Heroin — it's just not going away



Briona Jawhari

■Briona Jawhari died on Valentine's Day 2011 from an overdose

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More people died from drug overdoses in the United States in 2014 than during any previous year on record, according to a Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report released in January.

From 2000 to 2014, nearly

half a million people in the United States died from drug overdoses. In 2014, there were approximately one and a half times more drug overdose deaths in the United States than deaths from motor vehicle crashes.

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Shown here is heroin in powder and pill forms with balloons used for storing the drug.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO Ryan Stevens, 18, sits as attorney Marc Hart addresses Judge David Goggins on Wednesday. Hart replaced attorney Kenneth Karasick in Stevens' school shooting case and a child sexual conduct case.

Details emerging in Linden school shooting plot

■Teen suspects in court for preliminary hearing

By Tim Jagielo

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Flint — For the first time, all three suspects in the alleged shooting plot target-

ing Linden High School students were together in Genesee County District Court.

44 Felt threatened, I was scared to Ryan Stevens, go home. 77 Witness to alleged

shooting plot, 17

18, of Linden, Kody Brewer, 15, of Wolverine Lake (formerly

of Linden), and Lamarr Dukes, 15, of West Bloomfield, all appeared with their attorneys before Judge David Goggins Wednesday, Feb. 10.

The teens have been charged with 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.

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Confections for affections



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At Sweet Variations in Fenton, Theodora Shelley of Flint laughs with employee Kate Lefever, as owner Carol Schuler walks behind her. Lefever is packing candy for a sweetheart dance at Shelley's church on Saturday.

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Fenton, Holly and Linden water quality reports show low levels of lead in municipal water

By Vera Hogan

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Residents in the cities of Fenton and Linden, and the village of Holly, have little to fear when it comes to the water coming into their homes.

According to the most recent Water Quality Reports, the city of Linden shows zero lead in its water (tested in 2012). The village of Holly shows .003 parts per

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44...The city of Fenton is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components... 77

> **2014 Water Quality Report** City of Fenton

Popular columnist joins the Times

■King column moves to the midweek edition

By Vera Hogan

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Today's weekend edition of the Tri-County Times marks the debut of columnist Andrew Heller on our editorial page.

Heller is best known for his "Come Heller high water" column, which appeared in The Flint Journal from 1989 to

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LE President Obama, in just seven years, cut unemploy-



ment in half, tripled the stock market, slashed the deficit by three quarters and helped millions of Americans acquire

healthcare. Imagine what he could have accomplished with the Republicans' cooperation." **LE Your article on Powers**



the ability of local schools and are unable to compete on an equal footing with Powers."

LE Despite millions in profits and revenue, the NFL, NHL, and PGA Tour



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'I feel totally helpless'

■ Father of Chris Canup speaks out on his son's troubled life that ended with a heroin overdose

By Sally Rummel

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Chris Canup was a happy little boy — funny, charming and outgoing. As he got older, teachers loved his energy and intelligence, but his emotional immaturity easily distracted himself and other kids around him.

He smoked pot for the first time at age 7, Chris told the late Times reporter Jan Rynearson in a 2006 story about his

teen years, and drug use escalated by the time he was in junior high school.

As a teenager, his behavior got really out of hand at home and at school, according to his father, Phil Canup. He became belligerent and difficult to handle. "We were at our wit's end," said Phil.



Chris Canup

He and his wife, Linda, sent Chris at age 16 to Cross Creek Ranch in Utah,

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Phil Canup

Father of son who died of

apparent heroin overdose

a residential facility that specialized in troubled teens. His stay at the ranch was chronicled in a Times' article written by Rynearson. which can be viewed here at: www.tctimes. com/troubled-teen-helped-through-stay-at-cross-creek.

Chris became a mentor to other kids in the Cross Creek program, helping them to acclimate in a new environment away from home. When he came home 18 months later, he graduated from Fenton High School in the class of 2007. That's when the Canups really began to notice addictive behavior in their son. "He was being secretive, dishonest and manipulative," said Phil. "No matter how much we tried

to do for him, he always wanted more, and it all went for drugs."

The following decade found Chris in a whirlwind of drug use, followed by stints in rehab, then returning to a very prevalent drug culture in Flint. It all ended on Wednesday, Jan. 27, when he was found dead of an apparent heroin overdose in a hotel where he was living on Dort Highway.

"I wake up in the morning and wonder what could I have done differently," said Phil. "I know it's not my fault. Chris was very personable and had a huge heart. I felt like he was making progress. But then, there was this really dark side. I feel totally helpless. I'm just going to have to come to grips with this. It's never going to go away. He kept reaching out. He didn't give up on life, he gave in to the drugs."



Every addict must find their own pathway to getting clean

By Sally Rummel

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Sarah Marie Stidman, 32, started drinking at 21, taking opiates at 23 and became an IV heroin drug user at age 25.

A high school athlete and student council president, Stidman was the "perfect" student, but two sexual molestations left her feeling hateful toward herself. Unresolved, these negative feelings resulted in a substance abuse problem that could've taken her life, if she hadn't decided one day that she'd had enough.

Now a recovery coach at Genesee Community Health Center in Flint, she has been clean and sober for four years, after heroin addiction brought her to the brink of death.

"You're just waiting to die," said Stidman. "You get to the point where you're desperate and hopeless. You're disappointed when you wake up, because you know you'll have to figure out how to keep from getting sick."

Stidman was one of the lucky ones who was able to get clean, thanks to her own determination and the help of DOT Caring Centers, an in-patient rehabilitation facility in Freeland, near Saginaw.

There, she was able to use Suboxone to help counteract the major opiate withdrawal symptoms for three to five days. After 14 days with the program, the draw back toward heroin

was so strong that she got back into rehab for a total of 38 days.

"A lot of my issues stemmed from sexual abuse," she said. "These unresolved issues weighed heavily on me. Using needles with heroin was kind of like punishing myself.'

Stidman says that drug addiction can happen to anyone. "We're just sick people," she said. "We beat ourselves up every day."

Steps to recovery are different for everyone, she added. "Thinking there's a one-fit solution for all is how people fall through the cracks.

Where to go for help:

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- Flint (810) 496-5777
- Burton (810) 422-5834

Genesee Health System (for screening)

(810) 257-3740

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Super Bowl halftime, was it politically (in)correct?

■Who chooses the artists? How much are they paid? Is performance approved?

By Vera Hogan

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There hasn't been this much controversy over a Super Bowl halftime show since 2004, when a little something extra fell out of the "booby" hatch during Janet Jackson's performance.

Audiences were shocked when Justin Timberlake, who was performing with Jackson, ripped away a part of her garment and voila, "Nipplegate" was born.

That Super Bowl, coincidentally, was the last time the Carolina Panthers played in the big game and lost to the New England Patriots.

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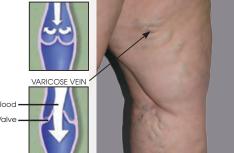


Some viewers of the Super Bowl 50 halftime show believe that Beyoncé's performance was anti-police and pro-Black Panther. Others praised the performance on social media.

Think varicose veins are just a cosmetic issue?







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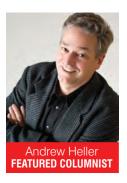
Come Heller high water

By Andrew Heller aheller@tctimes.com

Hello Times' readers...please don't pants me!

tarting a column in a new newspaper can really rattle your nerves. It feels like going to junior high for the first time. Are the other kids gonna like me? Are they going to laugh at my haircut? Is someone going to pants me in the hallway and shove me into the girls' locker room? Yeah, that really happened once.

I hope you don't do that, though. In fact, I hope you let me hang around long enough to figure out that I'm not half bad. My wife did and it's turned out all right.



(I have my uses. I can reach high stuff.)

So you know what you're getting into, here's a bit about me, for what it's worth:

For about a quarter century, I was a columnist for a daily newspaper in a town just

north of here where I made a lot of friends and a few enemies - most of them politicians who put their greed, needs and egos before the public good. I really hate that.

I live in Grand Blanc. Wife. Three kids. World's most annoying dog. You'll read about them all, I'm guessing. Why change

I was raised in the Upper Peninsula, which makes me a Yooper, which means I sometimes sound like the cast of 'Fargo.'

I will always call The Laundry The French Laundry. No one can make me

I'm a left leaner when it comes to politics, particularly social issues. I'm a centrist to right leaner on economic issues, which no one believes but it's true.

I'm that guy at family gatherings who loves talking politics when I know I'm not supposed to. (I've never been keen on 'polite company.') C'mon, have a view! It doesn't hurt.

