown said the GCAC is improving. The shelter was criticized for keeping the animals in dirty cages, and was voted one of the worst animal shelters in Michigan By Pets Friends Magazine, previously reported by the Times.

When Wallace stepped in last January, conditions were said to have improved, and the shelter adopted a “No Kill” policy to reduce euthanasia rates.

“It’s getting better as far as the management, but it’s tough to do much with the animals without upgrades to the facility,” Brown said.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Kenneth Karasick is representing Ryan Stevens, 18, of Linden, in the case which involves alleged threats against Linden students and more, which Karasick said will come out soon.

SHOOTING PLOT

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“It’s unfortunate, they’re young and naive and their brains aren’t fully developed, and social media is going crazy. They don’t understand the consequences of what they did and what they were texting,” he said, adding that discovery will yield information on more charges.

Argentine Township Det. Doug Fulton and Genesee County Assistant

Prosecuting Attorney Karen Hanson were present for the brief meeting.

Stevens has been lodged at the Genesee County Jail since Saturday, Oct. 31 when he was arraigned on conspiracy to commit first-degree premeditated murder, a felony punishable by up to life in prison and false report or threat of terrorism, a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

Dukes and Brewer have been lodged at the Genesee County Regional Detention Center, due to their ages, on the same felony charges.

The alleged plot came to light Wednesday, Oct. 28, after a student alerted school resource officer to a threatening message on Instagram. This set an investigation in motion and three suspects were identified, located and taken into custody.

Associate Editor Tim Jagielo contributed to this report.



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Judge David Goggins of the 67th District Court is presiding over the case. The probable cause hearing is set for Wednesday, Nov. 18.

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'Lean on me'

Fenton woman is runner-up in Szott Ford Jeep giveaway contest

By Hannah Ball

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White Lake Twp. — Radio station judges of Channel 95.5 Mojo in the Morning told the contestants the Jeep wasn't worth their health.

Amy Kuikahi, 43, of Fenton and one of the two remaining contestants disagreed.

Mojo in the Morning partnered with Szott Ford for the "Rear on a Wrangler" contest to give away a new Chrysler Jeep Wrangler to the last person leaning against the vehicle in a test of endurance.

"It's going well. I've maintained staying mentally focused. The other people, you could tell they were struggling. They had dizziness and hallucinations and I didn't get any of that," Kuikahi said on Thursday.

Contestants weren't allowed to sleep, but were allowed 15-minute breaks every two hours to use the bathroom.

The competition started at 8:30 a.m. Monday morning with 20 contestants leaning against two Jeeps. Only two contestants were left by Thursday afternoon — Robin Hart, of Sterling

Heights and Kuikahi.

Kuikahi found out about the contest because her daughter called and signed them up. Contestants had to call into the radio station and have their names entered into a lottery. "This is her dream vehicle. We got our name into the lottery and I got lucky enough that they picked me," she said.

While it's her daughter's dream vehicle, with all this "pain and suffering" she said she's definitely going to drive the Jeep if she wins.

She socialized with people to stay awake. "I've met a lot of wonderful people. This has been a very cool experience. I've had a really good time despite the fact I didn't sleep."

One technique that helped her stay focused was not knowing the time.

At the end of the contest, Hart won the Jeep.

Cody Trombley, promotions director for Mojo in the Morning, said this was

"It's going well. I've maintained staying mentally focused."

Amy Kuikahi
Fenton resident, Rear on a Wrangler contestant at hour 74



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | HANNAH BALL

Amy Kuikahi, 43, of Fenton leans against a new Jeep Wrangler Thursday for the "Rear on a Wrangler," competition with Channel 95.5 Mojo in the Morning and Szott Ford. The last person to stay leaning against the Jeep would win the Jeep. The competition lasted about 77 hours. Kuikahi was runner up.

their second endurance competition this year. The first one was Mojo's Make Out with the Mustang in April. Trombley said they didn't expect the competition to last this long.

"I thought it was going to be done

yesterday. The last one was 70 hours," she said. As of 11:30 a.m. Thursday, the competition had been going on for 75 hours.

"It's a pretty good prize. When it's all said and done (the Jeep) is about \$40,000," she said.

Social News

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Vanoostveen-Woolford

Mark and Jan Woolford of Holly are proud to announce the engagement of their son, Evan Woolford of Holly, to Erin Vanoostveen of Grandville, Michigan. Evan received his undergraduate degree in Athletic Training from Albion College and was awarded his Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from the University of Michigan. Erin received her undergraduate degree in Exercise Science from Calvin College and was awarded her Doctor of Physical Therapy from the University of Michigan. Erin's parents are Don and Lynn Vanoostveen of Grandville, Michigan. The wedding will take place at Ivanrest Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan on January 9, 2016. The couple will reside in Brighton, Michigan.

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She's out for blood!

■ Skilled female bow and rifle hunter is also a professional tracker

By Vera Hogan

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It's not quite Christmas yet, but it's the most wonderful time of the year for at least one local woman — Sarah Thompson, 34, of Fenton Township.



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Thompson hunts on farmland near her home, and has a tree stand at the edge of the property.

Skilled in bow and rifle hunting, Thompson, a server at Sagebrush Cantina in Fenton, has been hunting for the past five years.

