

# Women pay more than men for almost everything

■ Females spend approximately \$1,350 more each year than males for similar products

**By Hannah Ball**  
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Men joke about women needlessly spending money, but a recent study found that women are often forced to do so.

By comparing 800 “female” items to their “male” counterparts, a study conducted by the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) found that women pay more than men for similar products 42 percent of the time.

**This gender price gap starts at a young age... Girl's toys cost 11 percent more than boy's toys, even if they're the same toys in different colors.**

See **WOMAN TAX** on 21A



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Most women don't realize they're paying more money than men for similar products, like deodorant. Above, the two products are essentially identical, however the woman's product is priced at \$1 more than the man's product.



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## Court declares Michael LaJoice competent

A probable cause conference has been scheduled for March 22 at 1:30 p.m. at the Clarkston court.

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## Democrat presidential candidates go head to head in Flint

Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton face off at 8 p.m. on Sunday.

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The Fenton Community Orchestra and Conductor Andrew Perkins prepare for their big performance last Saturday — a live rendering of Perkins' new score for the classic Alfred Hitchcock film, “The Birds.” The group of 56, representing all ages, pulled off 90 minutes of music with less than two months of rehearsals before a sold-out Fenton Community and Cultural Center audience.

# Theater lovers flock to see ‘The Birds’ in Fenton

■ Sold-out performance of original music draws standing ovation for Fenton Community Orchestra, conductor

**By Tim Jagielo**  
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**Fenton** — The unsettling, threatening sounds of the birds spring abrasively from loud speakers, as the guests begin to filter

into the dim and cavernous hall of the Fenton Community and Cultural Center.

These are the original electronic sounds that heightened the tension of the 1963 Alfred

See **BIRDS** on 20A

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“I will never attend a Fenton Village Players production again. Using ‘GD’ may work in Hollywood, but not here in Fenton. Shame on whoever approved this.”

“Sam Bernstein has a commercial where he boasts that his firm has won a billion dollars in ‘settlements.’ Each person reading this is paying higher insurance premiums due to his firm and other bottom-feeders. I hope Sam enjoys his time on earth because I highly doubt he'll enjoy himself where he's likely going when he dies.”



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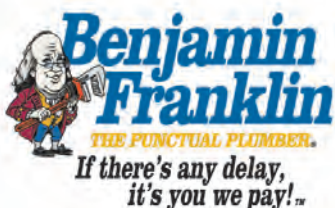
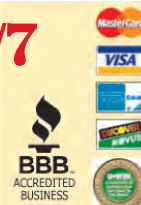
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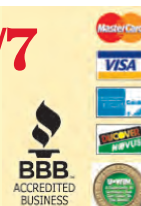
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# COLD COMFORT



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It took 12 hours and 700 snow bricks to erect this 12-foot-tall igloo. The monster was built by Fenton carpenter Matt Adolph and his neighbor Tara Yoerg. He coated it in water to make it stronger, and added lights, a welcome mat, chairs and a TV with basic cable. It measured about 18 feet across at the base. Adolph is seated with sons Spencer, 12, (right) and Kyle, 8. Seated in front are Stella Wright, 8, Izzy Adolph, 8.



## Holly students to get first-hand experience in real election

### ■ Gain valuable skills as Rose Township election inspectors

By Vera Hogan

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Sometimes the best way to learn how to do something is to jump right in and do it.

That's what 10 students in Anthony Coggins' Holly High School AP Government class will be doing on Tuesday, March 8 in Rose Township.

The students have been selected to serve as township election inspectors during the upcoming Presidential Primary Election.

A brief, two-hour training session was held Thursday, March 3.

"In 2014, Kristie Shelly, my deputy clerk, and I were in need of more election inspectors, so we



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Isaac Nixon answers a question about exit polling for Olivia Foglesong on Thursday. Both 16 year olds are juniors at Holly High School.

called Holly High School and set up a presentation with Mr. Coggins' AP Government class," said Rose Township Clerk Debbie Miller.

"We recruited approximately 10 students and they were trained here and worked elections in 2014 and 2015," she said. "A few that did not go away to college or are seniors this year will be working the election next week."

The students are great to work with, according to Miller.