Like Crash Davis in 'Bull Durham,' I believe in the 'Church of Baseball,' the soul, the hangin' curveball, high fiber and good Scotch.

I believe there oughta be a constitutional amendment outlawing Astro Turf and the designated hitter. And I believe that Lee

Harvey Oswald acted alone.

You thought I was going to include the 'long, slow, deep, soft, wet kisses that last three days' part, didn't you? Well, I thought about it but didn't want to gross anyone out, much less my 17-year-old son, who might read this and throw up.

I believe Bigfoot, the Loch Ness Monster and UFOs exist just because it's more fun to believe than to not.

I think you can and should walk your troubles away.

I think all of you are terrible drivers. I

44 If you don't love **Huy Fong Sriracha** sauce I don't think we can be friends.77

carry the burden of being 'The World's Only Good Driver.' Do not argue with me about this.

I think there's a 'Seinfeld' quote for every life situation.

I love the Internet but think it's destroyed three things I love newspapers, music and books.

If you don't love Huy Fong Sriracha

sauce I don't think we can be friends.

I think you should only be allowed to own one of those gigantic pick-up trucks or SUVs if you prove you can park it without taking up more than one space.

I suspect we've reached a tipping point with TV shows where there are more ads than show.

Lots and lots of stuff bugs me, which is why I ended up as a newspaper columnist.

Anyway, that's me. I look forward to learning about you. See you next Sunday.

readers write

Letters, 150 words or less, must be signed and include a phone number. We reserve the right to edit for clarity and liability. Letters must be written exclusively for the Times.

Mark Jacobs memorial

Dear Editor,

Last Saturday, Feb. 6, a gathering was held at Johnny's Pizzeria in Fenton to honor the memory of my twin brother, Mark Jacobs. Thanks in part to Mark's obituary that ran in the Tri-County and online, this event far exceeded our expectations. The outpouring of generosity generated by the many people who attended will go a very long way to help Mark's family in Texas. Many donated cash, so we are not able to thank you personally. Please accept this public thank you and know that it is sincerely heartfelt. Mark was an organ donor in Michigan. As a parting gift, two people will regain their sight and 40 people will benefit from his tissue, veins and skin. To know that Mark lives on not only in our memories but through his organ donation is simply amazing. When you renew your license, please check the box. I am very proud of my brother for this simple, final kindness. Thank you all for celebrating his memory with us.

Sincerely.

Margo Jacobs and the Jacobs family



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I AM TIRED of hearing people reference Trump as not being very smart. He is \$10 billion smart. If you have made 1/10 that, you can have an opinion.

COULD THE TIMES run an article on the official process of closing down our schools for a day based on a typical and normal snowfall. Decisions like this make our community look weak and irrational, as well as cost us tens of thousands of dollars.

PLEASE PEOPLE, LOOK before crossing the street in downtown Fenton/Dibbleville. This past Saturday, it was almost laughable how cars had to slam on brakes to avoid hitting pedestrians. I know pedestrians have the right of way, but really?

DID YOU KNOW that on the night of Obama's inauguration, 12 Republicans met and pledged to obstruct all of Obama's legislation no matter what? Among them were Pete Hoekstra and Paul Ryan. Look it up. Party first, country last.

I WAS SAD to see that Round Town Cupcakes closed. That was such a nice bakery. Does anyone know if they relocated or have any contact information for them?

UNDER OBAMACARE, YOUR health insurance premium cannot be more than 9 percent of your income, which is fairer than the system we had.

THE EMERGENCY MANAGER was in charge of Flint and approved the change to the Flint River. The local government is responsible, too, but the EM was put in charge. There is no excuse for the state's months of denials of problems with the water.

REMEMBER THE OLD saying, 'talk is cheap?' Well, when it comes to presidential campaigns, it is not so. Millions of dollars are spent by most of the candidates, and just how many people actually believe the candidates will be able to do what they promise?

INFERIOR LAWYERS WHO race to a victim, do so in order to profit from the victim's plight are called, 'ambulance chasers.' Lawyer, Hillary Clinton acted on her ambulance chaser instincts to run to Flint to politically profit from the plight of Flint's poor.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

How do you know when you're in love? Question asked at Argentine Elementary School





"When you first see them. Sometimes you can't keep your eyes off them."

> Isabella Sprague Third grade



"When you know you're in love it makes you like being with them and you can't get away from them."

> Zosha LaCelle Second grade



"When people are in love, they kiss."

> **Wyatt Kramarczyk** Second grade



"When you see someone that you like and they like you, they look good for you and they're nice to you and you're nice back."

> **Michael Godek Second grade**



"My mom helps my dad sometimes, like if he's sick."



"One time when my mom was sick, my dad took care of her."

Kelly Dunn Second grade

Charlotte Degazio First grade

New Fenton Museum Board has big plans for upgrades, activities

■Want building repairs and upgrades done before Fenton family reunion

By Vera Hogan

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After a few years of dormancy, the Fenton Museum Board is alive and well now that the City Council has filled all the vacancies on the seven-member panel.

In addition to Councilman Brad Jacob, who will serve as the council's liaison member, those appointed to Museum Board spots are Kim Wheeler, Donna Seger, Ken Seger, Les Bland, Matthew Adair and Leo

Wheeler works as a volunteer at the museum, researching various documents for people. She also is working toward updating records and digitizing them.

Ken Seger, curator of the Museum since 1979 and his wife, Donna, also volunteered to serve on the board.

Bland served as the director of the Department of Public Works for 41 years before retiring. He also served in recent years as a member of the Fenton City Council.

Matthew Adair has been heavily involved with both Oakwood Cemetery activities and the museum. Described by his father, Doug Tebo, chairman of the Oakwood Cemetery Board as an "IT guy," Adair also will be working on digitizing museum records.

Leo Doan, who retired from the Fenton Water Department, after 36 years, now serves as the chairman of the Museum Board.

While the city of Fenton, through its Museum Board, is responsible for the A.J. Phillips Museum building, which is 115 years old, the Fenton Historical Society, of which Doan and Tebo are members, is responsible for the priceless historic documents and artifacts inside.

With the new board in place, the museum will be getting a new lease on life.

"We are very happy that it's moving forward," said Ken Seger during a December 2015 interview.

Now that the city has completed its multi-million dollar Streetscape project, members of the Museum Board are happy that the A.J. Phillips Museum will get the attention it deserves.

The building, located at 310 South LeRoy St. is across from the Fenton Police Department and City Hall.

In 1987 when the library needed a bigger building, they moved over to the old Post Office building on Caroline Street, and the museum then moved in and was renamed the A.J. Phillips Fenton Museum.

The work to update begins

Today, the building needs a new paint job. Because it bears the original, lead-based paint, it can't be scraped off, but rather needs to be removed in accordance with Michigan Department of Environmental Quality regulations. The building also needs a new furnace. The current furnace is 30 years old and went out twice last year.

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Opioids, primarily prescription pain relievers and heroin, are the main drugs associated with overdose deaths. In 2014, opioids were involved in 28,647 deaths, or 61 percent of all drug overdose deaths; the rate of opioid overdoses has tripled since 2000.

Drug overdoses, whether they are accidental overdoses of prescription medicine or overdoses of illegal drugs such as heroin, the effects can be the same — death. The Fenton area is not immune to this epidemic.

Briona Jawhari died on Valentine's Day 2011 from a heroin overdose. She was 17 years old. Briona's friend Erika Schlosser, 19, of Fenton died two days later from a heroin overdose.

Since her death, Briona's father, Sam Jawhari of Fenton Township, has been very vocal as he travels to schools to share his daughter's tragic story. He has been involved with the county's "Chasing the Dragon" program, which delivers realistic and dramatic presentations at schools.

Jawhari also established Briona's Legacy. Watch his heartfelt videos about addiction on YouTube by searching for "Briona's Legacy Slaying the Dragon."

On Thursday, Jawhari said, "This epidemic is still very bad. All of the politicians, even the president, are talking about this. They are calling addiction a sickness and are talking more of treatment and no jail."

Jawhari and his family are holding doctors responsible on the prescriptions they write. "And if we can get our borders taken care of, that will stop the heroin from coming in," he said.

"There's so much money with the drugs and a lot of corruption that follows it unfortunately. "

In addition to the radio show, Jawhari continues to visit and speak at schools with his Slaying the Dragon presentation. More than 52,000 high school students have seen the presentation.

The following anonymous person's family has been deeply affected by heroin addiction. Read his straightforward opin-

"Heroin is not the problem. It's all

How do you know if you or someone you love is addicted to heroin?