"But I've been going to deer camp since I was 3 years old with my dad and brother," Thompson said. Her father is Jim Thompson and brother, Ryan Thompson.

Deer camp involved a cabin up north in St. Helen and Rose City. She was usually the only girl at the camp.

"When I was little I would give all the guys demerits for bad behavior," she said. "They fed into it and played along."

Today, Thompson is a mom. Her daughter, Kaylee Jewell, 12, is a student at Linden Middle School. "She's into fishing," said her mom. "We talked about (hunting), but she is not a big killer. She's more into catch and release."

Thompson bagged her first doe of the year in September using a bow.

"I run a nuisance tag at Price Airport," she said. With her nuisance tag, Thompson is permitted through the Michigan DNR to take deer in the Price Airport area.

The meat of any deer taken with a nuisance tag is donated to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, Thompson said.

Last week, she hunted up north with her father.

"We had seven sits in four days and saw only two deer," she said. "It was hard. It was cold, rainy and windy."

When she's not hunting, Thompson spends the season blood-tracking deer



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Sarah Thompson, 34, of Fenton Township hunts several days of the week, and is a server at Sagebrush Cantina. She said hunting is more about being outside, than killing deer — though she has already harvested a few this season.

with her dog for other archers. This year, she is working for Midwest Blood Tracking with her friend, Jared Tucker.

Thompson tracks with her Slovakian kopob hound, Oakley, while Tucker goes with his dachshund, Chloe.

"Bow hunters hire us to blood track the deer they hit," Thompson said. "On 50 percent of our tracks the deer are still alive."

"A deer's blood clots 10 times faster than ours," she added. "You can nail one in the lung and it can still be alive."

While bow hunting is her favorite, Thompson is looking forward to rifle

season, which starts Sunday, Nov. 15.

"Bow hunting is harder but it's my favorite," she said. "Probably because it's usually warmer (outside)."

Thompson said she looks forward to hunting season all year. She said her friend Nolan Ladd helps her out with the preparations.

"He can climb a tree in his flip flops," she said. "He's my right-hand man."

On the challenges of being a woman hunter, she said there really are no challenges. "As long as you're willing to take the time and effort, there's a level playing field."

See HUNTER on 17A

“I have begged some of my girlfriends to go with me but they won't do it.”

Sarah Thompson
Fenton Township hunter



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House Bill 4738: Increase gas and diesel tax

To increase the state gasoline tax from 19 cents per gallon to 26.3 cents starting in 2017, and after that index the amount to inflation. Also, to increase the state diesel tax from 15 cents to that same 26.3 cents per gallon level, plus inflationary increases.

Passed 20 to 18 in the Senate

- Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) YES
- Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) YES
- Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) NO
- Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) NO
- Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) YES

House Bill 4736: Increase vehicle registration tax

To increase the annual vehicle registration (license plate) tax by 20 percent. Also, to impose a surtax on electric and alternative fuel vehicles that use the roads but don't pay gas tax.

Passed 20 to 18 in the Senate

- Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) YES
- Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) YES
- Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) NO
- Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) NO
- Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) YES

House Bill 4370: Earmark some income tax to roads; increase home property tax credit

To earmark \$600 million in state income tax revenue to road repairs starting in 2020, and smaller amounts starting in 2018. Also, to expand a "homestead property tax credit" that homeowners and renters can claim on their state income tax, by raising property value and household income caps that limit eligibility, and index these dollar amounts to inflation.

Passed 28 to 10 in the Senate

- Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) YES
- Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) YES
- Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) YES
- Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) NO
- Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) YES

Senate Bill 414: Authorize potential future income tax reduction

To potentially roll back future income tax rates if the amount deposited into

the state "general fund" in a given year grows more than 1.425 times faster than inflation - but not until 2023. Note that the legislature ultimately controls these deposits, so any future income tax rate reductions would essentially be at the discretion of each legislature, as under current law.

Passed 28 to 10 in the Senate

- Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) YES
- Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) YES
- Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) YES
- Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) NO
- Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) YES

Senate Bill 571: Repeal annual union PAC contribution "re-up" requirement

To repeal a requirement that union members or employees of a corporation who wish to have contributions to a union or corporate Political Action Committee (PAC) automatically deducted from their paycheck must affirmatively give consent on an annual basis by means of signing a permission form. The bill would repeal the annual "re-up" requirement.

Passed 38 to 0 in the Senate

- Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) YES
- Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) YES
- Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) YES
- Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) YES
- Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) YES

'Delivering Hope' delivers fresh produce



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Local non-profit organization Delivering Hope coordinated a grant-funded fresh produce giveaway at Uncle Ray's Dairyland in Fenton on Monday. Ten pallets of carrots, onions, apples, potatoes and squash from the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan were free while supplies lasted. The last giveaway was in October. It drew more than 1,000 people, representing more than 300 families.

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■■■■
HEADLINES TODAY, 'STEADY jobless claims consistent with healthy labor market.' What about the 90+ million that quit looking for work? The unemployment rate would be 15 percent.

■■■■
BIG 'THANK YOU' to Linden High School student council for the wonderful meal and all the treats that were raffled off. The seniors from the Loose Senior Center are grateful. All students who participated in this event are to be praised for their efforts.