"Residents loved seeing the students being involved in the election process," she said. "It has been very successful."

Miller said student election inspectors will be doing everything from assisting on the Electronic Poll Book, to directing voters to their correct precinct, answering questions, handing out voter registrations and anything else that is needed.

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## Come *Heller* high water

By Andrew Heller  
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### How low will they go?

I cringed when Sen. Marco Rubio said of Donald Trump at a campaign rally last week, “I’ll admit ... he’s taller than me, he’s like 6 feet, 2 inches, which is why I don’t understand why his hands are the size of someone who’s 5 feet, 2 inches – and you know what they say about men with small hands. You can’t trust ‘em!”

Yes, in case you aren’t sure that was the first male appendage joke in U.S. presidential campaign history, as far as I’m aware. (It’s hard to imagine Lincoln telling people “I wouldn’t vote for Douglas because from what I hear his Master John Goodfellow is more like a Master John



Andrew Heller  
FEATURED COLUMNIST

Tragically Sad Fellow – wink, wink, nudge, nudge.”)

Master John Goodfellow, by the way, is an actual 17th Century euphemism – you can look it up.

The crowd cracked up at Rubio, but I’ll bet inside a lot of them were thinking the same thing I was: “Is this fourth-grade recess or a presidential campaign?”

Or maybe not, it could just be me. I’m told I’m old-fashioned about a lot of things.

I don’t think there should be commercials on TV for medicines that solve the apparently endless woes associated with going to the bathroom. Listen, if we need the stuff, we know where to get it, OK!

I think men should hold doors open for ladies.

I think gas stations should go back to full serve.

And I think presidential candidates should be better than us. Otherwise, why are we voting for them?

This has nothing to do with my feelings about Rubio, by the way, or the fact that he’s a Republican and I usually vote Democrat. I’d say the same thing if, God forbid, Hillary or Bernie stooped as low.

I don’t want a president who stoops, period — Democrat or Republican. I want a president who is above that kind of behavior. I really do.

I can hear some of you now: “Well,

Trump started it!”

Yeah, well, like my mom used to say, that doesn’t mean Rubio had to finish it. By descending to Trump’s level, he cheapened himself and hurt himself with voters, in my view.

Of course, his campaign views it differently, according to a Washington Post piece this week: “Marco Rubio has been gamely experimenting with a new strategy, attempting to outdo Donald Trump in his own carnivalesque reality TV arena. Rubio has suggested that Trump urinated in his pants backstage at last week’s debate, presumably meaning that Trump lost control of his bladder in a fit of terror over the Florida Senator’s withering attacks. Rubio has also ridiculed Trump’s ‘horrible spray tan.’”

“Rubio has even mocked Trump’s ‘small hands’ ... One Rubio adviser explained Rubio’s descent into the lowest of lowbrow Trumpian antics by claiming, ‘We came to the conclusion that if being a part of the circus is the price you have to pay in order for us to ultimately be able to talk about substantive policy, then that’s what we’re going to do.’”

So this was planned juvenile behavior. Which somehow makes it even worse. Call me old-fashioned, but that is simply not presidential.

**“Is this fourth-grade recess or a presidential campaign?”**

## Hotlines

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**EXPLAIN HOW HILLARY** will get anything done when she says her greatest enemies are the Republicans. Other than years spent in politics, what are her actual accomplishments? That question will never be answered.

**I WAS AT** the local MHSAA wrestling tournament and was disappointed in the way the Hartland coaches disrespected the rules of matches and going onto the mat and the way the last contestant for Hartland acted after he won.

**WHAT A DEBATE** last night. Trump might be a bit crude, but he says the truth. We have corruption and deception now and the whiner and the bully will help it continue with the people who are buying them.

**I WOULD LIKE** to thank the two gentlemen that saw us shoveling and came with their snow blower and jumped right in to help. It’s so nice to see the good in people. It really does exist. You set a great example for others. Great job and thank you again.

**THE ESTABLISHMENT HAS** a problem. They could stop Trump by having Bush, Romney, and McCain endorse Trump. Voters would drop Trump like a hot potato.

**DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM IS** not schools, roads, parks, police, firefight-

ers, military and trash. These are just examples of public goods. Democratic Socialism is the redistribution of wealth to favored groups in exchange for political support. It is pure evil masquerading as social justice.

**TO HOT-LINER CITING** Finland, Sweden and Denmark as examples of successful democratic socialism — all three are dramatically cutting welfare programs in a move away from socialism. None recognized the protection of individual liberty as a function of government.

**THE LOOSE CENTER** should change the rules on when they close. The center is rarely open anymore.

**THIS IS A** response to the Hot line about all Republicans should be arrested in Lansing and Washington. Who put our country in such bad shape? Let’s start with Obama, Hillary, Harry Reed, and I could go on and on. They’re the ones who put our lives and country at stake.

**I CAN’T WAIT** for Donald Trump to become president so we can shop for the good stuff. How about you?

**DON’T KNOW WHY** the Fenton Township Planning Commission works so hard on the township ordinances. The Fenton Township Zoning Board of Appeals grants all variance requests.

**I’M HAVING TROUBLE** with the garbage also. I compost and recycle so I only have two little bags of garbage very week. For some reason when they turn the cans over to empty them, they don’t turn them far enough and I end up with my garbage again. I guess I’ll drop them off at city hall.

**IF HILLARY GETS** in the oval office with her careless email activity, does Bill get the Lincoln bedroom for his careless female activities?

**ISN’T POLITICS WONDERFUL?** I’m thinking back when Kissinger was a big shot. The minute he got into politics he adopted an accent.

**I SEE THE** only difference between Obama and Hillary is their gender. They’re going to get 85 percent of the black vote and maybe 50 percent of the female vote. You’ll see no difference except in the way they appear.

**ETHICS, MORALITY AND** honesty and truth. If my people would repent and pray I will fill their land, God said.

**A BIGOT AND** a racist walk into a bar. They ask what’s the local favorite in Fenton.

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## Have the debates influenced your opinions of the presidential candidates? | streettalk



“I watched one, the Republican one with all of them. It was kind of crazy. They were terrible.”

—Liz O’Berry  
Fenton



“No. I do research on the outside. It’s more show business. I’ve watched a few but not all. I think when it gets reduced to two or three, it will be more helpful.”

—Greg Dunfield  
Tyrone Township



“We are sickened by what we see coming from Washington. We feel it’s time for a change and Donald is our only hope. When he’s not on, we don’t even watch. We’ve got to get someone so different.”

—Mary Dilger, Linden



“I don’t like Hillary. I just don’t like her. I like watching Trump talk. I like his views.”

—Clay Devries  
Holly



“They mainly just reinforced my support for Bernie Sanders. I think he’s the only person who will actually help everyone in the long run. That’s my initial gut reaction.”

—Nathan Squires  
Fenton



# Clean-up plan proposed for Linden gasoline leak

■ Estimated to take two to five years — could cost up to \$380,000

By Hannah Ball

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The owners of Beacon and Bridge gas station in Linden have outlined their remediation plan to clean up an underground gasoline leak that occurred last year, according to the final assessment report to the Department of Environmental Quality.

The DEQ confirmed an underground gas leak in downtown Linden in November of 2014, and the suspected source is a leak originating from an underground gasoline storage tank belonging to Beacon and Bridge, 110 East Broad St.

The final report from Beacon and Bridge states that the gas station has chosen to remediate the leak by using Light Non-aqueous Phase Liquid (LNAPL) Sorption and Enhanced Bioremediation with follow-up soil and groundwater monitoring, which is estimated to take two to five years and cost \$380,000.

With the LNAPL Sorption and Enhanced Bioremediation option, a product called NutriBind will be used to "bind and immobilize the mobile LNAPL present," according to the report.

It will also elevate sulfate concentrations within the groundwater to enhance the biodegradation process on the site of the leak.

Engineers will sample the monitoring wells before the substance is added, as well as for six months after and quarterly two times.

With this method, these samples will be sent to an independent laboratory for testing.

If the containment levels are decreasing by appropriate amounts, soil samples will be collected for testing. Soil borings will be placed at sites where contaminants were detected.