- Scabs and scars around the
- Constant itching or picking at the skin
- Strange or uneven behavior
- Criminal behavior such as stealing, to support one's habit
- Drowsiness or lethargic behavior
- Strong drug cravings
- Long, unexplained absences
- Poor performance at work or school

the prescription drugs that lead up to it. The people I blame are those who make vicodin, oxycontin and other opiates so available. When you run out of those prescription drugs, you're already addicted and it's a downward spiral. You have no insurance, which leaves you with heroin and that's the same thing. I know 20-plus people who've died from heroin, three of them close friends of mine from high school. It's heart-breaking if you let it be. At the end of the day, they still choose drugs over you."

There's been a significant increase in the use of heroin and other opiates in recent months, according to Joe Karlichek, chief of operations at STAT EMS, which operates 20 to 22 ambulances a day throughout Genesee County, including the Fenton and Linden areas.

"We average three to four overdoses a week in Genesee County, including several that have taken place in the south end of the county, in Fenton and Linden," he said.

All ambulances and paramedics are supplied with Narcan, which reverses opiate overdoses. "It's quite remarkable," said Karlichek. "I've used it dozens and dozens of times in my career as a paramedic."

If the heroin is a potent mix or laced with Fentanyl, a user's respiratory and circulatory systems may collapse and many go into cardiac arrest. "That's when we give them a low dose of Narcan and the patient literally awakens and is coherent," said Karlichek.

After giving a patient Narcan, they are usually transported to the hospital. "It's in the best interest of the patient," said Karlicheck. "That way, the hospital can direct them toward rehab. That's what we all want to have happen."

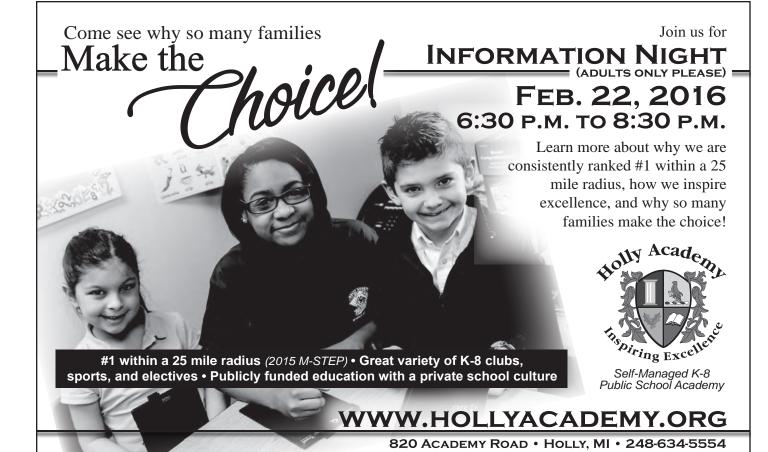


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MICHELLE OBAMA ENDORSED Beyoncé and JayZ donating \$1.5 million to the Black Panthers during the Super Bowl halftime show. Cam Newton will probably be next.



Non-profit animal shelters might require background checks

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Paul Wallace

Genesee County Animal Control director

■ Local shelter directors question pending legislation

By Hannah Ball

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Two of four bills aimed at protecting animals from abuse passed in the Michigan House on Tuesday, but local animal shelter directors question whether the legislation will actually be effective.

House Bills 4353 and 4355 passed in

an 87-17 vote and the other two antianimal abuse bills, Senate Bills 219 and 220, passed late last month.

The package of bills is referred to as Logan's Law and they would require nonprofit animal shelters to run a criminal background check on anyone trying to adopt an animal.

It would be illegal for nonprofit animal shelters to adopt out an animal to someone who was convicted of animal abuse. It would also not allow anyone convicted of animal abuse to own an animal for five years.

However, these laws do not apply to for-profit animal shelters.

The Michigan State Police's Internet Criminal History Access Tool database will be used to run the background checks, and the usual \$10 fee will be waived for local- or county-run animal shelters, nonprofit human societies or animal rescue.

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Flushing) and Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Grand Blanc) both voted in favor of the bill.

The legislation seems like it will benefit animals, but Paul Wallace, director of Genesee County Animal Control, said it looks like "feel-good legislature without a lot of teeth."

Only Michigan convictions are recorded in the ICHAT system, Wallace said, and if an offender is from another state, or charged but not convicted, "an all too common occurrence," their name won't appear in the system as an abuser.

If someone is charged but pleaded out to a lesser charge, which is more common, Wallace said, their name also wouldn't be

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listed as an offender.

"With the number of just plain stray animals and myriad other ways of acquiring an animal I think this sounds good, like 'background checks' for firearm purchases, but will have little impact at street level," he said.

Someone with mental health issues could also avoid being listed as an abuser because those records are protected under Health Insurance Portability and

Accountability Act (HIPPA) laws.

"I just don't think this will do much for the animals. It will sincerely slow down our process if we have to run everyone who comes in to adopt, who — we eyeball pretty closely anyway—on bulky computers and a website that's slow to load and will

probably crash as soon as this becomes law, and every shelter in the state tries to use it at the same time," he said.

In a previous Times article, Jody Maddock, director of Adopt-A-Pet in Fenton, said the bill is a good idea, but she has concerns.

"My initial thought is that's great," she said. "It depends on what's included in that. We want to make sure we're fair. It sounds like it would be a really good safety net for animals."

Maddock expressed concern over breeders and rescue groups not being included in the bill.

"If they're going to do it, they need to do it across the board," Maddock said. She said if someone can't adopt from an animal shelter because of their criminal history, they could still go to a breeder.

Senate Bills 219 and 220 are currently in the House. House Bills 4353 and 4355 will go to the Senate.

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SUPERBOWL

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The Super Bowl 50 halftime controversy involves a performance by Beyoncé, who many believe upstaged the headliner band Coldplay, and singer Bruno Mars with a politically charged message.

Beyoncé and her dancers were decked out in "Black Panther-type" outfits complete with black berets. Their jackets closely resembled the look Michael Jackson sported (only he wore pants) during his 1993 Super Bowl performance.

Her message, during all the "singing, dancing and twerking" didn't set well with some viewers, including former New York Mayor Rudy Guiliani, who slammed Beyoncé for her "black power" salute during the halftime show.

"I think it was outrageous," Giuliani told Fox News on Monday. "This is football, not Hollywood, and I thought it was really outrageous that she used it as a platform to attack police officers who are the people who protect her and protect us, and keep us alive."

Since her performance, Beyoncé has received considerable backlash and positive support for her show via social media.

One man wrote on her Facebook page, "Hope you enjoyed the police escort on the way in and out of the stadium, as well as the police support that was given to continuously sweep and protect the venue from a large scale terrorist attack while you were performing. Think about that next time you advocate an anti-police movement."

WHO SELECTS SUPER BOWL HALF-TIME PERFORMERS?

Sarah Moll, director of media events for the National Football League (NFL), and her team compile a list of hot performers

who are, in her words, "at the top of their game and who will put on the coolest 12 minutes in music, because that's kind of what the halftime show boils down to."

Artists do not

campaign to perform



Sarah Moll

the halftime show. Moll says it is safe to say that no musician would turn down the opportunity to perform and promote themselves in front of more than 100 million viewers.

Months of planning go into each half-time show.

ARE ORGANIZERS AWARE OF PERFORMANCE CONTENT?

Once the performers are selected and they accept, the show's producer and director sit down with the artists to discuss everything from the lighting and stage design to the set list and the guests who will accompany them on stage.

Several weeks before the show, a crew of about 300 workers are hired and trained to assemble and break down the stage in a matter of minutes. In the days leading up to the game, the artists and the crew rehearse the show to ensure a smooth execution on game day.

The show is the work of the same team, which consists of a half dozen people in Moll's department who approve all the creative decisions, the NFL's production company, Touchdown Entertainment, as well as a producer and director.

HOW MUCH DO THE PERFORMERS GET PAID?

Zero. They do not get paid, but their expenses and production costs are covered. Those production costs can range anywhere from a few hundred thousand dollars up to \$10 million. Because the Super Bowl reaches more than 100 million viewers, the opportunity to perform at the halftime show serves as a free commercial for headlining acts.

In the past, the NFL has tried to make celebrities pay in order to be in the half-time show. According to Billboard, the NFL asked Katy Perry to pay them in order to perform at the Super Bowl. Perry refused and said, "Look guys, here's where I draw a line in the sand."

