

Road closure, bridge construction delayed

■ Long-awaited Silver Lake Road project was set to start Monday

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Fenton — The project to replace the Silver Lake Road bridge just west of downtown Fenton has been temporarily delayed, allowing the road to remain open to traffic.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Dan Czarnecki said the project contractor wasn't quite ready to begin dismantling the bridge as planned on Monday, so to ease traffic the barriers were temporarily removed.

"He (the contractor) is letting the public continue utilizing the street until he is ready to start the removal and will then See **CLOSURE on 5**



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Orange barriers stand ready to reroute traffic before construction on the Silver Lake Road bridge was delayed on Monday. The barriers were removed and Silver Lake Road was still open to traffic late Tuesday.

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Linden High School has second bomb threat in less than a week

■ False alarms strain resources of police and fire departments

By Sharon Stone
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On Monday, Jan. 25, at approximately 11:46 a.m., Linden High School went into lockdown due to a bomb threat found written on the wall in one of the girls' bathrooms.

After assessing the situation, staff members followed their emergency preparedness procedures and initiated the bomb threat protocol.

The Argentine Police See **THREAT on 2**



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Manager Megan Polidan places a ham and cheese calzone in the oven at Fenton House on Thursday. The restaurant is known for its Italian food and is one of the reasons Fenton was named a "foodie destination" in Michigan.

Fenton restaurants featured in Michigan travel blog

■ City earns recognition as a 'must see' destination for 2016

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From giant peanut butter and jelly doughnuts at Crust and humongous sandwiches at The Laundry, to the huge pasta portions at the Fenton House, Fenton is beginning to reap the rewards of its growing reputation as a "foodie destination."

Boasting more than 50 restaurants, Fenton has officially been recognized as one of "7 Must-See Michigan Destinations for 2016" by The Awesome Mitten, a guest blog on Michigan.org, Michigan's travel and tourism website.

"Just south of Flint and easily accessible from the Detroit area, Fenton's motto might as well be, 'Go big or go home' when it comes to its thriving food

See **RESTAURANTS on 9**

Fenton firefighter's boats make the cut in Disney movie

■ Jeff Shook's Coast Guard boats used in 'The Finest Hours'

By Vera Hogan
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The new Disney movie, "The Finest Hours" opens in theaters on Friday, Jan. 29, and one local man played a big part in providing the boats used for rescue in this true story of a maritime disaster.

Jeff Shook, 44, a 1989 graduate of Fenton High School and 20-year firefighter and EMT with the Fenton Fire Department, owns Coast Guard boats

that were used for the movie.

On Feb. 18, 1951, two World War II-era tanker ships, the SS Pendleton and SS Fort Mercer, faced catastrophe during a horrific nor'easter off the coast of Massachusetts. The 500-foot-long ships split in two within hours of each other in frigid cold waters and monstrous waves, leaving crew members with just a few hours to live before the vessels went down.

"The Finest Hours" details the daring rescue of those mariners.

See **BOATS on 8**



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Coast Guard boats owned by Jeff Shook, a long-time Fenton firefighter and EMT, are used in the movie "The Finest Hours." The Disney movie opens on Friday, Jan. 29.

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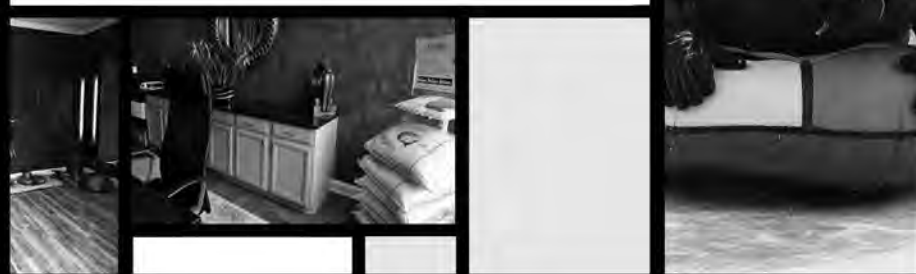
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“They really got that Silver Lake Road bridge work done in a timely fashion and with very little disruption to the downtown. Heck, it almost seems like it wasn't even closed.”

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Students say 'texting and driving' laws not enforced

■ St. John eighth-graders dedicated to do something about that

By Vera Hogan

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Students in Winston Stoodly's eighth-grade class at St. John School will be approaching the Fenton City Council for the third time at the Monday, Feb. 1 work session.

They were promised a spot on the February agenda at the Dec. 14, 2015 council meeting.

The topic of discussion will again be their quest to have local leaders pass a new ordinance that would enforce a ban on texting and driving.

This wasn't the first time these students have approached the City Council on this topic. They made a similar presentation two years ago, when they were in sixth grade.

"We didn't think they took us that seriously," said Gwen Feamster, 13. "They just sort of congratulated us and said 'aren't they cute,' that sort of thing."

The students believe now that they are in eighth grade, they will be taken more seriously.

Anyone who thinks that's funny may want to think again. These students will be driving in two to three years — and many of them will be old enough to vote in the next Fenton City Council election in 2019.

At the Dec. 14, 2015 Fenton City Council meeting, Stoodly's students gave a PowerPoint presentation and each student got up and spoke to city leaders.

"We believe the problem has become more severe since then (two years

ago) because of the increased use of technology.

Although distracted driving is already against the law in Michigan, Stoodly's students don't think the law is being enforced, specifically as it relates to texting and driving.

Currently, Michigan state law prohibits any driver between the ages of 15 and 18 from using any type of cellular mobile electronic device while driving.

"That ban is only for teenagers, inexperienced drivers who make up a small percentage of the total number of drivers," they said.

Stoodly's class chose this cause for a variety of reasons, not the least of which was that the father of one of their classmates was seriously injured in an accident caused by texting and driving.

Brandon Iordanou, said his dad was involved in a serious accident near the entrance to the school. A girl, who was looking at

her phone, caused a chain reaction crash resulting in her car and Brandon's dad's car going into the ditch.

The reason they knew she was texting and driving is because the girl and Brandon's father rode in the same ambulance. "She kept apologizing for being on her phone," said Stoodly. "That's how they knew what caused the accident."

Brandon said his father had to have surgery on his back and was told he would have back problems for many years to come.

"I'm super excited though," said Brandon on Jan. 21. "We found out he will be able to go back to work in two weeks."

Student Sara Dziadzio, 13, said they do not have an issue with a Blue Tooth

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THREAT

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Department and the Genesee County Sheriff's Office were notified. Response included the use of the Genesee County Sheriff Office's K-9 unit. Staff kept students in lockdown mode during the investigation and the building was given an all clear at approximately 12:50 p.m.

Interim Superintendent Russ Ciesielski sent parents an email notifying them of the threat. In his letter he said, "An incident of this nature is disruptive to the educational process. Naturally, the safety of our students and staff is of paramount importance and we will continue to take the necessary steps to provide a safe and orderly environment in our schools."

"In the meantime, you can rest assured knowing that we are conducting a thorough investigation into today's events, as well as those of this past Thursday."

Argentine Township police and fire went on standby last Thursday, Jan. 21 at approximately 10 a.m. A threat was found written in a boys' bathroom. The school went on lockdown, police and the sheriff's K-9 unit checked out the building and police eventually deemed the threat as a false alarm, according to Argentine

Township Police Chief Dan Allen.

Those charged and convicted of threat of terrorism, a felony, could face up to 20 years in prison. Leaving threats in a school bathroom would qualify as this offense, according to the police chief.

The police chief said the majority of kids are at school to learn and these threats, even false alarms, strain the resources of the police and fire departments, especially when they could be responding to a real situation. They also incite panic. "It's happened a lot," said Allen.