Engineers will collect groundwater samples from the wells quarterly for two years, according to the report. The samples will be sent to an independent laboratory for testing. Soil vapor samples will also be collected and tested.

## SUMMARY

■ Beacon and Bridge turned in the final assessment report and outlined remediation efforts for the underground gasoline leak confirmed November of 2014.

According to the report, the PM Environmental anticipate that the remediation effort will transform most of the contaminants to carbon dioxide and water, and that the concentration levels will adhere with DEQ requirements of Part 213 Tier 1 Risk-Based Screening Levels and Vapor Intrusion Screening Levels (VISLs).

The DEQ is auditing the report and is expected to accept or deny the finding by late March to mid April, according to Dennis Eagle, district supervisor for the DEQ Remediation and Redevelopment Division in Lansing.

The area surrounding the gas station was assessed between December 2014 and January 2016, and monitoring wells were installed to check contamination levels.

While the gas leak is still present in the soil, it does not exceed safe work screening levels, according to the DEQ.

As the leak has been fixed, Beacon and Bridge will remain open for business throughout the remediation process.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

■ ■ ■  
**JUSTICE SCALIA WAS** the 49<sup>th</sup> Supreme Court justice to die in office. He had several potentially fatal physical ailments. Neither his doctor nor his family suspected foul play. Please stop trying to start a rumor that he was murdered.

■ ■ ■  
**THIS IS THE** age of the zealot, where the laws are only for other people. Liberals are arrogant and want the government to control us; conservatives are smug and want their religion to control us. Both political parties want to remain in power at any cost. The corrupt news media broadcasts propaganda. No wonder voters are angry. Vote wisely.

■ ■ ■  
**RUBIO AND CRUZ** gave up trying to convince the people how their ideas and policies will make America better. No one should forget they already are part of the majority that were supposed to have been making things better for years.

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# Happy 'Multiple Personality Day'...

■ There's a ridiculous, lesser known 'holiday' almost every day

By Hannah Ball

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Everyone knows about the famous national holidays like the Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day, but there are hundreds of other holidays many people don't celebrate.

Most days are host to a few national holidays. Many may be a little unconventional.

Annually, March 5 is National Multiple Personality Day, National Cheese Doodle Day, and National Absinthe Day, according to the National Day Calendar.

**National Multiple Personality Day** has a dual meaning. Some believe the holiday is meant to celebrate our true selves because people act differently in various situations around different people. It can be a celebration of who you are as a person without outside influences.

Others believe the holiday is supposed to raise awareness for Multiple Personality Disorder, also known as Dissociative Identity Disorder, a disorder that causes someone to have at least two distinct personalities that alternately control a person's behavior.

The credit for **National Cheese**

## SUMMARY

■ Every day is a day for celebration with these lesser-known daily holidays that celebrate unconventional things like peanut butter, earmuffs and coconut tortes.

**Doodle Day**, which celebrates cheesy snacks, usually goes to a man named Morrie Yohai, who developed many snack foods in the 1940s for his company Old London Foods, according to the National Day Calendar.

For **National Absinthe Day**, this is a celebration for people 21 years and older, according to the National Day Calendar.

What used to be used as an elixir for illness in the 19th century, became popular with artists and writers because of its hallucinogenic effects.

It was eventually blamed for causing madness, low morality and seizures, and was banned in France in the early 1900s after a man, who drank absinthe all day, murdered his pregnant wife and children.

Sunday is also host to lesser-known holidays, like National Dentist's Day, National Frozen Food Day, National White Chocolate Cheesecake Day, and National Oreo Cookie Day.

National Day Calendar recommends taking a trip to your dentist in celebration of **National Dentist's Day**, or making sure they know they're appreciated.

**National Frozen Food Day** has been celebrated since March 6, 1984 when President Ronald Reagan signed proclamation 5157, declaring the date Frozen Food Day.

Credit for freezing produce is given to American inventor and entrepreneur Clarence Frank Birdseye II, who discovered the key was to freeze the food quickly. He obtained many frozen food patents in 1927, even though only about 8 percent of Americans had refrigerators, according to National Day Calendar.

