

# It's about time

■ Fenton Fire Hall owners will seek ways to fix the 1938 Seth Thomas clock

By Vera Hogan

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Some Fenton area folks have been wondering when the clock in the tower of the Fenton Fire Hall restaurant might be functional again.

According to Curt Catallo, who along with his wife Ann Stevenson and managing partner Erich Lines own Union Joints and the Fenton Fire Hall, restoring the clock is definitely

part of their long-term plan.

"We simply couldn't identify an artisan during our initial multimillion dollar investment," Catallo said. "I wish it was as easy as Googling 'clock tower repair' and checking the Angie's List ratings — it'd definitely be done by now."

"If there's anything that we've shown, I'd hope it's that we're in

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## The dogs in blue

■ Handlers' K-9 partners find drugs and chase suspects that officers can't

By Hannah Ball

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Years ago, officers of the Argentine Township Police Department were stumped one night trying to locate a lost Alzheimer's patient who had wandered from her house.

No one could find her. No human, that is.

Det. Doug Fulton had Dewey, his female police dog, join the search and after sniffing a piece of the missing woman's clothing, the dog located her in a nearby shed.

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## SUMMARY

■ Police dogs help law enforcement officers find drugs, bombs, and lost people. The trainers usually form close bonds with their dogs and often keep them after the dog retires.

## Furry friends make 'purr-fect' office pets

■ Abandoned cats enjoy loving home at Rose Township hall

By Vera Hogan

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Visitors to the Rose Township offices may notice a couple members of the staff walking around on all fours on any given day — or sleeping on the job under a desk or on a counter.

They would be "Holly" and "Rose," two cats adopted by personnel a couple of years ago and are now the beloved Rose Township office pets.

"They are wonderful companions and we love having them here with us," said Clerk Debbie Miller.

According to Miller, Holly was found at CVS in the village of Holly. It was October and the cat was thin and cold. Rose

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On Tuesday, Rose Township Treasurer Trish Lumley pets "Rose," one half of the feline duo that lives in the Rose Township hall. Rose was rescued in December 2013 and the other cat, "Holly," was rescued in October 2013. They live happily in the offices. Supplies and food are paid for by staff donations.

## Trial date set in child porn case



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Ryan Stevens, 18, of Linden listens as his attorney Marc Hart asks questions last week at a hearing in another case. Hart is representing Stevens in both cases.

■ Linden teen remains behind bars at county jail in lieu of posting \$105,000 bond

By Sharon Stone

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A jury trial date has been scheduled for July 12 beginning at 1:30 p.m. for Ryan Stevens.

Stevens, 18, of Linden is facing five felony counts regarding an alleged child pornography video he produced and distributed involving an underage female victim.

The alleged female victim, 14, was

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## Usewick faces multiple court appearances

■ Former Fenton Township man accused of federal bank fraud, conspiracy, and bond violations

By Vera Hogan

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While Edward Frank Usewick, 36, remains lodged in the Midland County Jail, Flint's U.S. District Court has scheduled several hearings and a jury trial.

Usewick, formerly of Fenton Township, was free on \$50,000 bond after

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“The fact that Trump leads in the polls does not mean that he is electable this fall. He is ahead only because the majority vote among Republicans has been split among so many other candidates. Marco Rubio will be elected in November.”



“A couple of years ago I read a book by Vince Flynn that was based on one of the political parties murdering two Supreme Court Justices in order to shift the court to their political leanings. Heart attack? Hmmm. Maybe, maybe not.”



“Why would anyone ever donate to Gofundme.com or any of those sites? This is what happens to society after years of welfare. Half of our population now lives off the efforts and sweat of the other half.”





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## Linden students, teacher recognized for patriotism

Each year Linden's VFW Post 4642 recognizes local students and educators for their leadership and patriotism.

Students from Linden Middle School and Linden High School were honored as post level winners of the annual essay contest, sponsored by the VFW. A Linden teacher was also recognized for her commitment to teaching patriotism.

The VFW Patriot's Pen essay contest is for middle school students and challenges them to reflect on American history and their own experiences based on a patriotic theme. This year's theme was, "What Freedom Means to Me." Linden Middle School nominated seven students for the post level award. Abigail Rankin, an eighth-grade student, was the 2015-2016 winner and will move on to the regional level. The first place national winner will receive \$5,000.

Linden High School nominated eight students for the VFW Voice of Democracy audio essay contest. This contest provides high school students the opportunity to explore democratic ideals and principles through an audio essay. Those students selected at the state level will have the opportunity to receive a \$30,000 scholarship and a trip to Washington, D.C. The local winner for 2015-2016 is Emily Williams, a senior



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Linden High School teacher Robyn Durant (left), students Emily Williams and Abigail Rankin pose with their awards from the Linden VFW Post 4642.

at Linden High School. She will move on to the regional level of the Voice of Democracy contest.

Linden's VFW Post 4642 also recognizes one exceptional teacher for their outstanding commitment to teach Americanism and instill patriotism in their students. They would like to congratulate this year's Teacher of the Year award recipient, Robyn Durant. She has been a teacher at Linden High School for the past 10 years and is admired and respected by her students, parents, and peers.

## Court date pushed back in child abuse case

■ Linden couple will appear in court May 2

**By Hannah Ball**

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The Linden couple facing second-degree felony degree child abuse charges have a new court date.

Eric and Angela Corcoran, both 43, who have been charged with mentally and emotionally abusing their 16-year-old adopted son, will appear in court May 2. They are currently being held in Livingston County Jail.

Child Protective Services investigations found that the abuse began in 2012 and continued until February of 2015.

Court documents allege that the boy was kept in the basement and meals were left for him on the steps. Both parents admitted to Child Protective Services to keeping the basement door locked and he had to use a camping toilet in the basement.

When allowed into the rest of the house, he was only allowed to sit in one corner of the room.

Court documents allege that he was threatened by a shotgun by his sister and punched in the gut by his brother.

The teen was placed in foster care.

The trial date was originally slotted for Jan. 11, but was pushed out because of procedural delays, according to [whmi.com](http://whmi.com).

In April, a neighbor of the Corcorans, who wished to remain anonymous, spoke about the family and said he never heard anything unusual coming from the home. He saw the family go in and out of the home, and never heard anything more than a polite hello.

"I wished I had known, and could have told someone sooner," he previously said.

Joe Durocher, a friend of the Corcorans, previously told the Times "I met the Corcorans when they joined the Silver Lake Ski Club in 2006. They are an outgoing family and were an instant success within the club.

"Eric is one of the hardest working men I know. He was recently promoted to a supervisory position within his job.

"Angie also had a great job working for a local hospital.