■■■■
IF MR. OBAMA issues an illegal order (executive order), must it be obeyed?

■■■■
YOU'RE DAMN RIGHT that Clinton would be an excellent leader. She has been a patriot and public servant for most of her life. She didn't get rich until she left public service.

■■■■
THANK YOU CHIEF Dan Allen and Paul Brooks for watching over our children. It's a thankless job until the you-know-what hits the fan. My family thanks you.

■■■■
MICHIGAN NOW HAS the fifth highest vehicle registration fees in the nation. We are near the top of the gas tax cost also. Way to spread the taxes so that it hurts the poor the most. The current legislators are almost as dysfunctional as those in the Granholm era.

■■■■
ALL YOU PEOPLE who elected a bottom-feeding injury lawyer to the Michigan Supreme Court because he is on TV commercials are now going to pay the piper. When will we quit voting for people based on TV commercials scripted and paid for by the candidate. Wake up!

WHAT YOU MISSED
in the
MIDWEEK TIMES

Wednesday, November 11, 2015

Four-legged friends approve of new dog park

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Thursday, Nov. 5 for the new Fenton Township dog park. The 2-acre dog park, part of a larger 36-acre park is located on Thompson Road, just east of Wiggins Road.

Local World War II veteran keeps memories alive with journal



Jerry Rice, 90, of Fenton Township, recalls all the details of his war service and preserves them in family history.

Linden girls, Fenton boys finish in top 10 — six tri-county runners earn All-State honors

Three tri-county teams competed at the state cross country championships held at Michigan International Speedway on Saturday, with Linden's girls placing fourth in the Division 2 event and with three All-State runners.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SALLY RUMMEL

Client Janiel Applegate (right), is pictured here with the staff of Lovely Lashes by Dana, including Diana Darling (left), Laurie Simms, Abby Rhoades-Smith and owner Dana Castillo.

Lovely Lashes by Dana

■ The area's only eyelash studio has opened in Fenton

By Sally Rummel

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Janiel Applegate of Argentine Township has always had light colored eyelashes with little volume, and had a difficult time keeping mascara on.

When a girlfriend told her about Lovely Lashes by Dana in Fenton, she made an appointment.

"It's such a wonderful feeling to wake up in the morning and say, 'You can see my eyes,'" said Applegate. "It's really a wonderful change."

Lovely Lashes by Dana opened Sept. 21 at 1507 North LeRoy St. in the North LeRoy Plaza. Owner/Certified Lash Extensionist Dana Castillo and three certified lash extensionists specialize in lash extensions and volume lashes.

"Eyelash extensions are one of the best

beauty treatments a woman could ever do for herself," said Castillo. "We can create a look for every eye shape."

This local eyelash studio, the only one in the area, uses U.S.-made Novalash products, including a medical-grade adhesive created by physicians. They are also lab tested and FDA approved, according to Castillo.

The initial process of getting a full set of lash extensions takes about two hours, with "fill-ins" done every three to four weeks. It's actually a work of art with an intricate finish. Comprised of a wide-ranging palette of colors, textures and sizes, these semi-permanent extensions can be combined for looks from subtle and natural to trendy and glamorous.

A holiday special is now available for \$50 off your initial full set.

For more information, visit www.lovelylashesbydana.net or call the studio at (810) 986-7455.

F.A.R.R. hires part-time director

■ Former Resource Genesee executive director now leads local non-profit resource group

By Sally Rummel

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You may not have heard much about F.A.R.R. (Fenton Area Resource & Referral) lately, but that's about to change with the hiring of its first time ever, part-time paid executive director.

Lindsey Younger, the former executive director for Resource Genesee, started her new position on Sept. 3 at her office at 14165 North Fenton Rd., suite 104A in North Towne Center. She was formerly the executive director for Resource Genesee, until that group was dissolved on June 30, due to lack of funding.

Younger's focus will be to serve the human service needs in the local communities in the school districts of Fenton, Lake Fenton and Linden.

"People call us with a need and we tell them where they



Lindsey Younger

can go for help," said Penny Fausey, one of F.A.R.R.'s 10 board members.

"That was exactly what F.A.R.R. was intended for back when we incorporated in 1989."

"There are times we will also provide assistance directly to a utility company or rental company on behalf of a client," added Younger. She can be reached at (810) 813-5709. "Our goal is to return phone calls within 24 hours."

F.A.R.R. operates on a very limited budget but has built strong relationships with a number of county agencies, churches, schools and municipalities. "We also have funds from the sale of the building and gladly take (monetary) donations at F.A.R.R., P.O. Box 529, Fenton, MI 48430," said Fausey.

F.A.R.R. board members are: Lynn Hopper, Lynn Ferguson, Penny Fausey, Scott Grossmeyer, Wayne Wright, Russ Ciesielski, Doug Busch, Carl Gabrielson, Shelly Day and Dr. Mark Fisher.

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Penny Fausey
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Trevor Jankovic, 8, shot this 8-point deer on Nov. 7, while hunting with his dad in Chelsea. This is Trevor's first hunting season and his first deer. Trevor is the grandson of Dennis and Sue Weinand of Fenton.

HUNTER

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Thompson hasn't been able so far to convince any of her lady friends to join her on a hunt. "I have begged some of my girlfriends to go with me but they won't do it," she said.