Sources: newyork.com; heavy.com; billboard.com

BEYONCÉ ANNOUNCES FORD FIELD SHOW TO BENEFIT FLINT

Beyoncé's representatives announced Sunday night that she will perform at Ford Field in Detroit on May 29.

The show is part of a stadium tour the superstar announced at the tailsend of her Super Bowl appearance. Along with the announcement came word of Beyoncé's plans to support victims of Flint's water crisis.

Further details of the program will be disclosed at a later date.

GET READY FOR MORE OF THE SAME AT ACADEMY AWARDS

The annual Academy Awards, which typically attracts anywhere between 40 to 45 million viewers worldwide, provides another venue for superstars to share their views on social issues.

The Academy Awards will take place on Feb. 28 and will be aired on ABC.

Since the Oscars have already been fraught with controversy over lack of diversity in nominations, with some actors refusing to attend, viewers can likely expect more of the same as the Super Bowl during the Academy Awards ceremony.





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While owner Carol Schuler makes chocolate suckers, Lisa Lucido and Kate Lafever (right) assemble Valentine's Day gift boxes at Sweet Variations in Fenton on Wednesday.

Chocolate and Valentine's Day are lifelong lovers

■Couples often give gifts of chocolate as a symbol of love

By Sally Rummel

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Chocolate has always been cast as the symbol of seduction in movies, visually sharing its history as a love food. Passion for chocolate truly is rooted in history, when cocoa beans were as valuable a commodity as gold, according to the Smithsonian Institute.

That love affair between chocolate and consumers remains today, as Americans are expected to buy more than \$345 million in chocolate candy during Valentine's Day week.

It's one of the top three days for chocolate confections at Fun With Frosting in Fenton Township, third only to Easter and Christmas. "We'll sell a lot of heart-shaped cakes and 'love bugs,' "said owner Lindsay Block. "These are cupcake bodies with cookie feet and antennas."

She'll also be baking heart-shaped cookies that look like conversation hearts, as well as cashew caramel clusters and pecan turtles.

"This is our first year in the shop, so I'm not exactly sure what to expect," said Block.

This year, Lent also happens to hit right around the same time as Valentine's Day. Carol Schuler, owner of Sweet Variations in downtown Fenton, suggests maybe helping others during the Lenten season, as opposed to giving something up, such as sweets.

On Wednesday, mostly men were in the shop, hand-picking pieces for heart-shaped gift boxes, something that Schuler said has recently come back in style. Bulk candy is also up, and Schuler has just released a new 75-percent dark chocolate item.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO Items like gift boxes are always popular gifts for Valentine's Day.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO A customer selects individual pieces for a Valentine's Day gift box on Thursday at Sweet Variations in Fenton.

Interesting facts about chocolate and Valentine's Day:

- Richard Cadbury began selling chocolates in heart-shaped boxes in 1861.
- Americans will purchase about 58 million pounds of chocolate leading up to Feb. 14.
- 35 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolates are sold each Valentine's
- Éight billion conversation hearts are sold between Feb. 1 and 14.

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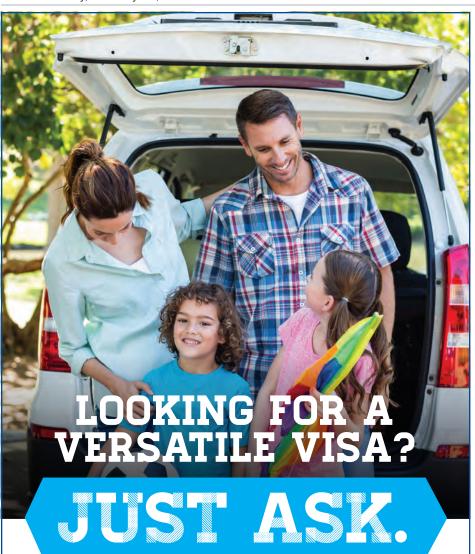
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Police&Fire report

MISSING PERSON

Timothy Ward was last seen on Sunday, Jan. 31, according to an alert issued by the Michigan State Police. Ward resides at the Rose



Timothy Ward

Hill Residential Treatment Center in Holly Township. He suffers from schizophrenia and has been off his medication since approximately

Jan. 20. He previously resided with family in the Canton area and may be attempting to travel home. A search of the Rose Hill grounds by MSP and canine units did not locate Ward. The MSP requests that anyone who may have information or came upon Ward to contact the Metro Post at (248) 584-5740.

TAXES WERE ALREADY FILED?

On Feb. 10, a 44-year-old Fenton man filed a fraud complaint with Fenton police. Lt. Jason Slater said the man filed his taxes online on Feb. 9. On Feb. 10, the man received an email from the online tax company informing him that someone else had already filed taxes with his Social Security number. The man filed a complaint with the IRS and the case remains under investigation.

ROAD RAGE, CHARGES PENDING

At 6:27 p.m. on Feb. 7, Fenton police responded to the area of LeRoy and Main for two men fighting in the street. Lt. Jason Slater said it was a case of road rage involving a 39-year-old Fenton man and a 22-year-old Plymouth man. The Fenton man was a passenger in a car being driven by his girlfriend. They were traveling southbound on LeRoy. The Plymouth man apparently did not like how slowly the Fenton car was traveling and yelled profanities to them as he passed their vehicle. The two vehicles were stopped by a passing train and the two men eventually exited their cars, shouting profanities and exchanging physical blows. Police observed minor injuries on both men. Statements given by the men and witnesses indicated discrepancies in their stories. The case will be turned over to the prosecutor's office for determination of charges.

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Times

What happened to kids like 'Chunk' and 'Ralphie'

■Young actors in popular movies look surprisingly different today

By Vera Hogan

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BRUCE BOGTROTTER

Actor Jimmy Karz, who is now 31 years old, played the part of Bruce Bogtrotter in the 1996 movie, "Matilda." The film tells the story of Matilda Wormwood, a gifted girl forced to put up with a crude, distant parents, and an evil principal at school. During one scene during a school assembly, the principal demands to know if Bruce ate a piece of a chocolate cake made especially for her. His famous line, "Well, it's hard for me to remember a specific cake."





RALPHIE PARKER

Peter Billingsley, 44, is an actor, director and producer. He played the part of Ralphie Parker in the 1983 movie, "A Christmas Story." Ralphie always wanted an official Red Ryder, carbine action, 200-shot range model air rifle. His mother refused, saying, "No, you'll shoot your eye out."





LAWRENCE 'CHUNK' COHEN

Jeff Cohen, 41, an entertainment attorney in Los Angeles, played the part of "Chunk" in the 1985 movie, "The Goonies." His famous words were, "Hey, mister (to Sloth, a bigheaded, droopy eyed, monster-like character)? Are you hungry? I got a Baby Ruth."





VERN TESSIO

Jerry O'Connell, who will be 42 on Feb. 17, played the part of chubby Vern Tessio in the 1986 movie, "Stand By Me." Vern is known for digging like a prairie dog in search of his pot of pennies and loved cherry-flavored Pez. Today, he is still an actor, and has recently enrolled in law school in Los Angeles.





KEVIN McCALISTER

Macaulay Culkin played the part of Kevin McCallister in two Home Alone movies; "Home Alone" (1990), and "Home Alone 2 Lost in New York City (1992). Today, at 35, Culkin is an actor and musician. Kevin is remembered for lines like "A lovely cheese pizza, just for me," and "Nice night for a neck injury."



WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS VOTED ON RECENTLY

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Senate Bill 136: Flint water contamination response — rebate water bills.

To appropriate \$30 million from state revenue (not federal) to provide water bill refunds to Flint households that were paying for contaminated water.

Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

Senate Bill 673: Extend tax breaks for local developers program

To extend through 2026 the authority of local governments to grant "Obsolete Property Rehabilitation" property tax breaks to particular developers they select. Under current law, this expires at the end of 2016. Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

X YES

X YES

X YES

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

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X YES

Senate Bill 501: Require alien drivers to have visa or passport

while driving
To require resident aliens who drive
a vehicle in Michigan to have both a
valid driver's license issued by their
native land and a passport or valid
visa. Current law only requires a valid
driver's license. (A legal alien can also
get a Michigan drivers license.)

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)

➤ YES

House Bill 4583: Authorize interstate medical licensure compact

To authorize Michigan's participation in an interstate medical licensure compact that would establish "a streamlined process that allows physicians to become licensed in multiple states." Among other things, this would make it easier for residents to access innovative "telemedicine" health care delivery services.

Passed 103 to 3 in the House
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)

X YES
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Twp.)