"Eric has been 'one of the guys' for years and has volunteered for tough jobs. Angie served as a spotter in my uncle's boat for six years and was a spotter for me this past year. I never had a complaint. My girlfriend is friends with their daughter and said, 'she's a well rounded, smart young woman.' Her little brother and the 16-year-old used to often play together at ski practices. This family was no different than any other."

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Carla Feamster, who portrays "Chris," is tangled in a phone cord at the very end of the first act of "Rumors," the newest Fenton Village Players production. Rumors is a comedy rife with snippy, passive aggressive humor, with adult pacing and language. Holding the phone is Daniel Ragan who portrays "Ken." Over his right shoulder is Jim Haggerty as "Ernie," and over his left is Ron Barrett, as "Lenny."

## ■ Fenton Village Players have fun with comedy roles in Simon's first farce of his career

By Sally Rummel

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Everyone knows how rumors start, and how quickly they can get out of hand. That's the theme of Neil Simon's comedy, "Rumors," which opened on Broadway in 1988 and now opens at the Fenton Village Playhouse on Thursday, Feb. 18 through Sunday, Feb. 28.

The story begins

### SUMMARY

■ Fenton Village Players' production of Neil Simon's "Rumors" opens this Thursday and runs through Sunday, Feb. 28.

in New York in 1990 at the 10th anniversary party of deputy New York City mayor Charley Brock and his wife, Myra. Unfortunately, Charley has shot himself in the ear and has taken a number of sleeping pills, so he's unable to tell the first couple that arrives what is going on. Myra is nowhere to be found, the food is in the kitchen, unprepared for the guests and there is no hired help.

Chris, played by Carla Feamster; Ken, played by Daniel Ragan; Lenny, played by Ron Barrett and Claire, played by Kim Barrett, scramble to concoct a plausible story to tell the other guests, until they find out what has actually happened. Miscommunication, confusion and mayhem build as the guests try to get through the evening.

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## NEIL SIMON'S 'RUMORS' OPENS THURSDAY IN FENTON

The Fenton Village Players will be collecting donations for the Flint water crisis during intermission at all performances.

“You'll be laughing from the beginning to the end.”

Mary Powers  
Producer of "Rumors"

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Stage manager David Coffey (far right) and Assistant Stage Manager Ashley Kochan follow the script while Terrie Harris, who plays "Cookie," and Jim Haggerty who plays "Ernie" wait for their cue back stage on Monday night.



## Think varicose veins are just a cosmetic issue?

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# Random royal observations

■ **Percentage of Africa** that is wilderness: 28 percent. Percentage of the United States that is wilderness: 38 percent.

■ **The cost of gas** has been all over the map in the last decade, so the government decided to spend several million dollars to find out how those prices influence driving habits. It turns out that while we all complain about higher gas prices, those \$4 gallons make us safer. When gas prices spike we drive slower to conserve fuel. We also drive less, and the less cars on the road, the fewer accidents we have. But the opposite is also true; as gas becomes cheaper more cars are on the road and people start driving faster and we get more accidents. Anyone with a brain could have told the government

this for no cost.

■ **Here is the complete list** of states where liberal policies have been successful:



■ **The U.S. federal government** owns 28 percent of the land in the U.S.

■ **Our children** are not learning American history in school. If you don't believe that, please ask your high school child these three basic history questions: 1) What country did we win our independence from in 1776? 2) Who fought in the Civil War? 3) Who is the current vice-president? Schools

need to spend less time on social-justice indoctrination and more time on teaching practical knowledge and skills.

■ **Percentage of American men** who say they would marry the same woman if they

had it to do all over again: 81 percent

■ **Percentage of American women** who say they would marry the same man: 48 percent

■ **Here's why there have been no black Oscar nominees in the last two years:**

There was no movie that featured overworked and abused plantation slaves living in hovels in the pre-Civil War South. There was no movie that featured a black man on death row waiting to be executed due to a misguided guilty verdict delivered by a racist justice system dominated by 12 angry white men. There was no movie whereby a truckload of drunken white men with white hoods and pronounced southern accents drove by the home of the first black (student, coach, teacher, policeman ...) in their community and threw a rock through the front

window with a nasty note attached that warned them to 'get out of town.' There are no Oscars because the hypocrites in Hollywood simply cannot comprehend the value of any black-based movie that doesn't portray blacks as victims of racism. Sad, but true.

■ **Percentage of men** who say they are happier after their divorce or separation: 53 percent

■ **Percentage of women** who say they are happier: 86 percent

■ **I have always wondered** why some professional hockey team doesn't simply acquire a goalie that is so big that he or she completely blocks the 4-foot-high by 6-foot-wide opening?

■ **The number of U.S.** states that claim test scores in their elementary schools are above the national average of all states: 50

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■ **I'VE ALWAYS ENJOYED** Andrew Heller's articles and I'm so happy to see him in the Tri-County Times.

■ **BASED ON THE** Heller for King trade, if the Times were a baseball team they would be the Chicago Cubs.

■ **COYOTE CENTRAL. TALKING** about coyotes, there's about five or six living down in the woods below the middle school. People, you have to watch out for your pets in Fenton on Adelaide Street because the woods are full of coyotes.

■ **I HAVE BEEN** hollering 'down with the King' for years. It's about time you got rid of that overbearing know-it-all Foster Childs.

■ **CHILD HUNGER IN** foreign countries is an easy solution. You send them condoms and birth control instead of food. If you know your child is going to starve to death, then why did you just make a child?

■ **IF YOU DO** not believe the accuracy of the most published book in the world, the Bible, by now, based upon everything that has occurred in our world, you need to get it and read it quickly. It's basic instructions before leaving earth, people.

■ **WE'VE GOT TO** elect Donald Trump. He's got a lot of court experience. Divorce court, three times. Bankruptcy court three or four times.

■ **IF YOU DON'T** believe the unemployment record now, how'd you like to go back to how George W. Bush left office? If you don't like the \$17 trillion deficit, you can't blame that all on Obama either. We've been funding Bush's war in the Middle-east for the past 12 or 13 years.

■ **THIS IS ABOUT** the kids not learning cursive anymore in school. They have computers, they have cell phones, so ridiculous. Cell phones are the worst thing that ever happened to this world.

■ **I GET A** kick out of the media in general. They think they can control the voters to vote the liberal way. They can't get it through their head that everyone is sick of the lifetime politicians. I can't include the Tri-County Times in that group of media.

■ **I HAVE A** great idea. Let's make our children terrified to go to school because they're scared they're going to get shot. What are you people thinking? That's why I think a home school is the best school.

■ **EVEN SMART LIBERALS** know that 4.9 percent is the rate of new unemployment. That does not include people who do not have jobs or have not been able to find jobs

over the past seven years and that totals 94 million people. The Obama economy has not done well for seven years.