The funniest thing that ever happened to Thompson was during her first year. "I wore all hand-me downs," she said. "I ended up falling and couldn't get back up. My boot was stuck between two logs. Everything was too big."

Thompson offers this advice to would-be female hunters. "Keep at it and don't get frustrated. If you hunt with a bow, put the time in to practice."

And for a little inside information on arrows, Thompson said, "I believe in fixed broad heads instead of mechanical. Read the fine print and don't be fooled by the brand name."

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The one that 'got away'

■ Part 2: Tony Mayhew, 51, of Springfield Township is an IT manager for Fiat Chrysler Automobiles. He has been hunting for 37 years. This is part 2 of his story about "The one that got away." Part 1 was published in the Sunday, Nov. 8 Weekend edition.

By Vera Hogan

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... "So as doubt crept in, I decided to move along a few hundred yards to see what was over there and find a new spot. Over the rise, I found a nice opening surrounded by pine trees and a perfect stump for a chair on the edge of it. This is it. So I took up residence there and waited for that big buck to show up ..."



Tony Mayhew

"I actually did not need to wait that long, within an hour I caught the sight of movement in the pines. It was a deer, sure enough, but not just any deer, it was a buck.

"The buck stayed inside of the pine trees across and slightly to the left of center before stepping out into the opening. He was around 50 yards out. The ground was snow covered and he was perfectly framed by two pine trees.

"He just stood there, daring me to take a shot at him. So I was obliged to answer his challenge. I slowly lifted the rifle to my shoulder, cocked the hammer and lined the crosshairs on the buck. Dad always told me to aim just behind the shoulder of the deer, which in this case was perfect.

"As the buck continued to stand there, I squeezed the trigger and the rifle responded with an ear-splitting roar. The buck twisted sideways away from me and in a flash was gone.

"I knew by the way that he sprinted away that he was hit and hit hard. How could he not be, it was the perfect scenario, the one that every kid hunter dreams of. And the buck was huge.

"After all these years of hunting, it is still the biggest buck that I have ever seen while hunting in the woods. The antlers were perfectly paired, with long tines evenly spaced on the massive main beams. Once the adrenaline subsided and the tremors became manageable, I walked over to the pines where the buck had met his destiny to begin the blood trailing. This should be easy, given the fresh snow and his being the only deer tracks in the area. I quickly found the tracks, but was surprised that there was no brown hair on the fresh snow. I was even more surprised

to see no bright red blood.

"For anyone that has never blood trailed a deer, you need to understand that it is very difficult to blood trail one without blood. I was able to easily follow the tracks where the buck had bounded away. I followed them for several hundred yards and never found a single drop of blood.

"I was crushed to think that I could have missed at that close range. My brothers and I had all sighted in our rifles a week before the season started and mine was spot on up to 100 yards. At 50 yards, it should have been a given that Uncle Everett would be frying fresh back-straps for dinner tonight. Yet there was nothing.

"I meandered back to my stump, not so happy and not so confident. A few minutes later Dan, Troy's dad, came by and asked if I had made a shot. I told him the whole story and showed him the trail. He also checked it and could not find any sign that I had hit the buck.

"Feeling bummed out, we back tracked ourselves to the camp and I prepared myself for the expected jibing and harassment from the other hunters (and Uncle Everett).

Uncle Everett, still in his thermal pajamas with the .45 colt strapped on, met us at the door and was very understanding of the situation. He poured us fresh coffee and offered us some of his famous salmon sandwiches. I did not drink coffee at that point in my life as a rule, but did accept a cup of humble java.

Uncle Everett caught the salmon himself on the bank of the river that he lived on in Alaska and canned it right there on the bank. The sandwiches were just like a tuna fish sandwich, but pink from the salmon and with a slightly better taste.

"After telling and retelling the story, we went outside and set up a target. As it turned out, my scope was off by about 18 inches at 50 yards. All that we could attribute it to was it being in a soft case and crammed into that Mustang hatchback for the long drive up.

"I was able to re-sight it in and gained some confidence back for the rest of the hunt. Having all that confidence was great, but it could have been better if we would have seen another buck that we could shoot.

"We did not see any such trophy. The weather turned colder and the wind picked up. Troy developed the world's worst cold, which he spread to the rest of us.

"Given all that happened and missing the biggest buck that I have seen in the woods, the hunt remains one of my favorite memories and I would not trade it for anything."

"I meandered back to my stump, not so happy and not so confident."

Tony Mayhew
 Springfield Township resident and hunter

HOT LINE CONTINUED

ROTARY CLUB OF Fenton put on an excellent Veterans Day banquet at Spring Meadows. The wounded warrior who spoke was a Sergeant in the Army and shared a compelling and super patriotic story with the 300 attendees. My wife and I loved the format and first class treatment the veterans received. Hope the Rotary Club continues this event each year.

THANKS TO ALL the businesses who suffered through the Streetscape project. And

thanks to the Streetscape contractors who completed this fantastic renovation of our downtown on time with daily professionalism and work ethic. Kudos to Fenton.