X YES

House Bill 5023: Establish more "dark sky preserves"

To designate the Rockport State Recreation Area, Negwegon State Park, and Thompson's Harbor State Park as "dark sky preserves," which means state authorities must restrict outdoor lighting to only that needed for safety, security or reasonable use and enjoyment.

Passed 88 to 18 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)
X YES
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Twp.)
X YES

WATER

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billion of lead (tested in 2013), and the city of Fenton shows 1.4 parts per billion of lead (tested in 2014).

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) considers 15 parts per billion the level when action to remove lead is required.

The highest level of lead found in a city of Flint home registered at about 13,000 parts per billion. The EPA considers 5,000 parts per billion "toxic waste."

According to Dan Czarnecki, director of Fenton's Department of Public Works, a water quality report is sent to residents each year in July.

"You can see that 90 percent of the homes we tested for lead were equal to or under 1.4 ppb, well below the 15 ppb action level," he said. "We had no homes tested that were above the lead action level."

According to the city of Fenton's 2014 Water Quality Report, "... Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing.

"The city of Fenton is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) considers 15 parts per billion the level when action to remove lead is required.

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"When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your taps for 30 seconds to two minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested."

For more information on safe drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure, visit epa.gov/safewater/lead.

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MUSEUM

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The roof is good, but some of the windows have issues. There is also a leak in the plumbing. Doan said they are working toward identifying the source of the leak, which ultimately will result in a repair and lower water/ sewer bills.

The electrical system in the building also needs work. "We are going to have Consumers Energy come out and conduct an energy review to determine where money can be saved," said Doan.

Museum Board members are currently getting estimates on the needed repairs. Once they know what kind of money they will need, they will compare that to a budget and possibly seek alternate funding sources. Plans for the future

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Additionally, the board members are brainstorming ways to attract more attention and bring more people to the museum.

One activity they are working toward is choosing a theme for each month. According to Doan, the theme could be local military memorabilia, school sports or notable Fenton founders, dor example.

Each month, all of the documents, artifacts and other memorabilia related to that theme would be displayed at the front of the museum. The displays will be very attractive thanks to the generosity of Chip Beltinck, owner of Sawyer Jewelers, who donated two 7-foot-tall, 6-foot-wide display cases, from the jewelry store formerly located on Adelaide Street.

Although the museum is open to the public from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sundays, it can be opened at any time by appointment. Several local school classes and Scouts tour the museum during field trips.

The Fentons are coming!

One of Fenton's founding fathers, William Fenton, for whom the town is named, still has many descendents living in different areas. This summer, the Fenton family will hold its family reunion in the city of Fenton. There are about 16 or 17 of them so far, said Cemetery Board Chairman Doug Tebo. The family plans on being in town for the Fourth of July parade and all of the festivities. More ideas are being bounced around for their visit, Tebo said. More details will be coming as plans are confirmed.



America's first paved street has Fenton connection

By Vera Hogan

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Did you know that at one time there were two cement plants in Fenton?

The Aetna Portland Cement Plant was located at the southwest shore of Lake Ponemah. It manufactured cement from 1912 to when it closed in 1936.

The Egyptian Portland Cement Plant was located at the north shore of Silver Lake Road. Built in 1900, it began manufacturing cement in the summer of 1903 and closed in 1920.

Not too exciting you say? It is when you learn that in 1909, Woodward Avenue in Detroit saw the first mile of concrete roadway in America.

The new concrete was installed on Woodward, between 6 and 7 Mile roads.

According to Leo Doan of the Fenton Historical Society and chairman of the Fenton Museum Board, the cement for that historic first mile of paved roadway came from the Fenton cement companies.





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Lamarr Dukes' defense attorney Gwendolyn Gordon listens to witness testimony Wednesday.

SHOOTING

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The alleged incident occurred on Oct. 27, 2015, over a series of Instagram posts, direct messages and text messages, which suggested there might be a shooting at the school perpetrated by the three teens.

At the time, Argentine Township Police handled the case and called in the FBI for assistance.

Wednesday was the first time details of what was said that constituted a threat, were made public. Neither Brewer nor Dukes could be photographed, as they are still minors.

The facts of the case were revealed as Genesee County Assistant Prosecutor David Guinn presented witnesses, starting with the alleged victim of violent threats, which she said were made by Dukes and also Stevens and Brewer.

The entire incident stemmed from an insulting Instagram post made by Stevens about the 17-year-old witness, who also could not be photographed. When she heard about the post, she retaliated against Stevens online, and an online feud between the three suspects



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELOGenesee County Assistant Prosecutor David Guinn questions a witness.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELOFBI Special Agent Henrik Impolatestifies in court Wednesday afternoon. Impola helped coordinate the initial investigation of the alleged shooting plot.

and the alleged victim ensued.

The fight escalated to the point where the witness said that Dukes threatened her in a way that made her feel unsafe and afraid to go home after school. It was the physical threats from Dukes that made her report the incident to the Linden High School liaison officer, who works with the Argentine Township Police Department.

The witness said that she first felt threatened by Dukes. She testified that he allegedly asked her to "call him out" instead of calling out Stevens — "Please say some silly s--- so I can explain to the police why your decapitated head is sitting on my dresser."

She said the threats continued. The witness testified that Dukes said he would "rape me and make my boyfriend watch," and hopes that she overdoses, kills herself and other more graphic threats that she read during school. Brewer hinted that he could "hit a woman." The witness said, "I felt threatened, I was scared to go home."



Brewer, during the feud, allegedly asked the witness where she was. The witness said she was in school, which is when the school threats began, from Stevens and Brewer on Instagram.

Steven allegedly said in a message, "school shooting in 5, 4, 3, 2, 1," while Brewer posted a stock image of children around a fire with the caption, "summoning the demon of a school shooter."

The witness took all of this information to the school liaison officer. In court, she said she didn't think the school threat was real.

On redirect, Dukes' attorney raised the point that the witness didn't know Dukes directly, and that his Instagram handle, "thugnasty_666" didn't directly link to the teen.

Messages related to a school shooting allegedly came around 1 p.m. that day.

FBI Special Agent Henrik Impola was a witness for the prosecution. He described texts between the three suspects that made investigators take the plot very seriously, including photos sent by phone, of Brewer and Dukes with guns.

The three teens were located and questioned about the texts, photos and Instagram posts on Oct. 29, 2015. Stevens, Brewer and Dukes were eventually read their Miranda Rights and arrested. Since their arrest, Stevens has been lodged at the Genesee County Jail, and Brewer and Dukes have been lodged at the Regional Detention Center.

The preliminary exam ran from 11 a.m. to nearly 5 p.m. on Wednesday. All three defense attorneys requested a reduction in bail, and/or that the three teens be remanded to custody at home with a tether, which Judge Goggins denied.

The next court hearing is set for Feb. 24 at 10 a.m.

COLUMNIST

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2009, and on eight MLive sites statewide, from 2009 to 2016. He announced his departure from MLive last month.

Heller has won 20 awards for excellence from the Michigan Associated Press, the Michigan Press Association, the Detroit Press Club and the National Society of Newspaper columnists.

Heller, who was raised in Escanaba, wrote his first column for his hometown newspaper, the Escanaba Daily Press in 1979. He wrote columns and did editorial cartoons for CM Life at Central Michigan University from 1980 to 1983. In 1987, he began writing an occasional column for the Saginaw News, which soon became a regular column.

He also is the author of three books, with another in the works. All of the books represent columns culled from the vast and varied stable of past columns.

Heller's column will replace "If I Were King" by Foster Childs on the editorial page of our Sunday weekend editions.

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Blue Devils sweep two road games

By David Troppens

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The Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team's offense was struggling.

The Blue Devils had scored just 18 first-half points. They needed to find their offense in the second

They found it. The Blue Devils scored 37 secondhalf points, including 24 in the third quarter, leading the Blue Devils to a 55-52 victory against Clio on Tuesday. The squad made it a sweep for the week, defeating Genesee Christian 51-43 on Thursday as well.

Against Clio, Lake Fenton (12-2) trailed 32-18 entering halftime, but cut

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LF wrestlers win sixth straight district crown

■Squad travels to Ithaca regional on Wednesday

By David Troppens

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Perry — It was complete domination, but there wasn't too much celebrating going on.

Sure there was the obligatory team trophy shot, but that was more for the excited parents, not the wrestlers themselves.

Yes, the Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team won its sixth straight D3 team district title at Perry High School on Thursday. Yes, it was nice to advance. But, the second-ranked Blue Devils have much higher goals than a district crown, and their attitudes reflected that on Thursday night.