■ **TOTAL SPECULATION ON** my part — Saudi Arabia is flooding the oil market to force American oil companies to sell to them or go bankrupt. After that is accomplished, marketplace competition will cease to exist and the price of gas will go up. Saudi Arabia will own U.S. oil.

■ **HILLARY OWES 100** percent of her public and political existence to her man. She is a horrible example of feminism. But since the Democrat's primary is rigged, she will get their nomination. Her campaign for president is an historic first; it's also an historic worst.

■ **WOW, TRADING IN** the King for Andy Heller is like dropping Ted Cruz and hiring Bernie Sanders. Is the Fenton area ready for this?

■ **THANK YOU SO** much to the young man who helped me with my 89-year-old mother who fell in the VG's LeRoy Street parking lot. We both appreciate your kindness and pray that others will always be available if/when you need it.

■ **DURING THE 20<sup>TH</sup>** century, nine countries enacted gun control, Soviet Union, China and Germany were the largest, 56 million people were killed because they couldn't defend themselves. Thank God for the NRA.

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## Who should the GOP nominate for presidential candidate?

## street talk

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter



"I like Donald Trump. He says whatever is on his mind. If he doesn't like something he says 'I don't like it.' I like his attitude. He can't screw up America more than it already is."

**Brad Lewandowski**  
Tuscan, Arizona



"John Kasich, because he is someone who is not campaigning in a negative manner and he strictly stays to the issues. The issues are the economy, funding the country, and expanding our military."

**Stephanie Pytlowanyj**, Fenton



"Due to my job, I support Bernie but due to my personal beliefs I support Donald Trump because he's a business man. I like Carson but I'm not going to do a wasted vote."

**Larissa Nicpon**  
Fenton



"Someone with the tenacity of Trump, constitutionality of Cruz, charisma of Rubio, and the brains of Kasich. John Kasich. He's the dark horse."

**Norm Lampi**  
Linden



"Ben Carson. I love what he stands for and he has ethics. He's just common sense. I'm in the medical profession. I've been following him. He just wants to see right done."

**Lois Whitcomb**  
Holly



# Zeb Holland dies at 91

■ Active member of several Fenton civic organizations

By Vera Hogan

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Family, friends and the members of Fenton's many civic organizations are mourning the loss of Zeb Holland, who died on Feb. 6 at the age of 91 in Georgia.

Holland was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving in World War II. He was an active, life member of the Fenton VFW Curtis Wolverton Post 3243, and was a member of its Honor Guard. He was a life member of the Fenton Masonic Lodge and the Fenton Shrine Club, where he served as past president and was a board member. He was also a member of the Fenton Order of Eastern Star, and a life member of the Fenton Eagles.

He retired from General Motors after many years of service and was a member of the UAW Local 598.

Holland was born in Calhoun, Georgia on Nov. 9, 1924. He moved to Fenton in 1949. He married Arlene Emma Hance in 1973 and she preceded him in death in 2008.

In 2007, Holland was interviewed

for Talk of the Times. He said he operated the Mobil gas station at the point (where Cottage Inn Pizza is located) for two years, and the Phillips 66 gas station (where The Barn is now located on Torrey Road) for two years.



Zeb Holland

When asked about his favorite childhood memory, Holland said, "Walking to school two miles each way every day and rabbit hunting. We used to sell the rabbits to the country store and get 5 cents for dead rabbits and 10 cents for live ones. This was our spending money."

"We used to play checkers on the porch of the store, using Coke tops for the checkers. Mom would make my shirts out of fertilizer bags and I wore patched overalls. We were dirt poor, but we didn't know it and neither did anyone else, we were all in the same boat."

Of the things he learned in life, Holland said, "I love everybody. As far as I know I don't have an enemy in the world. I love people and try to help them. I never met anyone I didn't like."

Holland's funeral was held Feb. 12 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, followed by burial in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.

**"...We were dirt poor, but we didn't know it and neither did anyone else, we were all in the same boat."**

**Zeb Holland**  
*Talk of the Times interview 2007*

## USEWICK

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being charged in Flint's U.S. District Court on Nov. 19, 2015, with 20 counts of federal bank fraud and conspiracy charges.

Count 1 is for attempt and conspiracy to commit fraud, and counts 2-20 are for bank fraud.

Usewick was remanded to the custody of U.S. Federal Marshals on Jan. 13, however, after violating his bond, twice in December 2015. A condition of his release was that he was not to commit any criminal acts.

On Dec. 18, 2015, however, he was charged with first-degree home invasion, a 20-year felony, and misdemeanor domestic violence that allegedly took place at the Flint Township home of a former girlfriend. He was released on \$30,000 bond.

On Dec. 23, 2015, Usewick was charged with a misdemeanor count of failing to stop after a property damage accident in Grand Blanc.

Usewick has a pretrial conference on March 1, and a jury trial on March 7.

On the federal charges of fraud and conspiracy, attorneys have until Feb. 26 to file any and all motions with the court in this case.

A pretrial hearing has been scheduled for March 29 at 11:30 a.m. On April 12, the pretrial conference is set to take place at 11:30 a.m. Usewick's jury trial has been set to begin at 9 a.m. on April 25.

Usewick's federal troubles began a few years ago, when he and an

unidentified co-conspirator entered into an agreement with the owners of Suski Chevrolet-Buick in Birch Run to operate several used car dealerships around the Flint area using the Suski name.



Edward Usewick

Federal prosecutors allege Usewick used the Suski Used Car dealerships to secure a revolving line of credit from Ally

Financial. That line of credit was supposed to be used to purchase vehicles for later re-sale.

According to the federal indictment, Usewick allegedly began submitting vehicle titles to Ally Financial in September 2013 for cars he claimed to have purchased in exchange for money that was deposited into a bank account operated by Usewick.

Prosecutors say Usewick never actually purchased the vehicles, however, and the titles contained fraudulent title numbers.

Usewick is accused of submitting 19 fraudulent titles for vehicles from September to December 2013.

The Secretary of State decided to take action after receiving some consumer complaints regarding title work.

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■■■■  
**THE DEATH OF** Justice Scalia has cast a dark shadow over the Constitution and the future of our country. If Obama appoints the next justice, we can say good-bye to the second amendment and the separation of powers. Obama can now put the final nail in our nation's coffin.

■■■■  
**RE: HELLER ON** staff. NO, no a hundred times 'NO!' He's nothing but a self-serving ideologue.

■■■■  
**AFTER WATCHING THE** Republican Presidential Debate last night, I know why Republicans dislike school teachers. They spend their days teaching children it's not polite to yell at people, be kind to your neighbor, don't call people names, and no bullying. I suggest we send the Republican Presidential candidates back to elementary school for training.

**PETS**

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was found in the winter, abandoned in a vacant house in Rose Township.

"They are both girls so we named them Holly and Rose for Holly, Michigan and Rose Township," said Miller.