Allen said he would like nothing more than to find out who is making these threats. "They terrorize everyone," he said. "They're taking advantage of the school."

The police chief said the schools go into a lockdown mode as opposed to sending students outside. He said they have found that "shelter in place" is best. "If we dismiss, this could be a set-up for an assault outside."

"Walls of a school provide protection and this (shelter in place) is proven to be most widely used."

If any student has information about the incident on Monday or last Thursday, they are encouraged to contact the administration at Linden High School (810) 591-0410.

WINTER FUN BEGINS INDOORS

■ Paint, bowl, skate and cook with your family at different venues in the tri-county area

By Sally Rummel

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You don't have to "hibernate" in the winter if you're not a fan of this season's cold temperatures, ice and snow. But with just a little thought and a few ideas for creative outings, you and your family can have a lot of fun in these next few winter months.

BOWLING

If you haven't bowled since you were a kid, you can re-create those memories and visit either Fenton Lanes or Holly Lanes Bowling Center for an afternoon or evening of strikes and spares. It's an inexpensive sport that can be enjoyed by people of all ages. You can rent any of the equipment you need, basically a bowling ball and shoes, for about \$10 for two games.

Both Fenton Lanes and Holly Lanes have open bowling on weekends and specific times during the week. It's best to call ahead to make sure that open bowling is available at the time you plan to go, according to JoAnn Berg of Fenton Lanes. You can also plan a special family event at

SUMMARY

■ There's plenty to do during the winter months in Michigan, even if you'd rather stay indoors.

the bowling alley, to celebrate a birthday, holiday or other occasion.

If you find that you really enjoy the sport, you might consider joining a bowling league, which will get you out "on the lanes" on a regular basis.

PAINTING AND OTHER CREATIVE PURSUITS

Whether or not you're an artist by training or skill, you can enjoy an afternoon or evening of crafts or painting — no talent required.

Inspiration Arts and Crafts Workshop in Holly is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 4 to 7 p.m. and Sunday, from 12 to 4 p.m. for events and classes, includ-

ing some drop-in crafts for all ages. For information on events and class times, visit their Facebook page or inspiration-sholly.com.

Painting and wine make a unique pairing at one of Fenton's newest businesses, Painting with a Twist. You can register online at paintingwithatwist/fenton to attend an open class, or create an event for 10 or more family members and friends.

The Fenton Community & Cultural Center offers different art classes for all ages through Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation (SLPR) — from watercolors in March for ages 16 and up, to a cartooning class for kids at Tomek-Eastern Elementary on Feb. 3. For a list of classes and to register, visit slpr.net.



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Destinations like the Flint Children's Museum and the Detroit Institute of Arts (right) are excellent cultural learning opportunities for families.

COOKING CLASSES

You and your family can learn to spice up your life with healthy Mediterranean cooking, savoring the scents of lemon, garlic and mint as you learn to make rice and grain dishes, fresh salads and homemade dressing.

Classes are scheduled on Tuesday evenings in two different sessions in March and in May through slpr.net. "They're appropriate for all ages," said Nancy Muffley, program administrator for SLPR.

The Laundry and Crust also conduct classes in the winter for pie baking, breads and cocktails, but they are all sold out with a waiting list, according to Holly Nachtigal, marketing director for both the restaurant and bakery.

See **INDOORS** on 9



Fenton Lanes



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FROM THE LEFT
NATIONALLY SYNDICATED

Bill Press

Welcome to Flint — don't drink the water!

Until he took over as emergency manager of Detroit's school system in January 2015, Darnell Earley was emergency manager of the city of Flint — and the man responsible for poisoning Flint's water supply. Governor Rick Snyder appointed him to both jobs.

It didn't take a government scientist to know something was seriously wrong with the drinking water in Flint. You could smell it, taste it, and see it. People started showing up at public events with jugs of brown-colored water, right out of their taps. Yet when residents of Flint turned for help — to government officials at the local, state, and federal level — every one of those officials failed to do their job, starting with the governor.

In April 2014, as a cost-cutting measure estimated at \$1 to \$2 million a year, Earley ordered that Flint stop getting its drinking water from Detroit's water supply and instead draw from the Flint River, which has known decades of industrial pollution.

Problems soon surfaced. Residents complained about the new water's foul odor, brown color, and strange health effects. By October, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality advised residents to boil water before using it. It took Virginia Tech professor Marc Edwards to discover the problem: Water from the Flint River corroded lead pipes at 19 times the rate of water piped in from Detroit.

Not until October 16, 2015, did Flint switch back to Detroit's water system. And not until this week did Gov. Snyder apologize to the people of Flint, accept responsibility for the problem, and promise to fix it.

The city's corroded water pipes are still delivering leaded, foul-colored water. It'll take years to replace them all. Meanwhile, the entire population of Flint can drink only bottled water supplied by the National Guard. Parents bathe their children in city water and hold their breath. All for the chance to save a buck.

Some residents of Flint are calling for Gov. Snyder's resignation. But filmmaker Michael Moore, Flint's most famous son, has a better idea: Rick Snyder should be arrested and charged with the crime of poisoning a city's water supply.

THE NEW CHINESE Buffet in Fenton on LeRoy next to VG's is worth going to. The food was delicious and the service was welcoming.

■■■■
TO THE PERSON who wrote Hillary was best suited to be President because of her experience and honesty. Here's my challenge: Google *Hillary Clinton: A Career Criminal*. Watch the 19-minute video and let us know if you still think she is the best-qualified candidate running for President.

■■■■
WHY IS IT that the high school will open its doors to students long before 7 a.m., when classes don't begin until 7:45 a.m., but AGS makes kids stand outside until 7 a.m. when they begin at 7:20 a.m.? Ridiculous.

■■■■
REGARDING FLINT, KNOW the facts. Then-Mayor Dayne Walling and seven of eight council members voted in favor of switching off Detroit's water prematurely to 'save money.' Also, Drain Commissioner Jeffrey Wright encouraged this. He is part of the KWA. The mayor and council, all Democrats caused this, along with Obama's EPA.

■■■■
YES, HILLARY HAS been strong and decisive with her lies about Benghazi, her e-mail scandal and enriching the Clinton Foundation while serving as Secretary of State. Hillary and her experience are exactly what America does not need.

■■■■
BILL CLINTON CREATED the Flint water problems. Sound silly? Clinton signed NAFTA, which cost jobs and destroyed Flint's economy resulting in

Hot lines

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a decrease in Flint's tax base. Without sufficient funds, Flint could not afford Detroit's expensive water. Combined with typical government incompetence, at all levels, the water problem was created.

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FOR ALL OF those who complain about Obama, he has helped the economy. Insurance industry (Obamacare) and manufacturing industry (gun sales have

spiked).

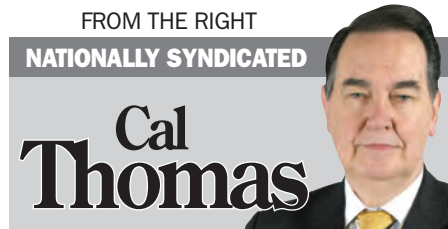
■■■■
THE BAD NEWS is that seven new taxes were enacted on Jan. 1, on the 'Unaffordable' Care Act passed four years ago by every Democrat in Congress. The good news is if you don't work, save or own a home, it won't cost you a thing. See the bill for more information.

■■■■
THE KING IS right on the money about Flint. If you think it is bad now, Flint will be a wasteland for years. Who in their right mind would want to live, work or dine in a city with toxic water. I feel sorry for those who cannot get out.