However, it was the first step. Lake Fenton earned a spot in the D3 Ithaca Team Regional on Wednesday by defeating Perry, 56-16 and Williamston, 56-13, by convincing margins, proving why the Blue Devils are the second-ranked team in D3.

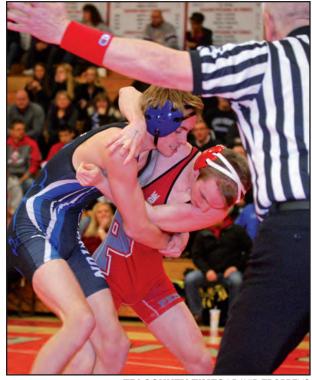
The Blue Devils were pleased with their performance.

"We are getting there. We want to see how far we can go and want to keep on rolling," Hunter Corcoran said. "Everyone needs to keep up this pace. We have a great chance to win it this year. It's already been a fun year. These kids are so committed and pumped. We want to go to states and win it this year. That's our goal."

"I thought we wrestled well," Trent Hillger said. "Obviously, we need to improve to do well at team states and all of that. We just have to keep on improving. We'll have tougher teams with Lakewood and Corunna (at regionals) but we just have to keep improving because we'll have the powerhouses like Richmond and Dundee eventually. I thought we wrestled well for our first postseason match."

The Blue Devils opened with an easy victory against Perry. Ryan Franks (215) opened the match with a pinfall win in 28 seconds and Lake

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Lake Fenton's Saben Spangler (left) works on trying to take down a foe during the Blue Devils' team district championship match Thursday night.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES I MARK BOLEN Holly's Austin Harless (right) drives during a past game against Flushing. The Bronchos dropped out of first place with a 56-54 loss to Flushing on Tuesday.

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Bronchos fall out of first, loses to Flushing

■ Holly will need help in order to capture league crown

By David Troppens

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Flushing — The Holly varsity boys basketball team picked the wrong moment to have an off night.

In a game between the two teams tied for first place in the Metro League, the Bronchos fouled out two key starters, netted just 50 percent of its free throws (11-for-22), scored just one field goal in the second quarter and also turned the ball over seven times in the first quarter resulting in what was a 56-54 loss to first-place Flushing at Flushing High School on Tuesday night.

Tied at 54-all, Flushing's Logan Plude hit a putback shot with four seconds left, giving the Raiders a 56-54 lead. The Bronchos' Kyle Woodruff had a desperation three-point shot from about half court at the buzzer, but his show didn't go in, giving the Raiders the pivotal Tooley said. home victory.

The loss means Holly (9-2, 11-3) will need help if the Bronchos want to win their third straight Metro League crown. Flushing (10-1, 12-2) leads the Bronchos by a game with both teams having just three league contests remaining and none between each other.

"We had one of our worst offensive games of the year," Holly varsity boys basketball coach Lance Baylis said. "We had the shots. We had the looks. At the free-throw line there is no one guarding you ... and we missed 11 free throws. You can't do that."

The missed free throws, which also included two misses on the front ends of one-and-the-bonus chances, was the biggest thought on the Bronchos' minds after the loss.

"There probably were a couple of jitters. It was a big game and a few guys are not used to the spotlight," senior Adam

"But we have to knock them down. That's what we have to do. We just didn't

The loss was a bit more surprising considering what the Bronchos did to Flushing on Jan. 22 at Holly's home gym. The Bronchos crushed the Raiders 72-42 in a game that wasn't even as close as the distant 30-point margin would suggest. In that contest the Bronchos were patient in their halfcourt against Flushing's zone defense, usually resulting in a great open look offensively.

Flushing still played that zone, but seemed to push it closer to the threepoint arc and seemed to get out to the perimeter quicker than they did about three weeks ago. The results were Holly turning the ball over 15 times, including seven times in the first quarter and not hitting their shots as efficiently as they

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Eagles, Bronchos fall to Goodrich in team district meet

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Goodrich proved pretty tough for two area Division 2 wrestling squads in Holly team district action on Thursday.

The Martians defeated Linden 52-19 in the semifinals, and then beat the Holly Bronchos 50-16 in the finals. Holly defeated the Fenton Tigers 54-17 in the Bronchos' opening round match.

"It was a tough night for the Flint Metro League," Holly wrestling coach Don Pluta said. "Goodrich is tough. We were (189), Aaron Steedman (215) and Jaylin outmatched."

Holly had four double-winners during the night. They were Mitch Nelson (125), Cade Dallwitz (171), Collin Dallwitz (215) and Jimmy Gray (285).

Holly finished 22-9. The Bronchos won just five matches last year.

Linden had many key injuries impact its chances of winning a district crown. Four Eagles won their matches. They were Mitchell Kerr (145), Cade Dickson

Steedman (285). Kerr won by pinfall. Luke ZImmerman, Patrick Kerr, Stojan Prusac and Skyler Stites were out with injuries.

Linden capped its season with a healthy 25-7 record, the third-best team record in Linden history.

Fenton had four wrestlers win matches against the Bronchos. They were Mario Ramirez (112), Jake Church (140), Jacob Kinser (145) and Will Galvin (160).

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Lady Tigers fall to Carman-Ainsworth, 53-33

By David Troppens

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One thing can be said about the Fenton varsity girls basketball team's losses this season.

All of them have come against very

The Tigers lost only their fifth game of the season, and did so against another tough competitor on Tuesday. Fenton lost a 53-33 verdict on the road against Flint Carman-Ainsworth (11-4).

How tough has Fenton's foes been in losses? The Cavaliers' 11-4 record marks the second-worst slate of the five teams who have beaten the Tigers. Only Lapeer, who holds a nice 9-5 mark itself, had a weaker record. Overall, the teams that have beaten Fenton (10-5) hold a 53-16 overall mark.

Against Carman-Ainsworth, the Tigers started slow, falling behind 12-4 in the opening quarter. Fenton played better in the middle two quarters, but were unable to cut into the home squad's lead.

The Cavaliers' defense was solid, holding all but on Tiger to five or less points. Chloe Idoni finished with a teamhigh 13 points for Fenton, while Tiffin University-bound Sarah Cummings was held to just five points.

"We did not play with a lot of intensity and that is concerning," Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Becki Moore said. We need to put this one behind us nd get back to work today."

Carman-Ainsworth point guard Randi Richardson finished with 20 points.



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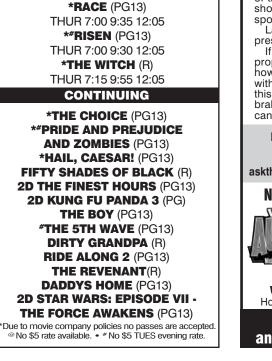
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Holly's Smith headed to Lawrence Tech

By David Troppens

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Holly — Kaitlyn Smith has had the goal of playing college basketball ever since she first put on her Holly varsity girls basketball uniform as a freshman.

Now, almost four years later, the No. 1 scorer in Holly girls basketball history completed her goal Feb 4, signing with Lawrence Tech as a new member of the Blue Devils' nationally ranked women's basketball program.

'It means a lot," Smith said. "It's a big relief to make the decision. During my freshman year I got pretty serious about it."

Lawrence Tech's fourth-year head coach Mary Pinkowski is excited to be getting Smith as well.

"I'm excited about her personality," Pinkowski said. "I think she will be a great asset to our program. Obviously, her playing ability is important but with our program we think it takes a unique person who can take the mental and physical regiment of our academic and athletic programs. They are going to be challenged ... and it's going to take an incredibly strong-minded individual to succeed."

The Blue Devils are only in their fourth season, yet Pinkowski has the program at 18-2 overall, in first place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and ranked in the nation in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). Smith said it was between Lawrence Tech and Alma College.

"I loved Lawrence Tech and the atmosphere going there," Smith said. "There is a lot of great students and they get along with their coaches really well, so it was an easy decision for me."

Smith will likely play in a shooting guard position, but could move anywhere from a point guard to a small forward position. Holly varsity girls basketball coach David Hall thinks Lawrence Tech is a great fit for Smith.



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Holly's Kaitlyn Smith (right) will continue her basketball career at Lawrence Tech in the fall. Smith is Holly's all-time career scoring leader.

"They are one of the best teams in their league. They are only in the fourth year of their program but they already have made steps to be in the top third of their league and now they are at the top," Hall said. "She gets to be a part of that, be a contributor and help get her education supplemented."

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did during the first meeting.