She believes Holly is a tabby mix, about 3 years old. Rose is a Siamese mix and around 8 years old. "But we are not sure," Miller said.

Rose was already spayed when she was found. "We all pitched in and had Adopt-

“They are wonderful companions and we love having them here with us.”

**Debbie Miller**  
*Rose Township clerk*

A-Pet in Fenton spay Holly two years ago," said Miller.

"Rose is laid back and loving," she said. "Holly is young and feisty. They are like siblings and get along — most of the time."

Miller said residents and their children often come to the office to visit the cats and play with them. "Holly and Rose even receive Christmas cards and gift cards," she said.

"We have different stories to tell every day," said Miller. "The residents love them and enjoy petting them when they come to the office."

"Holly is a little sneaky and sometimes tried to sneak out of the door, so we have signs to not let the cats outside."

Debbie, Denise and Kristie, members of the Rose Township office staff, feed, water and clean litter boxes regularly, including weekends. "We pitch in for a



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Holly was found in October of 2013, and lives in Constable Emile Bair's office with Rose.

cat fund for food and litter," said Miller.

"We love Holly and Rose very much and they are very happy here with us," she said.

### Three good reasons to have office pets

#### 1. Help reduce stress

Dogs and cats are frequently recognized as great stress-relievers. Look into the eyes of a pet and suddenly your worries and deadlines seem to melt away.

#### 2. Encourages longer work hours

Few of us would willingly work longer days. But put a pet in the office and sud-

denly you have a reason to stick around and finish that project. Studies have shown that companies that allow pets in the workplace not only have employees who are more willing to work longer hours, but also reduce absenteeism.

#### 3. Increased camaraderie

Everyone has a co-worker they don't much care for. But what if that person had a cute little dog or cat with them in their cubicle? You would be over there in a heartbeat just like everyone else in the office. Suddenly you are all having conversations that strengthen work relationships.

Source: petmd.com

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### Replacing a United States Supreme Court Justice

This past Saturday the nation learned that United States Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia had passed away in his sleep.

Within minutes of his death, a debate started about when his position should be filled. In this election year, some Republicans called for the new president to be the one to nominate the candidate and some Democrats indicated that President Barack Obama should perform the task. President Obama has stated that he will move forward with a nominee.

No one can say with certainty what will happen here, but from a historical and legal perspective, this would not be the first time there has been a debate as to the nomination of a Supreme Court Justice.

Under Article II, Section 2 of the United States Constitution, the President has the power by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint Justices of the Supreme Court. These are lifetime appointments. Currently 60 votes are required in the Senate for approval of a candidate.

Compare this process to Michigan's Constitution, which under Article 6, Section 23 requires a judicial vacancy to be filled by the Governor alone.

Thereafter these judges stand for election.

Henry B. Hogue from the Congressional Research Service has authored a report titled 'Supreme Court Nominations Not Confirmed, 1789- August 2010.' This report gives us a summary of the fate of Presidential Supreme Court nominees starting with President George Washington's first nominees in 1789 through President Obama's last nominee, Justice Elena Kagan in 2010.

Since the beginning of the process, there have been a total of 160 Supreme Court nominations with 36 not confirmed for various reasons, including 11 being rejected by a full vote of the Senate and the others either having their nominations withdrawn, postponed, no action taken or they declined to be nominated. The 36 nominations actually represent 31 individuals with six of these being re-nominated and subsequently confirmed.

Supreme Court scholar Henry J. Abraham has developed historical categories of unsuccessful nominations, which include political, philosophical and lack of qualifications rationales.

Each Justice nomination is a story in and of itself. The nation and particularly the legal community, will be closely watching how this all unfolds.

Mr. Hogue's full report is available on the Internet.



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | FILE PHOTO  
Ryan Stevens, 18, of Linden is led from the courtroom last week. He is facing child porn charges and remains in the county jail.

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13 at the time of the incident. She testified in Genesee County District Court last month and identified Stevens as the person who filmed the video. The incident took place in October 2015 at the Red Roof Inn on Miller road in Flint Township.

The 14-year-old girl testified that Stevens recorded her having sex with a 15-year-old male who attends Linden schools. The video captured on a cellphone was forwarded to two other phones.

Police came across the video while investigating another criminal case involving Stevens, in which he faces charges related to an alleged plot to carry out a school shooting at Linden schools. That case is pending with testimony being taken at the district court level.

Argentine Township Det. Doug Fulton, who took the initial statement from Stevens in October 2015, confirmed that Stevens admitted to filming the sex

act, and sending it on. Fulton said he has seen the video on all three devices, and that it has been downloaded for forensic use. He said Stevens has been cooperative during the investigation.

Judge McCabe bound Stevens over to circuit court on all five counts.

The 15-year-old male from Linden has been arrested and remains lodged at the Genesee County Regional Detention Center due to his age. The 13-year-old female has not been charged. An older woman who reportedly booked the motel room for Stevens is not expected to be charged, as there is not sufficient evidence at this time to prove she knew what would happen in the room.

### Felony counts against Ryan Stevens

**Count 1:** Criminal Sexual Conduct – third degree (person 13-15) – 15-year felony

**Count 2:** Child Sexually Abusive Activity – 20-year felony

**Count 3:** Computers – using to commit a crime – 10- to 20-year felony

**Count 4:** Child sexually abusive activity – distributing or promoting – seven-year felony

**Count 5:** Child sexually abusive material – possession – four-year felony

### HOT LINE CONTINUED

**THE TIMES IS** a favorite of mine. Was surprised by the addition of Andrew Heller to your staff. I find his writing at times witty and compassionate. Most are without substance. My hope is that you challenge Mr. Heller to do better. Please keep up the good work of your fine paper.

**SOME ARE BORN** great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them. Unfortunately, Obama missed out on all three.

**THINK DOWN THE** road a few hundred years and no one will have to work because every day will be a legal holiday.

**I AM VERY** sorry that you dumped the King to the Midweek issue. I am immensely more sorry that you are now printing the blathering of that Heller feller. Please go back.

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## Calendar of events

### Holly Washington Club Banquet

The Holly Washington Club is hosting its 121st annual banquet on **Thursday, Feb. 18 at 12 p.m.** to celebrate the history of Holly. Joseph Mishler will give a presentation on the history of the Holly Washington Club. The event costs \$7 per person. Doors open at 11 a.m. For reservations, call (248)-634-5393 or (248)-634-7382.

### Concert this weekend

The Fenton High School Ambassadors will perform a concert this **Friday, Feb. 19 and Saturday, Feb. 20, beginning at 7:30 p.m.** in the Ruby Zima Auditorium at Fenton High School. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$8 at the door. It is sure to be a great evening of family friendly music and entertainment.

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## CLOCK

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this for the long haul, and we'll continue to look for a solution to the historic mechanism in the clock tower."