■■■■
TO THE HOT-liner about Linden schools, you are not alone. Lake Fenton also has favoritism trumping talent in sports.

■■■■
LINDEN SCHOOLS ARE facing financial difficulties and are looking to restructure, yet the board passes a vote to pay themselves a yearly salary. I understand it takes time and energy to be on the board, but many parents volunteer for sports, scouts, etc. with no pay. Shame on the board.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times



FROM THE RIGHT
NATIONALLY SYNDICATED

Cal Thomas

Dollars for hostages

Every American should be glad that American hostages have been freed by the tyrannical Iranian regime and are being reunited with family, friends and co-workers. Less satisfying is the return of Iran's \$400 million trust fund, used to buy military equipment, which was frozen in 1979, along with its diplomatic relations with the U.S. (plus what President Obama ludicrously called 'appropriate interest' of \$1.3 billion), all returned to what the U.S. State Department branded the world's 'preeminent sponsor of terrorism.'

Expecting Iran to use this windfall for purposes other than terrorism would be like expecting a kidnapper to donate the ransom money to a children's hospital.

While President Obama praised himself and his 'diplomatic team' for concluding the Iranian nuclear deal, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani's world view has not changed one iota.

Pleasurable outcomes do not always validate policy and our enemies in Iran, and among the various terrorist groups it supports, are bound to receive the message that if they can just grab Americans and hold them hostage long enough, America — at least under this administration, which they perceive to be weak — will give them what they want.

What a contrast to Iran's 1981 release of 52 American hostages, all held for 444 days. It came on the day of President Ronald Reagan's Inauguration, an obvious indictment of the Carter administration's weakness. Commentators at the time said they thought the Ayatollah Khomeini believed Reagan was a 'cowboy' and might actually drop a nuclear bomb on Iran if the Americans were not freed. That and Reagan's subsequent headline approach to the Soviet Union came to be known as 'peace through strength.' The American left's approach might be characterized as 'war through weakness.'

This time around, in addition to the money, Tehran receives clemency for seven Iranians indicted or imprisoned in the U.S. for sanctions violations. Clemency is certainly within a president's authority, though official U.S. policy over several administrations has been that the U.S. does not negotiate with terrorists ... only terrorist regimes, apparently.

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What type of food do you eat when you go out?

streettalk



"A nice steak. Filet mignon with mashed potatoes and bread. I'll have something chocolate for dessert if I go out to eat."

— Annabelle Slotka
Holly



"I like a good Michigan salad. It has apples, dried cherries, and candied pears. I've had a maple dressing and a cherry balsamic. It's on a mix of romaine and spinach."

— Ann Rockman
Linden



"Italian food or steak, pasta chicken parmesan. I like rib eye or porter house with a baked potato. For dessert, I guess I get chocolate pie or something like that."

— John McCormack
Linden



"I enjoy ordering things off the menu that I might not normally make at home, like Korean barbeque beef. They can inspire me to do more involved dishes, like a more in-depth sauce."

— Stacey Arnst, Holly



"I order fish because it doesn't have a lot of calories. I like white fish. If it's really fresh, salmon. I get a sweet potato, baked potato or a tossed salad with vinegar and oil."

— Earl Hagstrom
Linden

Egg and nest destruction approved for area lakes

■ Program aims to reduce goose-human conflicts on Silver and Marl Lakes

By Hannah Ball

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Fenton Twp. — The Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved a resolution at its meeting Monday to continue the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Canada Goose nest and egg destruction program. The proposal was brought forth by the Silver and Marl Lake Homeowners Association for Silver and Marl Lakes in 2016.

The resolution passed 5-1. Clerk Bob Krug cast the dissenting vote. Trustee Vince Lorraine was absent.

"I just look at this as being an inhumane way to take care of a problem," Krug said. "The round ups are bad enough, but when you're out there smashing eggs and tearing up nests, that's just not right."

This program allows landowners to fill out a permit to destroy eggs and nests to encourage geese to migrate north, according to the DNR. Participants must first meet eligibility requirements and attend training.

"The DNR requires that the municipality give us a resolution approving that we get the permit to do this nest and egg destruction," said Richard Sandell, past association member who continues to help with the goose management program. "I ask that you approve it so we can keep the momentum going on this program."

This program aims to resolve goose and human conflicts, according to the DNR. Most complaints are from homeowners and business owners located near lakes who are frustrated with goose droppings on lawns, beaches, docks, sidewalks and other locations.

Geese will often nest in shrubbery



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

Fenton Township officials approved a plan that would reduce the number of geese that call Silver and Marl lakes home.

near buildings and can be aggressive toward humans when they approach. These geese have also been known to damage agricultural crops by eating them or walking on them.

Sandell said the program has been working. In 2013, there were five nests and 27 eggs. In 2014, there seven nests and 26 eggs, and in 2015, there were three nests and 20 eggs.

"There's fewer nests, so it's working," he said.

Wes Nolde, the current president of lake association, said he spoke on behalf of all the residents and nonresidents who use Silver Lake Park.

"Part of this is keeping the lake as clean as we can, reducing E. coli and reducing the waste, but also managing that we do have great wetland in the area," he said.

Canada Geese

- Canada geese are in every Michigan county.
- They have gray bodies, black necks, and black heads with a white stripe extending from the throat to the rear of the eye.

my prayers. Things will get better. — Kay S. of Holly.

■■■■
WE WILL BE the highest taxed state in the nation with no voice about it. Flint is not the only city in big trouble. That combined with our public schools. The taxes to fix and bail them out will cost us large.

■■■■
TO THE PERSON urging me to vote for Bernie Sanders. Why would anyone with half a brain vote for a self-proclaimed socialist?

■■■■
THE LITTLE EAGLE Wooden Park in Linden is not a dog park. Parents are letting their dogs loose out at a child's playscape area, which is fenced in. That means the dog is dumping where everyone else's child plays. Multiple people are doing it. Pick up after your dogs.

■■■■
DOES ANYONE REALLY stop to think about all that tragedy with the water debacle in Flint? Think back to when Katrina happened in New Orleans. Those people down there now drink safe water. Flint didn't go through a natural disaster and they still can't drink their water. The government doesn't care.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

The city of Fenton first discussed replacing the Silver Lake Road bridge in 2012, after an inspection declared some parts of the bridge were in "poor" condition. Michigan's Local Bridge Program will pick up most of the cost.

CLOSURE

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need to shut it down," said Czarnecki. "I thought that was a good idea to help out the community."

The contractor is also verifying underground utility locations. Czarnecki will get an update at a meeting Wednesday morning as to the progress of the long-awaited project.

The removal of the bridge was set to begin on Monday, and be finished by September. During construction, traffic would be routed via Adelaide Street and Shiawassee Avenue.

The project is expected to cost \$1,013,063. The city will be responsible for paying \$50,653, plus engineering fees by OHM.

This is part of a string of city projects, including the recently completed Streetscape, which completely revamped downtown streets, sidewalks and lighting.

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We regret that we are unable to acknowledge every resume we receive, and therefore we will contact only those with whom we would like to schedule an interview.

Rose Hill Center, located in Holly, Michigan, is a non-profit residential rehabilitation and treatment center designed to assist adults with major psychiatric disorders, primarily serving those with a diagnosis of schizophrenia or bi-polar.

Recognizing that mental illness is treatable and manageable, Rose Hill's professional mental health team directs programs aimed at helping people successfully achieve and maintain independent living.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■■
IF THE ELECTION ends up as Trump vs. Hillary Clinton, she will win. So keep promoting Trump, it plays right into our hands.