Meanwhile, Flushing opened the contest super hot, netting five treys in the opening period alone. Flushing entered the second quarter leading 20-17. In the second period, the Bronchos forced Flushing into many fouls creating nine free-throw attempts by Holly during the eight minutes. They were needed considering the Holly hit on just 1-of-12 shots from the field during the stanza. However, Holly also hit on just 4-of-9 free throws, enabling Flushing to take a 31-24 halftime lead.

The Raiders spent most of the third quarter on the verge of blowing out Holly. Flushing scored the third-quarter's first five points, pushing its lead to 36-24. Holly still trailed 46-35 with 1:20 left in the period when Flushing's Joe Kujat hit a long two-point shot. However, from that point on, the Bronchos' defense stiffened, not allowing another field goal until Plude's game-winning shot. It was a game-winning attempt that came after two previous shots were missed during the same possession.

Holly quickly got back into the contest with a three-pointer and a breaking layup by Ian Hodges. Holly trailed 46-40 entering the fourth. Holly never had the lead in the fourth, but did tie it on a putback layin and a converted free throw by Austin Harless with 20.5 seconds left. However, Plude's game-winning shot followed by Flushing's next possession. Harless finished with nine points, six during the fourth quarter, and seven rebounds. His production was direly needed considering the Bronchos' top scorer, Ian Hodges, fouled out with 5:31 left in the game. Then with 2:44 remaining, Tooley also fouled out.

"The ball was going in my hands tonight and that last play was just there, so I put it up," Harless said about his tying hoop. But we were two points short."

"Austin Harless was a real spark for us. He played his best game of his entire life from what I saw," Tooley said. "We just couldn't hit a shot. Our defense is what kept us in it. We kept fighting but it didn't work."

Hodges still finished with 16 points despite missing most of the second half due to foul trouble. Tooley netted 12 points, while Kyle Woodruff and Paris Partee had eight points each. Plude scored 20 points, including the gamewinning bucket for Flushing.

the gap to just 45-42 entering the final period. In the fourth Lake Fenton took over. "We played extremely well in the third quarter. Everyone did a great job offensively taking care of the basketball and finding guys for great shots," Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Jake Erway said. "Defensively, we played well enough to win in the fourth quarter."

DEVILS

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Chris Bell had a team-high 10 assists, including collecting eight of those during the vital 24-point third quarter. He also had 10 points, seven rebounds and two assists. Jalen Miller led the Blue Devils with 11 points and six rebounds. Andrew Foerster had nine points and nine boards. Isaac Golson had seven points, four steals and three assists.

Against Genesee Christian, Miller led the squad with 16 points, while Foerster had 14 points and 10 rebounds. Jonathan Sanders had eight points. Bell had nine assists, seven rebounds and five points.

"Jon Sanders was big for us tonight," Erway said. "He gave us a much needed lift."

Lake Fenton hosts Linden on Tuesday.

"It will be nice getting back home against Linden on Tuesday," Erway said. "It's been a solid month since we've been home and our guys are looking forward to playing on our own court again."



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Lake Fenton celebrates with its Division 3 team district trophy moments after earning it at Perry High School on Thursday.

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Fenton never trailed. The Blue Devils did lead just 12-7 after four matches, but Jarrett Trombley's (119) forfeit victory started a run of six straight Lake Fenton wins. Saben Spangler (130) was the only other Lake Fenton wrestler to win a pinfall match. The others who won matches on the mat were Corcoran (125) and Jared Hatherill (160). Hillger (285), Devan Melick (135), Jackson Nevadomski (140), Brenden Carr (145) and Kyle Sanders (171) won matches by forfeit.

Against Williamston, Hillger (285) opened the match in a battle of defending individual state champions by crushing Maddox Maki by pinfall in just 1:17. From there, the Blue Devils never slowed down, winning all but three of the 14 matches.

"I just had to be super-aggressive," Hillger said about his victory against Maki. "Most heavyweights want to keep it

at a one-point match. I don't like wrestling like that. I like getting it over as soon as possible, moving around, and that's what I did. That's how I ended up beating him."

Melick (135), Nevadomski (140), Hatherill (160) and Leo Shustock (189) also had pinfall victories, while Corcoran (125) recorded a technical fall win. Hunter Hypio (112), Keinan Hagenstein (152) and Kyle Sanders (171) had decision victories, while Trombley (119) had a forfeit victory.

Lake Fenton varsity coach Vance Corcoran has never lost a team district in his career with the Blue Devils.

"We don't look to just win districts, so this is kind of like just another meet for us," Corcoran said. "We are expected to win it and we expect to win it every single year. We have the same expectations for the regional title next week. It's just a special team where everywhere we go we expect to do well and expect to win."

PREP REPORT

BOYS BASKETBALL

► Linden freshmen 52, Brandon 50: Travis Klocek and Max James scored 14 points each for the Eagles. All 10 Linden players scored in the victory.

COMPETITIVE CHEER

► Metro League Meet: The Metro League's regular season was completed with the final meet held at Clio on Wednesday. The Fenton Tigers finished fifth, while Linden was sixth and Holly was seventh. Brandon won the meet with 759.48 points during the three rounds. Fenton finished with a 720.28 score, while Linden and Holly recorded team scores of 708.28 and 696.96, respectively

Fenton finished in fifth in the overall standings, while Linden was sixth and Holly was seventh.

GIRLS BOWLING

- ► Fenton def Brandon: Angela Hanners bowled a 209-148-357 series, helping lead the Tigers to the victory. Molly Beck also had a 160-146-306
- ► Holly def. Linden: Madisyn Fultz bowled a 156-163-319 series, leading the Bronchos to the victory against Linden. The squad also combined to bowl a 162 baker game. Linden was led by Molly Churches who had the best series in the match — a 187-164-351 performance

BOYS BOWLING

► Holly def. Linden: Braden Wilson bowled a 210-190-400 series, leading Holly to the win. Many bowlers had strong showings during the event. Hunter Wilson had a 215 game, while Eddie Sanner bowled a 214 contest. The squad also combined to bowl a

222 baker game.

Linden was led by Trevor Sundrla's 185-204-389 series

▶ Brandon def. Fenton: John Cryderman had a 161-231-392 series and the squad teamed for a 212 baker game, but the Tigers lost a tough meet against the Blackhawks. Alex Keith had a 226 game for Fenton.

SWIMMING

► AGS Middle School 82, Carman-Ainsworth 58: Logan Harrison, Abigail Dolliver and Joel Diccion won two individual events each, leading AGS to the win.

Diccion won the 100 individual medley (1:14.76) and the 50 backstroke (32.59) while Harrison won the 200 freestyle (2:39.33) and the 50 butterfly (33.51). Dolliver's individual wins came in the 100 freestyle (1:09.14) and the 50 breaststroke (38.10). Fenton's other individual first was recorded by diver Kaitlin Gruber (90.85).

Two relays took firsts. The 200 med-ley relay of Catherine Avery Haynes, Dolliver, Malloried Johnson and Diccion won (2:13.39) as did the 200 freestyle relay team of Lauren Andrada, Taylor Addison, Anthony Barnett and Harrison (2:40.76)

GYMNASTICS

▶ Port Huron 140.775, LFLF 138.125: The LFLF gymnastics team lost its first meet of the season, but still had some highlights. Blake Hutchings had her best beam performance (9.45), while Sabra Robinson had a personal best on the beam as well (9.05). Megan Losey had a 8.725 on the vault and Carly Kozlowski recorded a 8.625 on the vault, both personal-bests.

St. Mary's welcomes new priest

■ New Father aims to spread the 'hidden gem' of Orthodox Christian faith

By Hannah Ball

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St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church in Fenton will have a new priest starting in March, and he hopes to share the Orthodox Christian faith with the Fenton community.

Father Gabriel Bilas, who recently graduated from St. Tikhon Orthodox Theology Post Seminary in Ohio, had never been to Fenton before he was assigned this position.

"It looks like a wonderful town to raise a family in," he said. "One of the things I am looking forward to is the chance to show a young and vibrant community the peace, beauty, and grace that the Orthodox Church has to offer them."

Rebecca Lazar, church president of St. Mary's, said the parish is very excited for the new priest.

"I can already tell he has a lot of energy and a lot of ideas and he just can't wait to get here," she said. "We're a small parish but there's always room to grow and hopefully he's the right person to help us grow."

Bilas will soon move to Linden with his wife, Laura, and two children, Lucy and Noah.