Catallo said there is no action plan to restore the mechanism at this point. "That clock stumped the Fenton firefighters and that crew is definitely more mechanical and resourceful than we are," he said.

In addition to keeping time, Catallo said the original purpose of the clock tower was to provide an elevation to dry fire hoses and to elevate the speakers to call the volunteer firefighters into action when needed.

"Luckily, technology has made those two functions obsolete," he said. "We would've loved to emerge from the Streetscape beautification project with a restored mechanism so folks could see what time it is while downtown."

"Unfortunately, it might be easier to buy all of Fenton Timexes," Catallo said. "We definitely would hate to throw in the towel and replace the motor with something modern and electric. The inner workings are complicated, but incredible."

Catallo said the clock is a complicated mechanism whose secrets are likely buried with its builder somewhere in upstate New York.

"If anyone in the community is game for a project, we'd love to enlist them to assist us with the legwork necessary. We promise plenty of Fenton Fire Hall Mac and Cheese for anyone who can point us in the right direction."

"For now, we're sorry that it's only right twice a day," he said.



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## FIRE HALL HISTORY

For 62 years, the Fenton Fire Department stood on the parcel where the Fenton Community & Cultural Center is now located.

In 1938, a new facility was built at the corner of LeRoy and Ellen streets. With a basement below street level and one story above it, the fire department and council chambers opened onto the street and the basement was used for storage.

A tower surmounted the building at the southwest corner of Leroy and Ellen streets and boasted what was in 1938 considered a modern electric clock.

According to Fenton Fire Department history, the new clock was made by Seth Thomas Clocks, a division of General Time Instruments Corporation, of Thomaston, Connecticut. The date stamped on the clock works is Aug. 12, 1938.

Fire department historians were able to locate a man in Connecticut that has all the clock records from Seth Thomas Clocks.

He said, the records show that a #15

hour strike movement, serial #3195, was ordered for the Fenton Fire House on June 6, 1938 and was shipped on Aug. 11, 1938. The records also show that the movement had a power unit for the time train and that there were four vitrolite dials of 3 feet, 6 inches in diameter."

In 2000, Fenton could not ignore the growing pains of the fire department any longer. The station was not built to withstand the weight of the larger, modern trucks.

In November of 2002, firefighters rolled into their newly built facility at 205 East Caroline. The approximate \$2.5 million building was paid for through the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

In addition to spacious quarters for all the fire trucks and equipment, the new facility boasts offices and a state-of-the-art training facility.

As far as the old fire hall, since 2013 the Fenton Fire Hall restaurant owners have been keeping local history alive through Fenton Fire Department photos and other memorabilia.

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Ron Barrett and real wife, Kim Barrett, of Davison perform as Lenny and Claire Ganz during the first act of "Rumors," by the Fenton Village Players.

## 'RUMORS'

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Other roles are performed by Terrie Harris as Cookie, Jim Haggerty as Ernie, Amber Fullmer as Cassie, Tim Maggard as Glenn, David Coffey as Officer Welch and Alyssa Deits as Officer Pudney.

Directing the play is Steven Shelton, a long-time actor, performer and director on the Fenton Village Playhouse stage. "He has a real comedic sense and knows how to make the most out of humor and dialogue," said Mary Powers, who is producing her first FVP play. Powers has been active in many FVP roles, as well as at the Buckham

Alley Theater in Flint, before it closed.

"You'll be laughing from the beginning to the end," said Powers. "It's a very interesting cast of experienced and novice actors who really play off each other in this show."

Show dates are this Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 18, 19 and 20 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 21 at 2 p.m. and next Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26 and 27 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. Tickets can be reserved online at fentontheatre.org or through Fenton's Open Book, The UPS Store or picked up the night of the performance.

The Fenton Village Playhouse is located at 14197 Torrey Rd., Fenton.



# Cummings' 18 points leads Tigers by Lady Hornets

By David Troppens

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The flu bug keeps hitting the Fenton varsity girls basketball team hard.

But it hasn't kept the squad from winning games and remaining in the Flint Metro League race.

The Tigers remained one game behind Flushing in the Metro League standings, as Sarah

Cummings netted a game-high 18 points, leading Fenton to a 50-35 road victory at Kearsley. Somehow, the Tigers are figuring out ways to win despite what seems to be a rotation of players missing games due to the flu bug. On Friday, the squad had to play without Margaret Berry and Aly Lenz. For Tuesday's game against Clio, it was expected Taylor Mowery would probably

miss the contest due to illness.

"Can you make the illness bug go away," teased Fenton coach Becki Moore, who has been battling the same flu that's struck her coaching staff and players. "You might want to stay away. But we are getting a lot of kids to contribute and that's what you need. We had

10 kids able to play and they all contributed. They are stepping up and doing the roles we need them to do."

The contest was tied at 8-all after one quarter, but the Tigers used a 17-point second quarter and another 17-point period in the third to earn the victory. Chloe Idoni also added 10 points, while Maddie Carr netted nine points.

Madison Shegos had six points.

The Tigers (11-1, 11-5) are finding a way to stay in the Metro race. Tuesday's game against Clio was vital to Fenton's league chances. If the Tigers won on Tuesday, then Fenton's home contest with Flushing will be a battle for at least a share of the top spot in league play with just one league contest remaining. Friday's game begins at 6 p.m.



## MADISON SHEGOS

Scored six points in the Tigers' victory against Kearsley on Friday.

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# Sports

ONLINE EXCLUSIVES

Read about Tuesday's prep basketball games, visit [tctimes.com](http://tctimes.com)

## Fenton/Linden girls ski places second at divisional meet

By David Troppens

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The Fenton/Linden varsity girls co-op ski team dominated action at Mt. Holly all season.

The co-op squad also competed well at the divisional meet, placing first in the slalom and second in the giant slalom. However, Grand Blanc snuck away with the league title.

After finishing the perfect regular season, the Fenton/Linden girls were edged out for the Division title when Grand Blanc won the divisional meet with a team score of 87, one point better than Fenton's total of 88. The Fenton/Linden boys placed third place in the overall standings, taking third at the divisional meet. Both teams advance to the South Michigan Ski League Championships to be held at Mt. Holly on Feb. 23.

Fenton's ski sensation and defending state champion in the slalom Zoe Weinberg had another strong performance at the meet. She dominated

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## Four area champs at Linden district

■ 15 Tri-county wrestlers headed for D2 individual regionals

By David Troppens

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Fifteen tri-county wrestlers earned a spot into regional action at the Division 2 Linden individual district on Saturday.

Four of them will be entering Saturday's regional as district champions. Linden recorded three champions, while Holly had one.