■■■■
IT IS A sad reflection on the quality and morality of our entire country when all the candidates have massive negative history of scandals, divorces and cheating on spouses.

■■■■
WOULD IRAN CAPTURE and put American sailors on their knees in an execution fashion when Ronald Reagan was President? Thank the ayatollah?

■■■■
EIGHT-THOUSAND CHILDREN in Flint need to be treated for lead poisoning and the only Hot line I've seen on the topic is whining about having to pay to fix the problem? Rethink your image of being a generous and caring town Fenton. I'm giving you a grade of 'F.'

■■■■
I'VE ATTENDED ZUMBA morning classes at Chassé for some time and enjoyed every session. I met fun, wonderful people along the way. I hope we bump into each other again soon. I have no last names so I can't call them, but want them to know they are all in



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The retroactivity of Miller v Alabama

Some time ago, I wrote a column on the issue of whether it is allowable to impose a mandatory sentence of life without the possibility of parole for juvenile offenders when they have been convicted of murder.

This stemmed from a 2012 United States Supreme Court case called *Miller v Alabama*, which held that such a sentence was unconstitutional as being violative of the Eighth Amendment's prohibition on cruel and unusual punishments.

The Supreme Court's opinion in *Miller* did not address the question of whether it was to be applied retroactively to juveniles who were serving such sentences before the decision was rendered.

After *Miller* was decided, the Michigan Supreme Court issued its 2014 opinion in *People v Carp*, which held that under federal and state law *Miller* was not retroactive.

At about the same time, a Michigan statute was enacted in response to *Miller*, which provided guidance as to how cases were to be dealt with which were pending when *Miller* was decided and for other cases regarding juveniles convicted of capital offenses.

The statute also included a special provision that if the state Supreme Court or United States Supreme Court finds that *Miller* is retroactive, those affected juvenile offenders serving a life sentence without the possibility of parole would be eligible to have their sentencing judge or their successor determine if the sentence should remain the same or be changed to a term of years.

On Monday, Jan. 25, 2016 the United States Supreme Court ruled in a 6 to 3 decision that *Miller* was retroactive in the case of *Montgomery v Louisiana*. As a result, the Michigan statute's special terms will now apply. Although there isn't an exact figure, it appears that more than 300 Michigan inmates will be affected.

An interesting additional development has occurred as the Michigan Court of Appeals has ruled in three separate cases that a jury (unless waived), not a judge, must decide whether a life sentence without the possibility of parole is appropriate for juveniles. This creates a possible conflict between the statute and case law.

There will be much more to come from these decisions.

Police&Fire report

CAR KEYED ON SECOND STREET

On Jan. 16, a 19-year-old Fenton Township male filed a malicious destruction of property complaint with Fenton police. The teen said he parked his 2012 Toyota in the 100 block of Second Street. Sometime overnight between Jan. 15 and 16, someone keyed several scratches into the car's paint. Police have no suspect information.

TWO INJURED IN EARLY MORNING CRASH IN ROSE TOWNSHIP

On Sunday, Jan. 24, at approximately 1:40 a.m. troopers from the Michigan State Police Metro Post responded to a serious injury traffic crash on Hickory Ridge Road between Fenton Road and Baker Road in Rose Township. A preliminary investigation revealed that a 2004 Buick four-door car, occupied by a driver and four passengers, was traveling northbound on Hickory Ridge (between Fenton and Baker roads) when the driver lost control going around a corner. The car crossed the centerline and struck a southbound 2015 Ford passenger vehicle occupied by the driver and two passengers. The driver of the Buick had a suspended license. It is unknown at this time if alcohol or drugs were involved. Speed was a factor in the crash. The back seat passenger of the Ford was transported to a local hospital in critical condition. The Buick driver sustained facial/head injuries and was not wearing a seatbelt. There were no other injuries. Investigation continues by MSP.

TEXTING

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device, for example. They want drivers only to be allowed to use hands-free devices.

Lt. Jason Slater of the Fenton Police Department agreed.

Slater said, "I would support hands free, but prohibiting cell phone use would be too much, because I can barely get everyone to wear their seatbelts."

The eighth-graders also provided city leaders with state and national statistics on distracted driving.

In addition to stiff fines, Audrey Tremaine, 14, said public awareness measures will help with enforcement and suggested one way is through signs. "New signs should be posted throughout the city letting people know about the new law."

HOT LINE CONTINUED

ROSE TOWNSHIP, WE need your input at the Jan. 27 board meeting. Your supervisor is trying to eliminate the constable position so he can name his own outsider. That is a resident job. Call the hall, text, email, and call all three numbers. Keep our right to vote for our constable.

MICHAEL LAJOICE DIDN'T care about charities. He was using them in his scams as a write-off at the end of the year. A lot of rich folks hide money this way. Don't make it a Robin Hood story, he was only stealing to give to himself.

SOMEONE TELL THE King that the lottery is a tax on people that can't do math but the most fun way to pay taxes.

I WONDERED HOW many of you agree. Instead of calling it the Supreme Court, they should be called the Supreme Beings.

School leaders report positive first semester

A year of transition — Fenton schools adjust to elimination of IB Primary Years Program

By Vera Hogan

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Now that the first semester is almost over at Fenton Area Public Schools, some may be wondering how things are going since the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Program (PYP) for grades K-10 is no longer being taught.

Melody Strang, director of Instructional Technology and Curriculum, said things are going well.

At the high school, 240 juniors and seniors are taking one or more Diploma Program classes, she said. "We have four students in the Diploma Program full time," she said.

Even though the PYP is no longer taught in K-10 classes, teachers have continued teaching IB units from the past, IB units that they wrote, Strang said.

Some of the exciting things coming up for students, according to Strang, is a fifth-grade exhibition. Fifth-graders have been separated into smaller groups. Each group chooses a topic, any topic that they like, conduct the research and come up with an action plan.

This exhibition, according to Strang, will be open for parents and family

members to see.

Tenth-graders are doing the same thing, only individually. They have chosen a topic and taken ownership of it. They will be required to provide a written report and make an oral presentation.

"These activities provide students with an opportunity to learn how to do something and how to create something that interests them," said Strang.

Strang said this year is one of transition. "We are working hard," she said. "It's been a good year, a positive year. We are moving forward to try and provide what's best for all our students," she said.

Background

The Fenton Board of Education voted to eliminate the PYP at its June 22, 2015 meeting in order to save the district \$369,885. Board members cautioned at that meeting that more changes will have to be made to keep the district in the black for the coming school year (2015-2016).

The board also voted to retain the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program at the high school level.

Prior to the vote, Board President Drew Shapiro said more tough financial decisions would have to be made in the district.

"We're the guy driving the Cadillac that can't afford his mortgage and can't afford gas for his car," Shapiro said.

The elimination of PYP went into effect with the 2015-2016 school year.

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A boatload of actors are seen here off the coast of Quincy, Massachusetts on one of Jeff Shook's boats during the filming of "The Finest Hours."

BOATS

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According to Shook, the planning for this movie began about two years ago.

"When the book, of the same name, was purchased by Disney for the movie rights, research began within the movie community," Shook said. "A script was developed and the scenes planned out and the search for locations, director, props, actors, and support staff began."

"I was contacted early on because every place they turned to research finding Coast Guard boats, my name popped up as the 'go to' person," he added.

"It was a wonderful experience and a lot of fun," said Shook. "I was hired as a technical advisor and to supply the 36-foot wooden motor life boats they needed for the film."

"With my boats in various stages of restoration and condition, three of mine were potentials and two for sure," he added.

After learning that one of the boats had to be cut up for camera access and close ups, a boat was located that was bound for the junk pile near the movie set in Boston.