■■■■ **THE DEBATE OF** last Tuesday finally had some questions which demanded answers to our nation's real problems. From what I saw, the candidates enjoyed stating their respective positions on these issues instead of waiting for the personal 'gotcha' question. Helped me know what the candidates stood for and their individual values. All the networks and commentators could learn from this format.

LOOKING BACK

at this week

IN LOCAL HISTORY

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

5 YEARS

Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010

Resident takes township to court over \$1,337 bill. His house was not on fire, but the \$1,337 bill for the fire department response has ignited a controversy. A Tyrone Township resident is taking Tyrone Township to small claims court over the bill. The resident said he has lived in the township for five years and did not know he needed a burn permit when he was burning dead vegetation in August. Someone driving by on U.S. 23 saw the smoke and called 911. Tyrone Township does not have its own fire department and has contracts with Fenton City, Fenton Township and Hartland Township for fire services. The responding communities bill the township for those services.

NATIONAL NEWS — Nov. 15-21, 2010

- The U.S. president was Barack Obama (Democrat).
- People in U.S. were listening to "What's My Name?" by Rihanna.
- Researchers trapped 38 antihydrogen atoms. It was the first time humans had trapped antimatter.

10 YEARS

Sunday, Nov. 20, 2005

LHS French students are first to use laptop lab. Linden High School French students were the first to cruise the information superhighway with their building's new wireless laptop lab. The machines are on two rolling carts with a wireless router to enable students to use the school's network, along with the Internet. The carts also have a wireless printer. The laptop lab was paid for from the district's \$35.6 million bond that voters approved in 2003.

NATIONAL NEWS — Nov. 15-21, 2005

- The U.S. president was George W. Bush (Republican).
- People in the U.S. were listening to "Gold Digger" by Kanye West.
- "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," directed by Mike Newell, was one of the most viewed movies released in 2005.
- "A Million Little Pieces," by James Frey was one of the bestselling books.
- "Walk the Line" opened in theaters. The film focused on the early years of Johnny Cash.

15 YEARS

Sunday, Nov. 19, 2000

Leroy Street opening an historical milestone. On Monday, Nov. 20, 2000 history will be in the making once again as a ribbon-cutting ceremony officially marks the opening of Leroy Street through the Fenton Square. The opening of the street, blocked off by a square in the mid-1970s as part of urban renewal, represents the end of a long controversy over what many believe was a huge mistake.

NATIONAL NEWS — Nov. 15-21, 2000

- The U.S. president was Bill Clinton (Democrat).
- People in the U.S. were listening to "Independent Women Part I" by Destiny's Child.
- "Mysteries of India, Part II: Above All Law," directed by Joe May, was one of the most viewed movies released in 2000.
- "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" by J.K. Rowling was one of the bestselling books.
- Three police officers from the Rampart

division of the Los Angeles Police Department were convicted on several counts of conspiracy to obstruct justice. One other officer was acquitted. The case was the first major case against the anti-gang unit.

- Bill Clinton became the first serving U.S. president to visit Communist Vietnam.
- The Florida Supreme Court granted Al Gore's request to keep the presidential recounts going.

20 YEARS

Sunday, Nov. 19, 1995

\$7 million offer made for Linden mobile home park. If a proposed \$7 million sale offer turns into reality, the residents and investors of an upscale retirement park in Linden may have some of their worries behind them. Investors, who are concerned about their financial commitment in the Shiawassee Shores Retirement Park off Rolston Road, could see some of their money returned through the sale of the park's assets. Approximately \$6.5 million is owed to 198 investors.

NATIONAL NEWS — Nov. 15-21, 1995

- The U.S. president was Bill Clinton (Democrat). People in the U.S. were listening to "Fantasy" by Mariah Carey.
- "Casino," directed by Martin Scorsese, was one of the most viewed movies released in 1995.
- "The Headless Ghost" by R.L. Stine was one of the bestselling books.
- Texaco agreed to pay \$176 million to settle a race-discrimination lawsuit.
- Princess Diana admitted being unfaithful to Prince Charles in an interview that was broadcast on BBC Television.
- The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed above the 5,000-mark (5,023.55) for the first time.
- 2pac Shakur and Tha Dogg Pound gave out 2,000 turkeys in Los Angeles, California.
- The "Beatles Anthology I" set a first-day sales record, selling 450,000 units.
- Green Day singer Billie Joe Armstrong was arrested and fined \$141 for dropping his pants at a concert in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- The Rolling Stones become the first act to broadcast a major concert on the Internet.
- A new Beatles recording, "Free As a Bird," began airing on radio stations. The song had debuted on ABC-TV the night before.

25 YEARS

Wednesday, Nov. 21, 1990

A decade of duty! Now Fenton city manager may be moving on. After 10 years, Fenton City Manager Ed Koryzno is negotiating a contract with Grand Haven city officials to become the top administrator for that city of 12,000 on the shores of Lake Michigan. Linden also lost its manager this year, and Holly hired a new manager this year.