Linden's Dawson Blank (145) had the tightest championship match, defeating Ethan Douglas 3-2 in his final. Meanwhile, teammate Jaylin Steedman (215) recorded a 5-2 decision win against Blake Coffelli to earn his crown. Linden's Aaron Steedman (189) recorded two pinfall wins before winning in the final by injury default.

Holly had the other individual champion, and that match stuck out due to who is opponent was. Jimmy Gray (215) defeated teammate Collin Dallwitz in the final by pinfall in 1:32. It was the district's only all-tri-county final.

Three others had to settle for second-place performances. They were Linden's Justin Cyg-



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Holly's Jimmy Gray (top) records a pin during a match earlier this season. Gray was one of four area champions from the division 2 individual wrestling district held at Linden High School on Saturday.

nar (112) and Bryce Davis (152); and Holly's Mitch Nelson (125). Seven other area wrestlers placed either third or fourth. Holly and Fenton had three of them each. Holly's Colton Cleaver (152) and Cade Dallwitz (171) recorded third-place finishes, while Fenton's Tommy Adams (145) earned the other third. Recording fourth-place performances were

Fenton's Mario Ramirez (112) and Jake Church (140); Linden's Cade Dickson (171) and Holly's Wyatt Scribner (125).

Wrestlers who placed in the top four advanced to individual regionals. The wrestlers who place in the top four at regionals will earn a spot in the D2 individual state championship match.

## Eagles clipped by Swartz Creek, 65-41

By David Troppens

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Linden — It was obvious why Brandon has become the surprise team in the Metro League boys basketball race at Linden High School Friday night.

The Blackhawks are pretty good on both sides of the court.

Offensively, the Blackhawks made 25-of-55 shots from the field, which in-

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Linden's Trent Strang (left) and Hunter Michael (right) play defense in the Eagles' loss to Brandon

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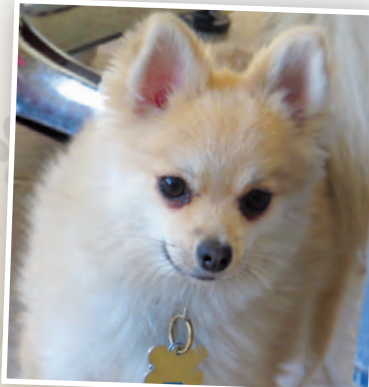
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# Lady Eagles fight hard, but fall to Blackhawks, 41-32

By David Troppens

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**Linden** — A lot of stuff went against the Linden varsity girls basketball team on Friday night against Brandon.

The squad quickly fell behind 13-3 after one quarter, and struggled shooting the ball all night long. The Blackhawks' taller players were able to outrebound the Eagles and create second-chance opportunities resulting in buckets. Yet, the Lady Eagles found themselves just one good run away from competing with Brandon, eventually losing a 41-32 verdict at Linden High School.

Usually trailing by about nine to 12 points, the Eagles stayed within shouting range of the Blackhawks all night long. However, every time it looked like they may have a shot at closing the gap to a level that may make the contest uncomfortable for Brandon, the Blackhawks responded. The last one of these chances came with Linden trailing just 35-27 with 2:44 remaining after a driving layup by Sterling DeGayner. Linden forced a Brandon turnover after DeGayner's hoop, and actually had a clean three-point shot attempt to cut the gap to five with about 2:30 left, but missed the shot. About 15 seconds later, Erin Gillespie did cut the gap to 36-29 with two converted free throws.

Linden had two chances to cut into the gap even further after defensive stops, but were unable to do so. Eventually, a driving layup by Brandon's Chloe Bennett with 1:54 raised the Blackhawks' gap back to 38-29 with just 1:54 remaining.

The Eagles' poor shooting hurt them.



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Linden's Madison Maxheimer (left) battles for a ball in the Eagles' 41-32 loss to Brandon on Friday.

Despite getting many looks, Linden netted just 4-of-28 shots in the second half. Brandon wasn't setting the world on fire, particularly in the third quarter. However, the Blackhawks were able to keep Linden a decent distant back on the scoreboard by netting seven of its nine third-quarter points after offensive rebounds.

Sterling DeGayner hit three of Linden's four second-half field goals and hit 6-of-9 free throws, all in the second half. She finished with a game-high 19 points. No other Eagles scored more than three points.



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Lake Fenton's Devan Melick (right) wrestles a recent foe. Melick won an individual D3 district wrestling title on Saturday.

## Blue Devils advance 10 out of individual district competition

By David Troppens

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If one wants to grade out Lake Fenton's wrestling team's performance at the D3 individual district held at Portland High School, one would tempted to give it a 10.

That's because 10 of the 14 wrestlers who competed advanced to Saturday's individual regional round.

The Blue Devils had eight wrestlers advance to the finals and had five earn individual district titles at Portland.

Perhaps the most entertaining championship was earned by Devan Melick (135). Melick had to defeat teammate Sean Trombley by a 6-3 decision in the finals to win his title. The other four — Trent Hillger (285), Jarrett Trombley (119), Hunter Corcoran (125) and Jackson Nevadomski (140) — won their crowns against foes from other teams.

Hillger and Trombley continued their undefeated seasons with perfect runs in the district. Hillger, who won a state title at 215 last year, defeated Wil-

liamston's Maddox Maki by pinfall in 1:13 in his final. Meanwhile, Trombley, who was a 112 state champion a year ago, snuck by Tristan Serbus by a 7-5 decision. Nevadomski earned his crown by beating Portland's Devin Miller 7-0, while Corcoran earned a pinfall of Alex Rosas in 5:35 to earn his title.

Two others earned runner-up honors. A.J. Geyer (103) lost in his final by a 6-4 score, while Saben Spangler (130) lost in his final 4-0.

Two other wrestlers placed in the top four and earned a spot in the regional tourney. They were Kyle Sanders (171) who placed third and Hunter Hypio (112) who placed fourth. Wrestlers who finished in the top four of their weight class advanced to regionals. The wrestlers finishing in the top four at regionals will compete at the state meet. The regionals will be Saturday at Williamston High School.

The Blue Devils also wrestle in team regional competition today at Ithaca High School starting at 6 p.m.

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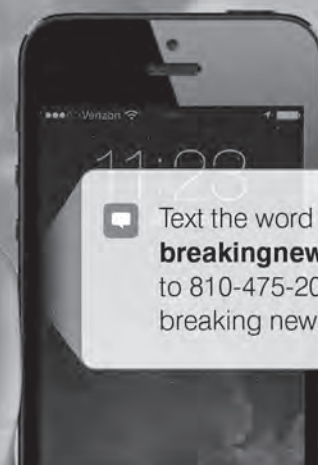
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Fenton's Zac Miceli posted a state-qualifying time in the 200 freestyle and the 100 freestyle at the MISCA meet on Saturday.