"A second boat was needed out of the water on a motion base, which the nonprofit Irun, the Michigan Lighthouse Conservancy happened to have, so this one was selected for this job," Shook said.

"This boat needs a lot of help and restorations dollars to make it museum ready, but it fit the job," he added.

A total of four boats were needed in the movie. Most important was a boat used for the rescuers coming home into the harbor and leaving the harbor, and in the water operating. It had to be historically accurate.

There are two of these boats in this condition in the country. Since it was determined one of them could not be used, Shook's boat was Disney's only option.

"Basically, without my boat they told me the movie could not be made," said Shook. "So after learning about the needed modifications we came to terms and I was off to the races."

Shook said his work for the movie turned into a second full-time job done mostly remotely with him in Michigan and Disney in Quincy, Massachusetts.

"I assisted all kinds of departments, set decorating, marine, props, special effects, art department, etc.," said Shook. "I also was required to be on set to train the actors how



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Jeff Shook, 44, shows off his parking badge and sign from the set of the movie "The Finest Hours," a film which required the use of his Coast Guard boats.

to drive my boat and give first hand input on the boat outfitting process.

"So I traveled to Quincy Massachusetts to get the job done," he said. "I supplied all kinds of historic artifacts and original and newly fabricated boat parts which were used on all of the boats to make them identical."

Some items were replicated by the prop department, such as the boat radio.

"I had an original, so they took the one I had and made several others exactly like it down to the model number tags," Shook said. "Some things they had me make as

I was the only one with original parts to make new castings from."

While Shook was on the movie set, he got to meet the main actors, producers, and many others.

"I took Chris Pine, Ben Foster, Kyle Gallner and John Magaro out on the boat for training several times and discussed the actual historic rescue and how the guys reacted, communicated and interacted with each other during the rescue to solve problems that happened," said Shook.

"A highlight of working on the set was I got to eat lunch every day with the actors and just talk about everyday parts of their lives such as family, kids, hobbies, etc.," he added.

Shook said the size and scope of the sets were amazing. "The engine room for the ship was fabricated over several weeks and was able to rock back and forth," he said. "It was made of steel five stories high. They use the sets for a few weeks for filming and then cut them up for scrap never to be seen again."

Shook said his passion for preserving these boats is to help tell the story of the Coast Guard heroes like those portrayed in this movie.

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A flat bread pizza receives a layer of cheese before baking at Fenton House.

RESTAURANTS

Continued from Front Page scene,” said blogger Aaron Cruz.

“I do think Fenton has grown into its own as a destination for different food experiences,” said Hamel. “When we (The Laundry) opened, people said we wouldn’t be able to make it in Genesee County, but we found you don’t have to live in New York City or be a sophisticated person to enjoy great food. Food is an affordable luxury for people at all different income levels.”

Hamel was instrumental in starting Restaurant Week, which debuted last week Jan. 17-23, showcasing 17 restaurants in Fenton for the first time. He also spearheaded “Taste in Fenton” 11 years ago. In addition to mentioning Crust, The Laundry and the Fenton House, The Awesome Mitten also recognized two autumn foodie destinations: Spicer Orchards for its cider, doughnuts, wine tasting and family fun and the St. John Applefest for its carnival food, apple

pie and entertainment.

The other six “Michigan Destinations for 2016” mentioned by The Awesome Mitten included:

- **PLYMOUTH:** “A town that while in the heart of suburbia, gives off the feeling of being in a small town far, far away.”
- **FRANKENMUTH:** “No town epitomizes Christmas and the holidays in Michigan more than Frankenmuth.”
- **GRAND HAVEN:** “The Grand Haven lighthouse and pier is reason enough to choose Grand Haven for a first-time visit.”
- **OSCODA:** “The Lake Michigan coastline gets a lot of love, but the Sunrise Coast and Lake Huron showcase their own beauty, like in the resort town of Oscoda.”
- **SAULT STE. MARIE:** “Head to the U.P. and Michigan’s oldest city.

SUMMARY

■ Fenton has garnered a reputation for offering a variety of food experiences through the doors of its more than 50 restaurants and food events — from Taste in Fenton to the new Restaurant Week, held last week.

Go on a boat tour at the famous Soo Locks and/or watch from the three-story observation desk as giant ships pass through the locks canals of the largest waterway crossing in the world.”

- **PORT HURON:** “In the new year, as you head toward the Blue Water Bridge, get off the interstate and check out the international crossing (into Canada) from

the south along the Thomas Edison Parkway.”

“I do think Fenton has grown into its own as a destination for different food experiences.”

Mark Hamel
The Laundry founder, co-owner

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“To sign up for classes next fall and winter, visit lunchandbeyond.com and crustandbeyond.com and watch for class dates announced in August,” she said.

ROLLER-SKATING

Your family can enjoy a day of roller-skating, laser tag and an inflatable play area at Rollhaven Skate & Fun Center in Grand Blanc. Family Fun Night on Tuesdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and Sunday Funday from 1 to 5 p.m. provide just a few of the many opportunities to enjoy skating for all ages.

Saturday evenings are UPS Night from 8 to 11 p.m., with skating and unlimited pizza and pop, including special family rates for four for \$45. For more information, visit rollhaven.com/grand-blanc.

MUSEUMS AND ART

A visit to a local museum is more than just an educational experience. With interactive displays and hands-on learning, a museum can be similar to an indoor playground with substance.

The Flint Children’s Museum (near Kettering University) has appropriate exhibits and toys for children from age 2 to 10. Admission is \$6 for adults and children, with discounts available. Free Family Day is coming up on Sunday, Feb. 7 from 12 to 5 p.m., sponsored by Kohl’s and Hurley Medical Center.

The Sloan Museum in Flint is featuring a special exhibit now through May 8, “Water’s Extreme Journey.” Admission is \$9 for adults, \$6 for kids and those under

6 are free.

The Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum and Mid-Michigan Children’s Museum in Saginaw are two other children’s museums worth a visit.

For a true cultural experience, take a day to visit the Detroit Institute of Arts, one of the top six museums in the U.S., documenting pre-historical times through the 21st century. Tickets are \$12.50 for adults, \$6 for students and kids 5 and under are free.

The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn showcases the finest collection of American ideas and innovations ever assembled — all in a nine-acre space with soaring 40-foot ceilings. Admission is \$21 adults, \$15.75 students and 4 and under are free.

Got cabin fever?
Here are a few other indoor destinations for family fun:

- Indoor water parks at Zehnder’s Splash Village in Frankenmuth, Splash Universe in Dundee or Soaring Eagle Waterpark in Mt. Pleasant.
- Planet Rock Climbing Gym in Ann Arbor.
- Castaway Play Café (indoor jungle gym) in Howell.
- Swim at the Hartland Aquatic Center with open swims, lap swims, splash and play (for toddlers), hot tub for ages 14 and up. For times and prices, visit hartlandschools.us/aquatic-center.com.

Busch gives update on six months at interim job

■ **Fenton school board hopes to name permanent superintendent by July 1**

By Vera Hogan

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It’s been six months since Doug Busch was named interim superintendent for Fenton Area Public Schools — and on Wednesday, he said the state of the school district is strong.

“I can’t believe the first semester is coming to an end,” said Busch of this school year. He added that things are going well.

Enrollment was down slightly but that was taken care of through the proactive measure of budgeting for 50 students lost. The district only lost 15.

“Things are stable overall, and the teachers and principals in all the buildings are doing a great job,” said Busch.