NATIONAL NEWS — Nov. 15-21, 1990

- The U.S. president was George H. W. Bush (Republican). People in the U.S. were listening to "Love Takes Time" by Mariah Carey.
- "Home Alone," directed by Chris Columbus, was one of the most viewed movies released in 1990.
- "The Plains of Passage" by Jean M. Auel was one of the bestselling books.
- A mass grave was discovered by the bridge over the River Kwai in Thailand. The bodies were believed to be those of World War II prisoners of war.
- NATO and the Warsaw Pact signed a treaty of nonaggression.
- Saddam Hussein ordered another 250,000 Iraqi troops into the country of Kuwait.
- The space shuttle Atlantis landed at Cape Canaveral, Florida, after completing a secret military mission.

- David Bowie opened on Broadway in the title role of "The Elephant Man."
- David Crosby broke his left leg, ankle and shoulder in a motorcycle accident in Los Angeles, California.
- The third Broadway revival of "Fiddler on the Roof" opened.
- Paul McCartney's birth certificate sold for \$18,000 in an auction.
- Mick Jagger and Jerry Hall were married in Bali, Indonesia.

30 YEARS

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 1985

Garfield zoning approved. Restaurant owner gets OK to add Jimmie G's in Fenton. A 2.2-acre parcel of land on the corner of Dart's Drive and Fenton Road was unanimously approved for rezoning from residential to commercial. Landowner, James Garfield, requested the action to build a banquet facility onto his existing Jimmie G's restaurant.

NATIONAL NEWS — Nov. 15-21, 1985

- The U.S. president was Ronald Reagan.
- People in the U.S. were listening to "We Built This City" by Starship.
- Rocky IV, directed by Sylvester Stallone, was one of the most viewed movies released in 1985.
- "Texas" by James A. Michener was one of the bestselling books.
- Colonel Oliver North was put in charge of the shipment of HAWK anti-aircraft missiles to Iran.
- Joe Theismann (Washington Redskins) broke his leg after being hit by Lawrence Taylor (New York Giants). The injury ended Theismann's 12-year National Football League (NFL) career.
- U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev met for the first time as they began their summit in Geneva.
- Former U.S. Navy intelligence analyst Jonathan Jay Pollard was arrested after being accused of spying for Israel.



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Eisinger enjoying success with Tigers

■ Fenton's volleyball future looks promising

By David Troppens
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Romeo — It can be hard to replace a legend.

But so far two years into his tenure as Fenton varsity volleyball coach, Jerry Eisinger has made it look reasonably easy.

Eisinger replaced Linda Ru-

saw, who coached the Fenton varsity volleyball team from 1981 to 1996 and then again from 2007 to 2014. During her time as coach, Rusaw posted a 788-285-56 overall record, recording three state-runner-up seasons, seven regional titles, 15 district crowns and 17 Metro League championships.

However, two years into his tenure, the beat goes on with Eisinger. The Tigers captured their second straight Class A crown — fourth straight overall — this fall and returned back to the top of the Metro League with a perfect 7-0 record. In his two seasons as

Fenton coach, the Tigers hold an impressive 78-27-12 mark.

And this season didn't come easy. The Tigers suffered their share of lumps during the early portion before becoming the squad they were at the end of the fall, capturing a couple of weekend tourney titles. Eisinger said the team progressed because of how close they were this season.

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KILEY ALDRED

The junior setter is one of Fenton's returning players for next fall.

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Tigers lose thriller in regional semifinal

■ Fenton battles Eisenhower to five sets before losing

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Romeo — It was a great match.

It was an even match.

It was one that could've gone either way due to how equal the Fenton and Eisenhower volleyball teams were. However, the end result went Eisenhower's way, ending the Fenton Tigers' quest at a Class A Regional title in the regional semifinals at Romeo High School Tuesday night. Fenton lost an entertaining 23-25, 25-13, 25-22, 23-25, 15-12 five-set thriller to the Eisenhower Eagles, ending the Tigers' 40-win season two matches away from a regional crown.

Still, the Tigers loved their time together.

"We played so well," Fenton junior Taylor Mowery said. "We worked hard every day in practice. We came together as a team. We are all like a family now. It was a good time."

"It was the best season I've had," senior Cassidy Curtis said.

"I love the team. We all worked really hard. We got along. We all wanted the same thing. We all wanted to win and we all had a lot of intensity all of the time."

Those who made the over one-hour trip to Romeo High School on Tuesday witnessed a thoroughly entertaining match. Minus a tough second set by the Tigers, the entire match was filled with mini-spurts, mini-kill streaks, mini-block streaks and all sorts of other interesting volleyball stretches. It resulted in the match always being close and always meant both teams had a chance to win any set. The match-deciding fifth set was no different.

The fifth set, which is played to just 15 points instead of the regular 25 points in the first four sets, experienced four lead changes and seven ties. The biggest lead either team had in the final set was an Eisenhower 10-6 lead after a block kill by Eisenhower's Payton Kennelly and Kathryn Ciraulo. However, a service error gave Fenton the service back and cut the gap to 10-7. Fenton's Shealyn Mandle followed with an ace and Jess Warford had a kill. Back-to-back hitting errors by Eisenhower gave Fenton an 11-10

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(Above) Fenton's Cassidy Curtis (near right) and Chloe Idoni (far right) block a hitting attempt by an Eisenhower player during the Tigers' Class A regional semifinal loss to the Eagles on Tuesday. Shealyn Mandle (left) hugs a teammate just moments after Eisenhower's tight 23-25, 25-13, 25-22, 23-25, 15-12 victory.