## Fenton swimmer post strong times at MISCA competition

By David Troppens

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The MISCA meet is always a good chance for the Fenton varsity boys swim team to post some low times and get an idea where they stand more than halfway through the regular season.

The Tigers found out they are looking pretty good at Saturday's MISCA meet.

Fenton posted four state-qualifying times and had Zac Miceli just miss out on a school record in an event while competing at competition that tries to get some of the strongest competitors state-wide.

Miceli placed eighth in the 100 freestyle with a state qualifying time of 48.06 seconds, over a second below the state standard. He came close to breaking the school record in the

200 freestyle, placing 11th with a state-qualifying mark of 1:45.40. The state-qualifying time is 1:50.99.

Two relays also recorded state standards. The 200 freestyle relay of Justin Beemer, Kyle Banner, Joe Perera and Michael Fabatz recorded a time of 1:33.55, about a half-second below the state-qualifying time. Finally, the 400 freestyle relay of Miceli, Beemer, Fabatz and Banner came home with a time of 3:23.27, a time about three seconds below the state standard.

Others also competed as individuals. They included Banner in the 200 freestyle (1:51.78) and in the 500 freestyle (5:07.03); and Noah Sizemore in the 100 backstroke (1:06.47). The 200 medley relay team of Fabatz, Sizemore, Miceli and Beemer recorded a time of 1:46.25.

## EAGLES

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cluded 10 three-pointers. Defensively, the Blackhawks kept the Eagles uncomfortable all night long as Linden hit on just 13-of-43 shots. The results — a 65-41 Brandon victory at Linden High School.

"They shot well but that was the first time we weren't really able to get good looks," Linden coach Anthony Wright said. "A lot of games we are just off, but they really rushed us and did a great job defensively."

Brandon opened the contest forcing two Linden turnovers and netting three buckets on its first three possessions. Immediately, Wright called a time out with Linden already trailing 6-0 just 1:12 into the contest. Linden never led, closing the gap at 7-5 on a nice Gavin Lund assist on a Cole Sakron three-pointer with 3:35 left in the opening

quarter. However, from there, Brandon completed the period with a 13-2 run and never looked back.

The Eagles never got any closer than 30-18 in the second quarter. They got that close on a converted free throw by Logan Steiert. However, Brandon capped the period with a Jack Monro three-pointer, giving the Blackhawks a 33-18 halftime lead.

The Eagles were never able to get back into the contest in the second half. Brandon raised the lead to 20 points for the first time on another three-pointer, this one by Luke Rekuta with 4:50 left in the quarter, putting the Eagles down 40-20.

All 10 Brandon players had at least one field goal before the third quarter was over. Meanwhile, Steiert was the only Eagle to finish with double-digits. He finished with 12 points. Sarkon netted eight points.

## Holly boys stay in league hunt, beat Swartz Creek

By David Troppens

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If the Holly varsity boys basketball team wants to capture the Metro League championship for the third straight season, chances are they are going to have to win the rest of their league games and hope Flushing loses one down the stretch.

The Bronchos (10-2, 12-3) won the first of those final three league games on Friday, earning a 66-57 win at Swartz Creek.

After a slow offensive start and a 9-9 tie after one quarter, the Bronchos' offense scored at least 18 points in each of the final three quarters. Holly netted 18 in the second quarter and led 27-20 at the half. They netted 39 points in the second half.

With the game tied 9-all, Holly's Austin Harless and Kyle Woodruff opened the second quarter with back-to-back three-pointers, giving the Bronchos the lead for good.

However, Creek did hang close, mainly due to Kenyen Spurlock's game-high 24 points. Ian Hodges led the Bronchos with 21 points.

### Fenton 49, Kearsley 30

It was a solid and steady road performance for the Tigers as they outscored Kearsley in every quarter.

Fenton scored double-digits in every quarter and held the Hornets' offense to single-digits in three periods. Fenton led 12-6 after one quarter and 22-13 at half-time. The lead grew to 39-24 after the Tigers scored 17 third-quarter points.

Drew Miller led the Tigers with 13 points, while Nick Wyrick netted eight points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

### Girls Basketball

#### Swartz Creek 63, Holly 53

Kaitlyn Smith scored a career-high 34 points, but it wasn't enough to lift the Bronchos to victory at Swartz Creek. Swartz Creek's Jacara Thompson also scored 34 points.

## SKI

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the giant slalom with a time of 44.69 seconds and also won the slalom by over six seconds with a time of 57.96. Weinberg has won every race at Mt. Holly this season.

In the slalom, Milo Keranen placed fourth (1:04.87) while Rachel Smith took 10th (1:08.33). Ashlyn Smith placed 11th (1:08.64). In giant slalom action, Smith placed eighth (47.69), while Rachel Smith

was 11th (48.87). Annie Koester was 16th (50.07).

In the slalom for the boys Fenton/Linden was led by Chad Booher in fourth (58.74), while Brendan McInerney was ninth (59.94) and Devon Mann was 12th (1:01.87). Carson Lowell took 16th (1:03.50). In the giant slalom, McInerney was fifth (44.88), while Tommy Kemp placed sixth (45.10). Booher took seventh (48.87) and Devon Mann was 17th (46.73).



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## DOGS

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"The benefits of the K-9 programs are huge," Fulton said. "It's a great asset to a department."

Currently, the Holly, Fenton, Linden, and Argentine Township Police Departments do not have active K-9 units, but Fulton has handled two dogs in the past as an Argentine police officer.

He started working with Dewey in 2003 and after she retired, a woman donated Sirius, another German Shepherd, to the department in 2009.

The dogs help the officers sniff out drugs, find weapons by tracking the smell of gunpowder, and locate people.

Genesee County Undersheriff Chris Swanson said the dogs do something that no human can, which is track and smell pheromones to find people.

"They're fearless partners. There's a lot of tension when you go to a very violent scene or a potentially explosive scene, but these dogs are fearless and they bolster the confidence of the officers," Swanson said.

The Argentine K-9 unit has tracked and located a suicidal patient who had jumped out of an ambulance, a man who had ran into the woods, and many others.

"There are times when I know things would have gone south if not for having that dog in the car with me," Fulton said.

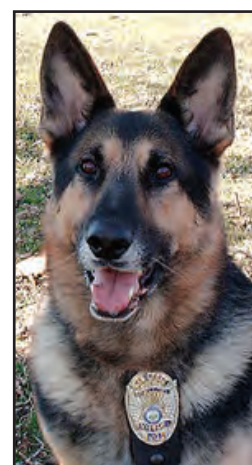
Police dogs are trained to search buildings, woods, clothing, and they're taught to track certain smells, like drugs and the accelerant used to make bombs.

Dewey and Sirius were trained in tracking and narcotics.

"You cannot train a dog for narcotics and bombs," he said. "It has to be one or the other."