Busch has served as interim superintendent, temporarily replacing Tim Jalkanen, who resigned in June of 2015. Since then, Busch has not only worked as the interim, he also has continued working in his original role of executive director of Finance and Personnel.

Whether Busch pursues the permanent position of superintendent remains to be seen. “I haven’t made a final decision yet,” he said. “This is a decision I

need to make after having discussions with my family.”

In the dual roles, Busch said he is working 65- to 70-hour work weeks.

“I am not taking any additional salary for doing the two jobs,” he said. “This helps the school district save some money.”

The goal is to have a permanent superintendent in place by July 1 of this year.

The Board of Education has issued RFPs (requests for proposals) to superintendent search firms, said Busch. The proposals are due back at the end of this month.

“The board is looking at making a decision on a search firm in February,” he added.

Once a superintendent search firm is selected, individuals there will begin working with the school board to develop a candidate profile, which includes things like characteristics they would like to see in the next superintendent.

A timeline will then be created to post the vacancy, select candidates for interviews and schedule the actual interviews, which will take place during a public Board of Education meeting.

“That will be done later in the spring,” Busch said.

Busch has been with the Fenton Area Public Schools district since 1998. He started as a history and government teacher. He has been in the executive director of Finance and Personnel position for 10 years.

“I see the district moving forward; that’s what’s really important,” he said. “We’re operating very effectively and efficiently.”



Doug Busch

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Blue Devils fall to Beecher, but defeat Powers in OT

By David Troppens

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It was a tough Friday night for the Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team.

First, the squad pushed state-power Beecher in the Bucs' own home gym, but the Blue Devils fell just a tad short, losing a 66-56 verdict. Second, the team had bus trouble on the way home and didn't get back to Lake Fenton until late.

However, the weekend ended on a positive as the Blue Devils defeated Powers 73-

69 in overtime on Saturday. The busy four-day stretch ended with another positive, a 41-28 victory against Bentley on Monday.

"We are on the verge of great. We just need to prove it to ourselves first," Lake Fenton coach Jake Erway said. "Beecher is a great basketball team that was better than us tonight. The good news is we get

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to see them again in February."

The biggest difference between the two teams was Beecher's Malik Ellison. Ellison led the Buccaneers with a game-high 29 points. Isaac Golson led the Blue Devils with 12 points, while Andrew Foerster had 11 points. Cam Jackson netted nine points, while Jake Zielinski had eight points. Jalen Miller chipped in seven rebounds and six points.

Against Powers, the Blue Devils (4-1, 7-2) were down seven with

1:40 to go in regulation but made a charge to force overtime. Zielinski made a couple of steals and Golson made a key three-pointer, pushing the game in overtime.

"I was proud of our guys for their never-die mentality," Erway said. "We didn't shoot great from the line (20-for-33), but we still found a way to win tonight."

Chris Bell led the Blue Devils with 20 points, six rebounds and four assists, while Miller had 19 points and five rebounds. Golson netted nine points.



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Tigers complete comeback vs. Linden

■Eagles lose 21-point lead, Gilbert's shot caps Fenton victory

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Fenton — Chris Gilbert and his Fenton varsity boys basketball teammates couldn't do anything right offensively against their greatest rivals, Linden, during the first half of the two teams' contest at Fenton High School on Friday.

Gilbert took only six shots and netted just four first-half points. Meanwhile, his teammates struggled even worse, netting just three field goals and eight first-half points, resulting in a 27-8 Linden lead at halftime. However, Gilbert and the Tigers

fought back and completed what may have been the most improbable comeback in the great Fenton-Linden rivalry as the Tigers overcame a 20-point second-half deficit to capture a 49-47 victory.

Gilbert's three-point shot with about 8.7 seconds remaining was Gilbert's first converted trey of the game, giving the Tigers a two-point lead. The Eagles had two chances to win it on the next possession. Cole Sarkon attempted a trey, but missed. Another Eagle missed another putback attempt making the Tigers' comeback complete.

"It was crazy. It was unbelievable," said Gilbert, who finished the night with a team-high 13 points, including seven in the

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Linden's Logan Steiert (bottom) and Fenton's Ben Hajciar battle for a loose ball during the Tigers' 49-47 victory against the Eagles on Friday.

Lady Tigers win gritty verdict vs. Linden, 49-40

By David Troppens

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Fenton — Sometimes the worst thing a squad can experience is its rival coming into its own home gym without a victory.

That was what the Fenton Ti-

gers faced when the Linden varsity girls basketball team came to Fenton High School on Friday.

The Eagles didn't play like a winless team, leading for most of the first half while pushing the

Tigers right until the final minutes. However, the Tigers' post players Chloe Idoni and Sarah Cummings combined to score 31 points despite being double-teamed all night long, leading the Tigers to an entertaining 49-40 victory against the Eagles.

"Their team is not indicative of their record," Fenton coach **See VERDICT on 12**

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Fenton's Chloe Idoni (left) attempts a shot against Linden's Bridget Adams in the Tigers' 49-40 victory against the Eagles.



LF wrestlers capture own tourney title

By David Troppens

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There's a reason why the Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team is ranked fourth in Division 3.

The Blue Devils will wrestle anyone. And, in a lot of cases, they'll beat just about anyone.

That was the case at the Lake Fenton Team Tournament on Saturday. Lake Fenton wrestled three state-ranked teams and finished **See WRESTLERS on 11**



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Lake Fenton's Devan Melick (top) posted a 5-0 record at the Lake Fenton Team Tournament on Saturday.

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Pluta records 600th win at tournament

By David Troppens

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When Don Pluta began coaching the varsity wrestling team at Holly High School in 1978, it was nearly impossible for the Bronchos to win a match.

"We couldn't win a match. We only had six wrestlers," Pluta said. "They were good wrestlers but we didn't have enough to win."

Things have changed since then for the Holly Athletic Hall of Famer. Pluta has done his share of winning, capturing his 600th career victory at the Fitzgerald Team Tournament on Saturday. Holly also won the tournament title, posting wins against Warren Fitzgerald, Edsel Ford, L'Anse Creuse, Oxford and West Bloomfield.

"It does mean a lot. It is an awesome feeling," Pluta said. "When you start coaching, you just coach and get the kids better. You don't think about personal stuff like 'I'd like to be in the 500-win club.' You just go out and build a program."

Pluta was pleased with his team's performance, recording all five wins. The Bronchos, who are still kind of in a rebuilding phase, improved to 17-6 overall with the tourney success.

"I thought the kids showed a lot of heart this week," Pluta said. "We are banged up and we had a couple of kids out of the lineup, fighting this chest cold that's going around. They responded well with the 5-0 record."

Colton Cleaver (152) had the strongest performance among the Bronchos, going 5-0 with five pinfall wins. Cleaver is 23-2 overall. Cade Dallwitz (171), Collin Dallwitz (215), Jimmy Gray (285) and Wyatt Scribner (125/130) also had 5-0 marks with each recording at least three pinfall wins. Scribner had four. Mitchell Nelson (125/130) recorded a 4-1 record.

Holly returns to action with a dual match at Brandon today at 6 p.m.

Eagles post win on Wolverines' home mat

By David Troppens

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For a day, the Linden varsity wrestling team experienced what it is like to be a college wrestler.

The Eagles traveled to the University of Michigan's Cliff Keen Arena and wrestled Mason prior to Michigan's match with Central Michigan University. The Eagles came off the mat with a 39-19 victory.

"This was such a great experience for our squad as our team really was prepared to wrestle in this atmosphere," Linden varsity wrestling coach Todd Skinner said. "I told them they may never get an experience like this again, so make it count. And boy did we make it count. Every match was well wrestled, and we only gave up one pin the entire night. I've never seen such a young squad with only one senior in the

line-up wrestle with so much heart."