Fenton's Ironman

■ Wilson competes with the world's best in Hawaii

By David Troppens
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About four years ago, Todd Wilson saw a flyer and it changed his life.

"I saw CycleFit of Fenton was holding a FirstTry Triathlon and trying to get

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Fenton resident Todd Wilson finishes the Ironman World Championships event held in Hawaii in October.

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IRONMAN

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newcomers into it," said the Fenton resident. "I tried it out and I thought it was pretty cool."

It was so cool, in fact, that Wilson kept doing triathlons. He started doing longer triathlons and then started doing ironman triathlons.

Little did he know his ventures would eventually land him at the Ironman World Championships held in Hawaii. Wilson earned a spot in the prestigious event, held in Kailua-Kona Hawaii, competing along side with the greatest ironman athletes in the world. He battled the 2.4-mile swim in the Pacific Ocean, the 112-mile bike ride and the 26.2-mile run around the Kona Coast, braving scorching sun, heavy winds and winding and hilly roads to complete the event.

"They say anything is possible. I know today that anything is possible," said Wilson, who is originally from Mississippi. He moved to Fenton about eight years ago. "I just wanted to finish. I was scared because I was running with the cream of the crop — the world's best of the best. I just wanted to make it. It was like eating an elephant. You just do it one bit at a time."

Wilson's career began because of the much-smaller event held annually at Linden County Park. In that event, first-time triathlons swim 300 yards, bike 9.1 miles and then run two miles before finishing.

"The fact the people cheered me on and there was the great atmosphere inspired me," Wilson said. "The atmosphere was amazing."

"I had to learn how to properly swim. I had an old mountain bike and bought a decent bike for the race. I started doing the running and that was it."

Wilson finished around 30th place. "The one thing that stuck out was I came in sixth place on the bicycle and was 30-something place. I was amazed."

From there, he started doing larger and more challenging triathlons, eventually progressing to the ironman levels.

He earned his spot in the Ironman World Championships via a lottery. He found out he qualified around the end of March.

"There's a lottery where they allow mere mortals to compete against the best in the world," Wilson said. "(When I found out I won the lottery) I thought it was a joke or a prank. I didn't know it was real. ... It was an amazing experience."

The swim stage didn't start at the shore. Competitors had to tread water in open water before starting the competition.

"When the cannon shot off, I had a panic attack. It took me 10 to 15 minutes before I was going right," Wilson said. "Once I pulled myself together, I did well."

But that was just the start. He still had to do the bike and run.

"Going through the lava field, you see the long rolling hills like you see in magazines and pictures," Wilson said. "It was lonely out there. There were people but they were focused on what they were doing."

"On the bike, you are pedalling up hill and fighting the wind. The heat was unreal. At the turnaround point, you go downhill for a bit, but then you have all these hills you keep going up and down. The long stretches of road — you'd see miles of them and think this was the last hill. Then you'd get over it and there would



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO
Fenton resident Todd Wilson competes in the cycling portion of the Ironman World Championships event held in Hawaii in October.

be another."

The run wasn't much easier. During it he ran back into town, through town and around the beach.

"The asphalt was heating up all day," Wilson said. "It was still 100 degrees (on the asphalt) even though it was dark by the time I got there. It was just hard and brutal conditions. I've never seen anything like it."

But Wilson finished. He did the swim in 2:03.18, the bike in 7:02:30 and the run in 5:57.27. He ended up in 2,028 place overall, 1,467th among the men and 185th among his age group.

"I was totally exhausted," Wilson said. "I gave it everything I had. I didn't think I had the strength in me to finish. That was the hardest race I've ever done — the wind, the heat, the humidity and the course itself. It was beautiful but hard."

Now Wilson's ultimate goal is to make a return trip. But next time he'll have to qualify.

"I'd like to get better so I can qualify," Wilson said. "I could see myself there again in another five to six years."

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SEMIS

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lead. However, that was the Tigers' final lead of the match. An Eisenhower tip kill was followed by a block kill by Annabella Arcari and Kenelly, giving Eisenhower a 12-11 lead. The Eagles never lost it. A kill was followed by a Fenton hitting error, raising Eisenhower's lead to 14-11. The Tigers were able to stave off one match point with a Jessie Eastman middle kill, but Arcari scored match point with a kill of her own.

"Honestly, we had control there late. We lost a little bit of our aggressiveness during the last few points and that hurt us," Fenton coach Jerry Eisinger said. "We needed to stay aggressive and keep swinging."

The first set gave everyone a sense of what would happen over the next two hours. It was a game that featured 11 ties and four lead changes with no one ever taking more than a four-point lead. The game was tied at 14-all after a Fenton service error, but the Tigers pushed the miscue aside by scoring the match's next four points. Jessie Eastman scored the first two points with a kill and Curtis had two kills during the stretch, including one on an overpass, giving the Tigers the 18-14 lead. Eisenhower called time out.

It ended up being a smart time out, as Eisenhower followed it with a run. After a Fenton service error, Eisenhower put together an ace and consecutive kills by Jillian Chambers. The set was tied once again at 18-all. It remained tight, and it was a Warford kill that tied the set at 23-all. Now tied, Fenton capped the first-set win with an Eastman and Warford kill for the final two points.