Celebrating **National White Chocolate Cheesecake Day** the same day as National Dentist's Day might be counterproductive, but National Day Calendar recommends making the dessert. A

## This week's holidays

**Monday, March 7**

National Be Heard Day  
National Cereal Day  
National Crown of Roast Pork Day

**Tuesday, March 8**

National Peanut Cluster Day  
National Proofreading Day  
National Pancake Day

**Wednesday, March 9**

National Barbie Day  
National Crabmeat Day  
National Meatball Day  
National Registered Dietitian/  
Nutritionist Day  
National Get Over It Day

**Thursday, March 10**

National Mario Day  
National Blueberry Popover day  
National Pack Your Lunch Day  
National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

**Friday, March 11**

National Promposal Day  
National Worship of Tools Day  
National Oatmeal Nut Waffles Day  
National Johnny Appleseed Day

“Now, Therefore, I,  
Ronald Reagan, President  
of the United States  
of America, do hereby  
proclaim March 6, 1984,  
as Frozen Food Day...”

President Ronald Reagan

Proclamation 5157

Source: National Day Calendar

version of cheese-cake dates back to ancient Greece at the first Olympic Games in 776 BC, according to days-of-the-year.com.

Oreos were first baked on March 6, 1912 at a factory in New York City and **National Oreo Cookie Day**

was born.

Originally called “Oreo biscuits,” these cookies are the world's best selling cookie, according to ibtimes.com. Over 450 billion Oreos have been sold since they were created. Women are more likely than men to pull the Oreo apart before eating it, according to ibtimes.com.

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## Police&Fire report

### NEARLY \$300 IN RAZORS STOLEN FROM STORE SHELVES

On Feb. 22, Fenton police received a report of something suspicious from a grocery store on the 1300 block of N. LeRoy Street. According to Lt. Jason Slater, store personnel noticed some stock on the floor becoming quite low. Upon reviewing security footage, it was discovered that on Feb. 14, a black male, about 5 feet, 5 inches tall, approximately 230 pounds approached the disposable razor display. The subject removed and concealed \$282.97 in disposable razors. He took 13 packages, concealing them on his person inside his jacket, and walked out without paying for any of them. The subject entered and exited the store using the revolving doors. He got into a white, four-door sedan and drove off, but the license plate number was not visible. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Fenton police at (810) 629- 5311. Video footage of the suspect also is posted on the Fenton Police Department's Facebook page.

### CREDIT CARD MACHINE SWIPED

On Feb. 23, Fenton police received a report from a 49-year-old Linden male, who said he was parked in the parking lot of a business at the 3700 block of Owen Road on Feb. 22. According to Lt. Jason Slater, the man said he arrived there at 8 p.m. and when he returned to his vehicle at 9 p.m. he discovered someone had stolen his credit card machine, valued at \$1,200.

The vehicle was unlocked. The credit card machine, which the victim said he uses for his business, was on the passenger seat. He told police he had no idea who would have taken it. The victim was able to provide a serial number for the machine, which police entered into LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network). If it is recovered, it can be identified.

### TRIO NABBED OUTSIDE STORE

On Feb. 23, at about 5:18 p.m. Fenton police were called to the 3700 block of Owen Road on a retail fraud in progress. Upon arrival, officers took up positions outside of the store, waiting to for the suspects to leave. Lt. Jason Slater said officers were in communication with loss prevention employees inside. Three females, ages 24, 26 and 27, all from city of Flint were inside the store, selecting various items and putting them in a cart. They subsequently fled the store with the items and ran outside without paying. Officers in the parking lot were able to corner their vehicle. The three women were taken into custody. The dollar value of items stolen was just under \$1,000, all of which was returned to the store. Police learned that the 24-year-old female also had three outstanding warrants for her arrest. All three females were taken to the Fenton Police Department for processing. They were lodged overnight and interviewed by a detective the next morning. The female with the warrants was transported to court to face arraignment. The other two were released pending issuance of arrest warrants. Because the three females are suspected in prior retail fraud cases, Fenton police are seeking enhanced charges of felony retail fraud.

## Court finds LaJoice competent

■ Probable cause hearing set for March 22

By Hannah Ball

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Michael LaJoice, the 37-year-old Tyrone Township man who admitted to embezzling \$20 million from the Clarkston Brandon Credit Union, has been declared competent to stand trial.