"One of the attractions for me is the amount of children and young people that make up the parish population," he said, adding that he is excited for Lucy



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SUBMITTED PHOTO Father Gabriel Bilas leads a sermon at St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church. He has met with the parish twice.

Bilas said there is much work to be done within the Orthodox Christian community.

"I will be relying heavily on our Lord, and also my new-found parish family, to lift me up when there are difficulties, and to celebrate with me during times of joy," he said. "It has long been said that the Orthodox Christian faith is a hidden gem in this country. It is my hope and prayer to let the secret out to the faithful of the Fenton area."

State Sen. Dave Robertson will stop by St. Mary's on March 25 to meet the new priest.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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I'D LIKE TO dedicate a song to Hillary Clinton. It's 'You Can't Hide Those Lying Eyes' and a song for Bernie Sanders: 'Back in the USSR.'

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to posterior teeth. Sealants are usually placed on children's teeth but I've placed them on adult teeth as well. Some teeth develop in such a way that they have very deep and prominent pits and fissures on the occlusal (biting) surface. These are good candidates for sealants. The deep pits and fissures can trap plaque and food debris and sometimes so deep that they are virtually impossible to keep clean. This accumulated plaque and debris can lead to decay of the teeth in those areas. Once decayed, the teeth need to be filled. As a preventive measure, dental sealants are placed. The sealant material is a fluid and readily flows into these deep pit and fissure areas. This literally seals out plaque and food debris preventing it's accumulation in the pit and fissures and subsequent decay formation. The process is very easy for a child. There's no drilling or anesthesia required. The surface of the tooth is prepared for bonding and then the sealant material "painted on" then hardened with use of a curing light. Once in place, a dental sealant should last for years. The sealant will protect against decay formation as the child passes through the cavity prone years and into adulthood

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After 45 years, Fenton township attorney retires

■ Search for the new legal counsel begins

By Hannah Ball

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The longtime Fenton Township attorney announced his plans to retire from law and serving the township at the Feb. 8 board meeting.

Richard Cooley, 80, who's been the Fenton Township attorney for 45 years, announced his plans for retirement in a letter to Supervisor Bonnie Mathis, which was presented at the meeting.

Cooley said, "I have decided to retire from practicing law, and this requires that I retire as Fenton Township attorney.

"As you know, I have very much enjoyed doing the township's legal work and thank you and the board for the privilege of serving the township for these many years."

"Fenton Township has quality residents. As a result, the quality of the board members is

very high, really top quality people," he said. "I enjoy very much my interactions with those folks. I was never treated as an outsider. I was always treated as one

of the team."

He said he will miss practicing law and it has never felt like work to him.

"I have loved being a lawyer and practicing law but my wife says it's just

time. Eighty years old is time enough," he said. "I've enjoyed it so much."

Cooley has also served as the assistant prosecuting attorney, special assistant to the attorney general and president of the Genesee County Bar Association. After practicing law in Genesee County for 55 years, Cooley will finish serving as

attorney when a new one is appointed.

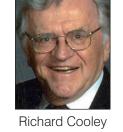
He is a graduate of Fenton High School, Albion College and Duke University Law School. "I have always been grateful to

> my Fenton High School classmates and teachers who became my clients, as well as my friends at Fenton Township," Cooley said.

> "My wife and I have no special plans for the future except to do more skiing in the winter, sailing in the summer, travel, and spend more time

with our children and grandchildren."

Fenton Township has started the search for a new attorney, and Cooley said he will most likely assist in the process.



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Richard Cooley

Fenton Township attorney's letter to Fenton

Township Supervisor Bonnie Mathis

HOT LINE CONTINUED

CONGRATULATIONS TO MAYOR

Lossing on the retirement from public office. Thank you for all that you have done.

IN REGARD TO the comment regarding the VA, I totally disagree. My PC doctor is very good. The service I receive for tests and procedures in Ann Arbor is great, friendly and professional. Prescriptions are \$6 for three months.

THERE IS NO such thing as a real estate transaction tax. I checked four fact-checking sites, some of which claim it is false. Stop making things up to promote your agenda.

NOW THAT THE administrators have been trained in an active-shooter situation, are they going to pass down their knowledge to the rest of the employees, including support staff?

I'M SURE HILLARY Clinton is a liar. All politicians are. If you think your favorite is not, you're naive. In fact sites like politifact show when they are lying, which for Trump and Cruz, seems to be whenever their mouth is open.

WHEN MY OLDEST went to AGS, they always had the doors open long before 7 a.m.

THE SOCIALISTS WHO believe that government should provide everything should remember what government gave the people of Flint. In the last century, socialist governments killed millions of their own citizens. George Washington warned, 'government is like fire, a dangerous servant and a fearful master.'

TO THE COMPLETE idiot who wished for an Obama third term, please leave this country immediately. He has done more harm than all others combined, lied about everything and the 5-percent unemployment rate is his biggest lie yet. Keep your head buried and, if you stay here, please do not vote.

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at this week IN NATIONAL HISTORY

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FEBRUARY 14

278 A.D.: Valentine, a holy priest in Rome in the days of Emperor Claudius II, was executed. Under the rule of Claudius the Cruel, Rome was involved in many unpopular and bloody campaigns. Claudius believed that Roman men were unwilling to join the army because of their strong attachment to their wives and families. To get rid of the problem, Claudius banned all marriages and engagements in Rome. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

FEBRUARY 15

1903: Toy store owner and inventor Morris Michtom places two stuffed bears in his shop window, advertising them as Teddy bears. Michtom had earlier petitioned President Theodore Roosevelt for permission to use his nickname, Teddy. The president agreed and, before long, stuffed bears soon became a national childhood institution.

FEBRUARY 16

1923: In Thebes, Egypt, English archaeologist Howard Carter enters the sealed burial chamber of the ancient Egyptian ruler King Tutankhamen. When Carter arrived in Egypt in 1891, he became convinced there was at least one undiscovered tomb, that of the little known Tutankhamen, or King Tut, who lived around 1400 B.C. and died when he was still a teenager. In November 1922, Carter's team found steps hidden in the debris near the entrance of another tomb. The steps led to an ancient sealed doorway bearing the name Tutankhamen. When Carter and others entered the tomb's interior chambers, they were thrilled to find it virtually intact, with its treasures untouched after more than 3,000 years.

events Calendar of

Free showing of 'Meet the Patels'

The Fenton Film Series announces



the free film for February. Mark your calendars for **Wednesday**, **Feb. 17** to attend the showing of the hilariously funny, award winning, free film at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center. Free refreshments

start at 6 p.m. and the movie will begin at 7 p.m. "Meet the Patels" is a laugh-out-loud real life romantic comedy about Ravi Patel, an almost 30-year-old Indian-American who enters a love triangle.

Tyrone Historical Society

Tyrone Historical Society is hosting its next meeting on **Monday, March 21.** A potluck dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. The program will be "Stained Glass Windows of Hartland." The event will be held at 10408 Center Rd., Fenton. Everyone is welcome to attend.

FEBRUARY 17

1972: The 15,007,034th Volkswagen Beetle comes off the assembly line, breaking a world car production record held for more than four decades by the Ford Motor Company's iconic Model T, which was in production from 1908 and 1927. In 1938, work began on the Volkswagen factory in present-day Wolfsburg, Germany, however, fullscale vehicle production didn't begin until after World War II. In the 1950s, the Volkswagen arrived in the U.S., where the initial reception was tepid, due in part to the car's historic Nazi connection as well as its small size and unusual rounded shape, which later led to it being dubbed the "Beetle."

FEBRUARY 18

1885: Mark Twain publishes his famous, controversial novel, "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn." Twain (whose pen name was Samuel Clemens) first introduced Huck Finn as the best friend of Tom Sawyer, hero of his tremendously successful novel "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer (1876)." Though Twain saw Huck's story as a kind of sequel to his earlier book, the new novel was far more serious, focusing on the institution of slavery and other aspects of life in the antebellum South

FEBRUARY 19

1934: On this day in 1934, the legendary comic actor and entertainer Bob Hope marries Dolores Reade in Erie, Pennsylvania. Their marriage would last until Hope's death 69 years later, making it by far one of Hollywood's most enduring unions. In 1933, Hope landed his first substantial role in a Broadway production, Jerome Kern's musical "Roberta." During its run, Hope met Dolores when she was performing at the Vogue Club. As they later told interviewers, it was love at first sight, and the couple married in February 1934.

FEBRUARY 20

1998: Tara Lipinski, 15, wins the gold medal in women's figure skating at the Olympic Winter Games in Nagano, Japan, and becomes the youngest gold medalist in her sport.





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