The second set was the only one that wasn't really close. The Tigers (40-12-7) were last tied at 3-all after an Eisenhower violation, but the Eagles followed that miscue with a 9-1 run, taking a 12-4 lead. During the run, Ciraulo had three kills. The Tigers were able to close the gap. Curtis had four kills, leading Fenton's charge, and Chloe Idoni's block kill had the Tigers back to within 13-11. However, Eisenhower dominated from that point as Fenton had several hitting, service reception and passing errors down the stretch. Eisenhower eventually earned set point on a block kill by Arcari and Chambers.

Early on in the third set it looked like Eisenhower may cruise to another reasonably easy set win, leading 12-7 after a Ronni Zeeimis ace, but the Tigers fought back. Mandle had two kills and Curtis and Idoni had one each during a stretch that cut the Eisenhower lead to 15-14. The Tigers tied it up with a Warford block kill. From there, the set remained close, tied at 22-all late. However, a Chambers kill and two Chambers block kills earned the Eagles a 25-22 lead and a 2-1 set lead.

The Tigers stormed out to the quick lead in the fourth set, scoring the first five points. The Tigers still led 14-9 after an Idoni kill. However, following the match's pattern, the trailing team made a rally, scoring the game's next five points. The set was tied at 17-all when Warford earned a kill, followed by an Eastman block kill. Fenton had a 19-17 lead and never lost it. Eisenhower cut the gap to one four times down the stretch, including at 24-23 after a Chambers kill. However, Fenton earned set point on a long volley. The Tigers' front line blocked



three Eisenhower attacks before eventually earning set point on an Idoni kill. The match was tied up 2-all, forcing the fifth set.

The Tigers were pleased with their effort.

"There wasn't a difference," Curtis said. "We just let a couple of points go. It's just how volleyball goes. Sometimes it just depends on one point."

"We played really well tonight," Mowery said.

"We lose some of the games, but we came close."

For the most part the match featured strong passing and strong attacks. The Tigers enjoyed a 63-48 hitting kill advantage during the match, but the Eagles nullified some of that advantage by getting their share of block kills, collecting 19 in the match.

Warford led the Tigers with 22 kills, while Curtis had 15. Eastman provided 12 kills, while Idoni had eight kills. Mandle also had six kills. Setter Kiley Aldred finished with 47 assists. Idoni took part in four of the Tigers' nine block kills during the match.

Defensively, Mowery had 18 digs and 23 service receive passes. Gundry had 13 digs and 10 service receive passes.



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(Top) Fenton's Cassidy Curtis attacks a ball during the Tigers' Class A regional semifinal loss to the Eagles on Tuesday. (Immediately above) Kiley Aldred (left) sets Jessie Eastman during the match.

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TIGERS

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“There’s one big difference (between this year and last). This team was tight,” Eisinger said. “From front to back, we didn’t have any drama. There were no issues. They all got along well. We had lots of team bonding events. Obviously all of the girls want to play, but in volleyball that’s not possible. Even the girls that didn’t get a lot of playing time were great teammates. That’s what makes a good team. When they had to, they stepped in and did their thing. ... It was just a high-character group of girls and I think that made a huge difference in the way we played.”

The team agrees with Eisinger.

“We are here for each other every day,” Fenton junior Taylor Mowery said. “We worked hard and worked together.”

The team’s future

This fall the Fenton Tigers captured their fourth straight Class A district crown and won the Metro League title with an undefeated 7-0 mark. They also collected 40 wins. And with six seniors graduating (Nina Lombardi, Ali Gundry, Shealyn Mandle, Kate Lewandowski, Cassidy Curtis and Jessie Eastman), one may quickly argue that the Tigers will be hard pressed to continue their success next season. However, another look at the roster may suggest the opposite. The Tigers had enough quality pieces returning to make one think they not only could repeat this season’s success, but maybe surpass it.

The Tigers should return four huge keys from this year’s squad. Offensively, the Metro League’s most potent outside threat was junior Jess Warford. Helping compliment her will be the Tigers freshman middle hitter, Chloe Idoni. Idoni got progressively better and better during her freshman season and gives the Tigers as potent a 1-2 punch returning as anyone in the league. Meanwhile, junior setter Kiley Aldred also returns, giving the team a player who knows how to use those weapons. What about defensively? Well, the Tigers also return a player who may be the Metro’s best returning libero, Taylor Mowery. Mowery had her share of highlight digs this season, with



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(Top) Fenton’s Taylor Mowery bumps a ball during the Tigers’ Class A regional semifinal loss to Eisenhower on Tuesday. (Immediately above) Ali Gundry bumps a ball in the same match. Both players had solid matches, combining to make 31 digs.

most usually going right to the setter.

Other underclassmen on this season’s varsity roster include Elizabeth Thomas, Elise Delecki, Erin Kaye, Lily Elfstrom and Alicia Hinojosa. And considering the Tigers’ constant success with their underclass program, the Tigers should be just fine in the fall of 2016.

“They are going to be great if they keep working like they have been working,” Curtis said.

“I’m proud of them. They are going to go far next year, too.”

“We have a lot coming back and our JV program is strong,” Eisinger said. “It will be different, but we’ll be all right.”

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