Justin Cygnar and Patrick Kerr had big victories, defeating state-placers. Cygnar won by decision while Kerr won a major decision. Other Linden victors were Koleton Strauss, Caleb White, Dawson Blank, Bryce Davis, Avery Jacobs, Cade Dickson and Jaylin Steedman.

The Eagles (24-6) travel to Fenton for a 6 p.m. match today.

Fenton hosts Fenton Team Tournament

The Tigers captured a victory against Ann Arbor Huron at the event, but lost four other matches. The Tigers did have a close match with Farmington 47-36.

Many Fenton wrestlers had winning records. James Church (140) and David Foster (189) led Fenton with 4-1 records. Both recorded three pinfall wins among their four victories.



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Linden's Patrick Kerr (top) won this recent match. He also won his match at Michigan on Friday.

Andrew Goodman (285) and Tommy Adams recorded 3-2 marks, while Glenn Kroeger (160) went 2-2.

The Tigers host Linden for a 6 p.m. match Metro League match today.

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the tourney at 4-1 overall, earning runner-up honors.

Lake Fenton defeated state-ranked Division 1 foes Dakota 34-26 and Oxford 39-26. The Blue Devils also defeated Marysville 52-13 and Tecumseh 45-21. The squad's only loss came against the No. 2 team in Division 1, Hartland, losing 49-14.

"We had a great weekend," Lake Fenton varsity wrestling coach Vance Corcoran said. "We had some big schools come in ranked high and we wrestled well. ...

The last match of the day we got beat up a little bit (against Hartland), but I think it's great how we did with our 20-man roster. We opened up some eyes."

The Blue Devils had some individual wrestlers that opened some eyes as well. Despite the elite competition, three Blue Devils finished the day with perfect 5-0 marks. One was Jarrett Trombley. The Corunna transfer captured a Division 3 state championship title at 112, but hasn't been able to compete due to the transfer rules until last week. He came out posting a 5-0 mark with three pinfall wins. The Blue Devils other 5-0 wrestlers were Trent Hillger (285) and Devan

Melick (135) who each had a pinfall win. Of course, Hillger captured a 215 pound individual D3 state title last year as well.

Jackson Nevadomski (145) had four wins, including three by pinfall, while A.J. Geyer (103) also went 4-1 with two pinfalls. Hunter Corcoran (125), recorded a 3-2 record. Reece Anguish (189) won his only match of the day.

"That's the goal, to get the team ready for a nice state run," Vance Corcoran said. "Our main goal is to make it to the team state meet and do very well. Of course we want to win it. Tournaments like this help get us there. We proved we can wrestle with anyone in the state of Michigan."

PREP REPORT

► Lake Fenton 64, Bentley 21:

Lake Fenton (3-9) capped the second quarter with an impressive 19-0 run, sparking the victory. Sierra Arroyo had seven of her 15 points during the Blue Devils' 21-point second quarter. Saige Fuller scored six points in the Blue Devils' 18-1 run in the third quarter.

Hannah Garty had a game-high 16 points, five steals and four assists. Fuller had 10 points and three steals, while Renee Shaw led the team with nine rebounds.

► Lake Fenton JV 39, Swartz Creek 9:

Olivia Snyder scored nine points in the victory. Savannah Shustock chipped in eight points for Lake Fenton (8-4).



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VERDICT

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Becki Moore said. "They are a talented group and that's what we talked about all week. The kids know. They play with a lot of those kid and they know how good they are."

"They did a good job trying to bottle Sarah and Chloe. But our other kids stepped up too and made a couple of shots. ... It was probably our best team effort all year."

Linden (0-6, 0-10) led the Tigers for most of the first half. It wasn't until Idoni sparked the break with a pass to Cummings for a breaking layup and a foul that the Tigers were able to get the lead. Cummings made the free throw as well and Fenton led 22-21 at the half.

The squads went into the fourth tied at 33-all. Linden's final lead of the game came at 35-33 on a driving three-footer by Sterling DeGayner with 6:47 left, and the last time the Eagles were tied came after a three-pointer by Cameron Williams off a DeGayner assist with 5:15 left at 38-all. After that, Fenton capped the victory with an 11-2 run. Cummings made a free throw, giving Fenton the lead for good. About 30 seconds later, a Madison Shegos steal resulted in a breaking layup for Idoni. Fenton led 41-38. Perhaps the shot the iced the victory was provided by Cummings when she scored a putback hoop with 1:55 left, putting the Tigers up 44-38.

The Tigers got some key play from other sources. Maddie Carr had six points, including a key three-pointer. Six Fenton players scored in the fourth quarter. However, when it was all said and

done, Idoni finished with 16 points and 10 rebounds, while Cummings had 15 points and 13 boards.

"It's so fun when everyone gets involved," Cummings said. "Even the kids that didn't see the floor much were going crazy. They just are as much a part of the team as the kids on the floor. That helps so much because without them we wouldn't be able to do what we do on the court."

Linden was paced by DeGayner's 15 points. Williams had two three-pointers, finishing with six points.

"It's getting better," Linden coach Ben Varner said. "I think we forced it a couple of times too much. ... A lot of it is self-inflicted. I think it's what we are doing to us. But the kids are getting better."

Holly 51, Brandon 33

The Bronchos were paced by Kaitlyn Smith's game-high 24 points, seven rebounds seven steals and five assists. Holly netted seven three-pointers, with Smith providing four of them. Paige Reid chipped in 12 points on 5-of-10 shooting from the field. She also had five rebounds and three assists. Becca Fugate netted nine points, while Jenna Pepper led the Bronchos with seven rebounds and five assists.

Beecher 68, Lake Fenton 47

The Blue Devils (2-9) trailed just 32-27 at halftime, but were outscored 21-8 in the third quarter, resulting in the road loss.

Sydney Sheyachich led the Blue Devils with 11 points and 12 rebounds, while Sierra Arroyo had 10 points. Renee Shaw chipped in nine points and five rebounds. Hannah Garty had 10 rebounds.

TIGERS

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22-point fourth quarter. "I was just trying to get back on defense (after I made it) to make sure they didn't score and beat us on a last-second shot, too. It was fun. It was crazy. The crowd went wild. It was awesome."

As dramatic as a win it was for the Tigers (4-2, 6-3), it was as heartbreaking a loss for Linden. The biggest Linden's lead was 26-5 on a converted free throw by Logan Steiert with 1:25 left in the first half. In the second half Linden led by as many as 30-10 on a converted free throw by Trent Strang with 6:54 left in the third quarter. However, the Tigers started cutting into the lead after that, and did so quickly.

Using a full-court press defense, the Tigers frustrated Linden into six third-quarter turnovers. Some of those miscues came during a 16-3 Fenton run that was capped by a Jake Cairnduff steal and pass to Peyton Coffman for a breaking layup. With 2:04 left in the third quarter, Fenton trailed just 33-26. Linden seemingly thwarted off the Fenton run when Steiert hit a three-pointer at the end of the third quarter, putting the Eagles up 38-27 entering the fourth.

However, the Tigers kept battling back. Fenton cut the gap to single-digits for good at 43-34 with 5:08 left on a driving layup by Cairnduff. Within the next 90 seconds, layups by Coffman, Cairnduff and Drew Miller cut the gap to 43-40 with 3:46 left. What became a string of 12 unanswered points was ended when the Tigers took their first lead of the game with 2:11 left. It came on a Cairnduff steal and dish to Chris Gilbert for a breaking layup. Fenton led 44-43.