Dogs learn one of two types of alerts: passive, where a dog will sit when they find something, and aggressive, when they will bite and scratch.

"Bomb dogs" are passive so they don't scratch at a bomb.



Dewey



Sirius

**“There are times  
when I know things  
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south if not for  
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the car with me.”**

**Doug Fulton**  
Argentine Township Police  
Department detective

said. "It's a breakdown of a barrier between public and law enforcement when you introduce a dog."

They also connect to their community and handler. "One of the cool things is the bond that you form with the dogs," Fulton said. "He's your partner, you're putting your trust into that dog."

Fulton was allowed to keep the dogs when they retire.

Dewey retired because of an injured vertebrae, and died a few years later in 2012.

Sirius, who's going blind in one eye, retired a few months ago. "Retirement wasn't good on either one of them," he joked.

He still keeps up on Sirius' training. "That's the great thing. I could bring him back tomorrow and he wouldn't miss a beat," he said.

## Police dog breeds and training

The Argentine Township Police Department has its dogs recertified every two years by the National Association of Professional Canine Handlers.

Police dogs are trained in aggression, obedience, searching buildings and clothing, and tracking certain scents, according to the NAPCH.

While German Shepherds have always been the most popular police dog breeds, Dutch shepherds and Belgian malware are becoming more popular, said Det. Doug Fulton.

Linden High School had two bomb threats in one week in January, and while the Argentine Township Police Department doesn't have a bomb dog, the Genesee County Sheriff's Department brought in their bomb dogs to sniff out the potential threat.

The Genesee County Sheriff's Office has two active police dogs: Majic, who tracks explosives, and Levi, who tracks narcotics.

Their K-9 program has found explosives in Clio and Burton, according to Swanson.

"They're a good public tool," Swanson

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

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## Narcotics

Det. Doug Fulton of the Argentine Township Police Department said the dogs are very useful in finding narcotics. If a car is stopped, the officer can have the dog sniff around the car, which isn't considered a search.

"If he alerts, you have the right to search the car," Fulton said. The dog will bark when they smell something. Both Dewey and Sirius have found drugs in the trunks and glove boxes of vehicles on traffic stops.



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#### Explanation of the death

Don't try to explain the person's death. It is not comforting.

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#### Personal sad stories

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#### Negative comments about the deceased

Never write anything negative about the person who has passed, or you'll appear cold and unfeeling.

#### Inheritance

This is not the time to discuss what the deceased left to his or her heirs.

Source: [etiquette.about.com](http://etiquette.about.com)

## Beverly A. (Hoskins) Short 1932-2016

Beverly A. (Hoskins) Short - age 83, of Fenton, passed away Sunday, February 14, 2016 in Davison. Beverly was born in Waterford, December 23, 1932. Beverly is survived



by her husband of 66 years, Don Short Sr.; children, Danny (Caron) Short, Cindy Keshavarz, Donald (Leslie) Short Jr., and Lesley (Robert) Hardenburgh. Beverly had nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Beverly owned The Lamplighter Gift Shop as well as two additional shops in Holly and Clarkston. She also had a passion for floral design, decorating, gardening, and cooking. She was also an avid bowler, having bowled on numerous leagues throughout the years. She was also very fond of her dog, Prince. Visitation will be from 2-5 and 7-9 PM Wednesday, February 17, 2016 and Thursday February 18, 2016 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. Funeral services will be held at 11 AM Friday, February 19, 2016 at the Dryer Funeral Home. Graveside services and interment will be at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. A luncheon will follow at John's Pizzeria in Fenton. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Gentiva Hospice or the Disabled American Veterans. **www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com**.

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| Tuesday, March 22, 2016 | 9:00am-12:00pm                |

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KING FEATURES

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- 1 Grand tale
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- 16 Start a garden
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- 23 "Scat, gnat!"
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- 32 Placed a bet
- 34 Chinese menu staple
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- 41 "And" or "but" (Abbr.)
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- 49 Formerly, formerly
- 50 On pension (Abbr.)
- 51 Medicinal amount
- DOWN
- 1 Work unit
- 2 Pellet for a certain shooter
- 3 "— Complicated"
- 4 Code
- 5 Clothing
- 6 Carte lead-in
- 7 Trademark for Yul or Telly
- 8 Fireplace

- 9 Geometry calculation
- 10 Legal claim
- 11 Tosses in
- 13 Overlay with plaster, perhaps
- 19 "— Cassius has ..."
- 20 Third-party abbr.
- 21 Cat call?
- 22 Brazilian rubber area
- 23 Scatter about
- 25 More mighty
- 26 Old-time actor
- 27 Centers of
- activity
- 29 Ballesteros of golf
- 31 Tiny
- 33 Nozzle attached to a Bunsen burner
- 34 Jog one's memory
- 36 "— Ha'i"
- 37 Pinnacle
- 38 Bellow
- 39 Hostels
- 40 "Hey, you!"
- 43 Hearty brew
- 44 Stickum
- 45 Day fractions (Abbr.)
- 46 Prop for 29-Down

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# 3-DAY FUEL SAVINGS

Thursday, February 18 - Saturday, February 20

Fenton Locations Only

Fuel only

**77.9¢**  
per gallon  
Regular Unleaded

When you spend  
**\$100\*** or more on Groceries  
in one transaction

Discounts on other Fuel Grades:

per Gallon Mid Grade unleaded .9

**97¢**

per Gallon Premium unleaded .9

**1.17**

per Gallon Diesel unleaded .9

**97¢**

\*See store for details. Limit 20 gallons.  
Fuel discount must be redeemed by March 5, 2016 and  
can not be combined with other fuel discounts.  
See store for your participating fuel station.



Ground Fresh  
Throughout the Day  
Fresh,  
**All-Natural**  
93% Lean  
Ground Beef  
Value Pack



**\$3.99** lb.  
with yes



John Morrell  
Sliced Bacon  
Applewood or  
Hardwood Smoked  
12 oz.



**3** BUY 2 GET  
**FREE** with yes



Your Choice!  
Genuine Idaho Baking Potatoes  
(5 lb. bag)  
or Spartan Fresh Selections  
Premium Yellow Onions (3 lb. bag)

**2/\$4**  
with yes

General Mills  
Cereal  
Cinnamon Toast  
Crunch (12.2 oz.),  
Honey Nut  
Cheerios (12.25 oz.),  
Reese's Peanut Butter  
Puffs (13 oz.),  
Cocoa Puffs (11.8 oz.)  
or Trix (10.7 oz.)



Buy 4  
Participating  
Items & Get  
**FREE MILK**  
1 gallon  
(up to \$3.29 value)  
Limit 1 offer



**4/\$8**  
with yes



Chobani  
Yogurt  
5.3 oz.

**88¢**  
with yes

Prices effective through Saturday, February 20, 2016