On Feb. 23, he was back in court for a review hearing before Oakland County District Court 52-2 Judge Joseph Fabrizio.

The owner of the now closed Chassé Ballroom and Latin Dance Studio in Fenton, and "would-be" developer of a multi-million dollar development along the Shiawassee River called "Riverview," was sent to the Center for Forensic Psychiatry after his defense attorney Michael Manley requested LaJoice go through a competency evaluation.

Manley said a licensed psychologist met with LaJoice and did an assessment to determine two things: if LaJoice understands the nature and the object of the proceedings against him, and if he can rationally assist his lawyer.

"When the person interviews the defendant he came with an opinion and his opinion was that Mr. LaJoice understood the nature and the object of the proceedings against him and he's able to rationally assist his lawyer," he said.

Copies of the report were sent to the defense attorney and the judge.



Michael LaJoice

At the hearing on Feb. 23, Judge Fabrizio received the report and found LaJoice competent, said Manley.

"I can assure from where he was at the beginning to where he is now, I'm much more comfortable that he can assist me in his defense," he said.

Manley said he had concerns early on whether LaJoice was competent because of his emotional state.

"But I'm much more comfortable now. We have a very good working relationship," he said.

Manley said he and the prosecutor have recently received over 1,000 pages of new police reports, and they're reviewing those now to figure out how to proceed.

"Now we go forward with the case and through the process so things should be kicking up speed now," he said.

The probable cause conference is set for March 22 at the 52-2 District County Court.

LaJoice was arraigned on Jan. 8 on 14 counts of embezzlement charges, which allegedly took place between October and December of 2015. He turned himself in to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office on Jan. 6 and admitted to embezzling \$20 million from the credit union, where he worked as chief financial officer.

He appeared in court for the first time on Jan. 20 at the 52-2 District Court in Oakland County for a probable cause hearing with Judge Joseph Fabrizio presiding.

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Sue Fischer of Fenton, earned her pink Cadillac this past October and acquired "Grand Achiever" status by selling a certain quota from Mary Kay Cosmetics.

## Working from home – is it for you?

■ Two local women share their experiences running home businesses

By Hannah Ball  
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Many people may think working from home is easy, but that's not true for one Linden woman.

Jessica Sneed, who runs a vinyl decal printing business that she and her husband own from her home, said she works about 50 hours a week, including time on the weekends.

"I probably work more hours from home than I did when I was in a typical office setting," she said.

**“With Mary Kay I get to be paid what I’m worth, instead of what a job is worth.”**

Bonnie Leyder  
Mary Kay Products "Grand Achiever"

Vinyl Thingz began when her husband made vinyl decals as a hobby. When Jessica was laid off from her job in marketing at a health insurance company, she decided to make the business her 9 to 5 job.

"It's hard quitting because you don't ever leave the office. My office is 10 feet from my kitchen," she said.

In their home office, they have a vinyl cutter, a heat press, and printer. They make products for wedding glassware, coffee mugs, apparel, hoodies, T-shirts, walls, and other things, and sell them Etsy.

Their products ship worldwide to places like Germany, Australia, Canada, and even the Falkland Islands in the South Atlantic Ocean.

She said working at home is a lot of fun, and she enjoys choosing her own hours and being home with her daughter. Her husband, Todd, works for a printing company.

One challenge for Sneed is not communicating with many people on a day-to-day basis.

"If I talk on the phone to 10 of our customers that's a busy month," she said. Most of her communication is online through email and Etsy.

"It was a hard thing to change because I went from a busy office with lots of people and lots of interaction to no one," she said.

However, the pressure to communicate didn't stop.

"People expect you to answer them right away because you're an online store," she said, adding that's true even on the weekends.

"The internet is open 24/7 but I'm not," she said.

Another Fenton woman works from her home, and from the homes of many other women. Bonnie Leyder is an executive level Mary Kay independent sales director and mentors other women with selling cosmetics.

Leyder started selling Mary Kay in 1994 while she was working as a nurse. However, she quit her hospital job in favor of selling Mary Kay full time and raising her kids.