Linden's Trent Strang responded with a layup of his own, but two Gilbert free throws with 53.8 seconds left gave the Tigers the



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Linden's Garrett Strang (left) drives against Fenton's Nick Wyrick in Fenton's 49-47 victory against the Eagles on Friday.

lead back at 46-45. Linden's final lead came when Garrett Strang drove the middle of the lane and converted a free throw for Linden, putting the Eagles up 47-46 with 34.4 seconds left. However, about 26 seconds later, Gilbert hit his dramatic trey.

"It's unbelievable," Gilbert said. "It's all you can wish for – during your senior year on your home floor against Linden (0-6, 1-8). It's a rivalry game. That's what you want to see."

Of course, it was the opposite story for the Eagles.

Brandon 68, Holly 61

The Bronchos (5-1, 7-2) saw their 22-game Metro League win streak come to an end at home against the Blackhawks.

Holly shot 19-of-62 from the field, making just 3-of-24 shots from three-point land.

A 15-2 Brandon run in the fourth quarter helped the Blackhawks post the upset victory. Kyle Woodruff led the Bronchos with 27 points.

PREP REPORT

BOYS SWIMMING

► **Fenton vs. Kearsley, Davison:** The Tigers defeated Kearsley 131-45 and Davison 139-46. Evan Bartow had a big night, swimming a 2:16.95 in the 200 individual medley, a 5:21.81 in the 500 freestyle and a 55.99 split in the 400 freestyle relay. Joe Pererra posted a personal-best time of 54.94 in the 100 freestyle, while Jacob Vickers captured first in diving with a personal-best score of 185.30. Kyle Banner took first in the 100 backstroke (1:04.17), while Zac Miceli earned first in the 50 freestyle (22.92).

MIDDLE SCHOOL SWIMMING

► **Fenton AGS 101, Brandon 68:** Malorie Johnson won the 50 freestyle (28.73) and the 50 backstroke (41.92) individually to lead AGS to the win. She also teamed with Abigail Dolliver, Madeline Kazmierski and Joel Diccio to win the mixed 200

medley relay (2:15.02) and with Johnson, Logan Harrison, Kazmierski and Diccio to win the mixed 400 freestyle relay (4:23.90). Other individual winners for AGS were Catherine Hayes in the 200 freestyle (2:28.16), Harrison in the 200 individual medley (1:14.10), Dolliver in the 50 breaststroke (39.76), Kaitlin Gruber in diving (80.40) and Diccio in the 50 butterfly (30.92).

COMPETITIVE CHEER

► **Fenton, Lake Fenton at Hartland Cheer Invitational:** Lake Fenton posted a three-round combined score of 685.08, earning ninth at the event. Meanwhile, Fenton was 10th with a 640.76.

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William C. VanLeuven 1921-2016

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Thursday and 10-11 AM Friday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project, the AMVETS or Hospice House of Shiawassee County, 2005 Copas Rd., Owosso, MI 48867. Mr. VanLeuven was born February 24, 1921 in Traverse City, the son of Alfred Lee and Bertha May (Sherwood) VanLeuven. He grew up in Troy, and married Shirley Anne Cinader on September 14, 1940. She preceded him in death on March 17, 2000. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corp serving in World War II. Mr. VanLeuven received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Lawrence Technical University. He owned and operated Valmec, Inc. for many years.

Mr. VanLeuven married Annie Hopson on April 20, 2002. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing and going to the casino. Surviving are: wife, Annie VanLeuven; five children, Karen (Joseph) DeMars of Fenton, Lawrence (Sharon) VanLeuven of Lapeer, Colin (Patty) VanLeuven of Fenton, Bradley (Jackie) VanLeuven of

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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RATAO

TOZALE

BLOUED



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

A: , A

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DVD RELEASES

GOOSEBUMPS

Jack Black stars as acclaimed Goosebumps writer R.L. Stine in this feature-film adaptation of the popular YA book series. A teenager named Zach (Dylan Minnette) reluctantly moves from New York City to the quiet town of Madison, Delaware, where he quickly realizes that his reclusive new neighbor is in fact the horror author of the Goosebumps series. Zach learns Stine's identity when he is drawn to the writer's daughter Hannah (Odeya Rush), but soon discovers the dangerous secret inside their home.

PG, 1 hr. 43 min.



A BRILLIANT YOUNG MIND

Teenage math prodigy Nathan (Asa Butterfield) struggles when it comes to building relationships with other people, not least with his mother, Julie (Sally Hawkins). In a world difficult to comprehend, he finds comfort in numbers. And when Nathan is taken under the wing of an unconventional and anarchic teacher, Mr. Humphreys (Rafe Spall), the pair forge an unusual friendship.

NR, 1 hr. 51 min.



(Audience score on rottentomatoes.com)



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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

A gracious Lamb can learn more about a problem-filled situation than one who is openly suspicious of what could be happening. A friend might offer some well-directed advice.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

Getting adjusted to an unexpected change might be difficult for the Bovine who prefers things to go according to plan. But help could come from a most welcome source.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

This could be a good time to get a head start on those career-related plans. The sooner you check out the pluses and minuses, the sooner you can act on your information.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

A personal situation you thought would no longer present a problem suddenly could produce some surprises. Try to sort things out with the help of trusted colleagues.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)

An upcoming move holds both anticipation and anxiety for Leos and Leonas who have some big decisions to make. Advice is plentiful, but it's up to you to decide which way you want to go.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Someone from a previous project could provide valuable guidance on how to handle a current problem, especially where it might involve a legal matter.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

A business situation presents some unexpected complications. But rather than try to handle them all at once, it would be best to deal with them one at a time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

You just might get what you want, despite the odds against it. In any event, be sure to thank all those people involved who believed in you and went to bat for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Before you even hint at an accusation, remember that you'll have to prove what you say. So be sure you have what you need to back up your comments.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

A romantic situation takes an unexpected turn that favors some Sea Goats, but causes others to reassess how they've been handling the relationship.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

A surprise turn of events could unsettle the Water Bearer. But it also might help open up an entirely different way of working out an important matter.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)

A smoothly running operation could bump up against an obstacle. This is where your ability to assess situations and make adjustments can restore things to normal.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

KING FEATURES

ACROSS

- 1 Hairstyle
5 Fond du —, Wisc.
8 Wan
12 Pitch
13 Bachelor's last words
14 Old portico
15 Largest continent
16 — canto
17 Get ready, for short
18 Catch sight of
20 Eye layer
22 West Virginia industry
26 — nerve
29 Japanese sash
30 Sticky stuff
31 Frog's cousin
32 Pair
33 Timely question?
34 Unwell
35 Miler
36 Name
37 "Kiss Me Kate" composer
40 Up to
41 Discomfort
45 Dressed
47 Botanical

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sticker

- 49 Walked (on)
50 Heap
51 "— was saying, ..."
52 Enthralled
53 PC operator
54 Scooted
55 Shetland, e.g.

DOWN

- 1 N'Djamena's country
2 Northamptonshire river
3 Rainbow
4 Limp
5 Egypt's neighbor
6 Citric quaff
7 Rumpled sleuth of TV
8 Colorado ski mecca
9 Poker-winning hand
10 Weeding tool
11 Shrill bark
19 Sinbad's flier
21 Half of XIV
23 Depress
24 Yule refrain
25 Missing
26 Ear-related
27 Horse-play?

28 Yarn

- 32 Strip of icons
33 Bug
35 Sgt.'s subordinate
36 Coffee break time
38 Duck down
39 Shroud city
42 Jason's ship
43 Any day now
44 Nervous
45 PC's brain
46 Fleur-de—
48 "Born in the —"

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