"It was important for me to come home and raise my children. I knew I needed to be home," she said. "It got to the point that I was bringing home more from Mary Kay than I was from the hospital."

Leyder holds Mary Kay parties at her home or at someone else's home where women can sample the products.

She also reaches out on Facebook at Bonnie Leyder, Mary Kay Independent Sales Director, where she posts about new products.

What started as a way to make extra cash turned into a full-time business.

After two years of selling Mary Kay, she earned the "Grand Achiever" title, when the consultant sells enough to use one of Mary Kay's pink Cadillacs. Now, there are about 70 women in Leyder's unit and 10 have the vehicle.

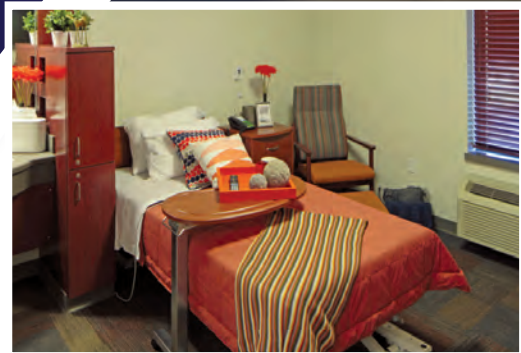
She loved making the transition from working in a hospital to being her own boss, but balancing work and home life can be difficult.

"With Mary Kay I get to be paid what I'm worth instead of what a job is worth," she said.

She said the biggest challenge has been herself.

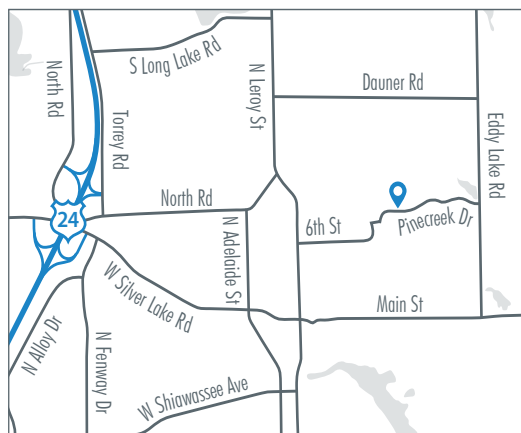
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# Many say the Humane Society not actually helping animals

By Hannah Ball

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Something I learned in Journalism 101 was reaffirmed recently, and it's a lesson everyone needs to be reminded of — don't believe everything you hear or read.

It started with those commercials that most everyone has seen, people rescuing depressed-looking dogs and cats who were locked in cages, devoid of all hope of finding their forever home.

These commercials, brought to you by the Humane Society of the United States, are meant to bring a tear to your eye and a giving feeling to your heart.



Hannah Ball

However, one organization is claiming that the HSUS doesn't do much to help animals.

Humanewatch.org, a group that keeps a "watchful eye" on the HSUS published an ad on 10 things everyone

should know about the HSUS.

The ad claims that the HSUS doesn't run one animal shelter and only gives about 1 percent of money raised to animal shelters.

The ad states that between 2012 and 2014, the organization put over \$100 million into Caribbean investments and about \$10 million into pension plans.

The ad looks professional and convincing, with seemingly credible sources. I Googled these topics and found other articles and information claiming similar accusations.

The black Labrador puppy with the sad eyes doesn't hurt, either.

I almost fell for it. The information seemed credible until I did more research.

Stephanie Twining, deputy director of Public Relations for the HSUS, said she doesn't know where they got this false information.

"We're a non-profit. We don't have to hide from tax laws," Twining said. "Why would we be hiding our money?"

She said their public relations person is hired to "just say lies."

"They hired a messenger to attack us. They've done these things before, trying to create some scandal," Twining said. "We do so much work for animals in the country."

Humanewatch.com is an organization that's paid to attack the HSUS, Twining said, and the organization that paid for the



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This pooch waits to be adopted at the Humane Society of Genessee County in 2014. This organization is a different entity than the national non-profit.

ad, the Center for Organizational Research and Education, aims to discredit and oppose the efforts of scientists, health and animal advocates, environmentalists, and groups like Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

More investigation revealed that according to the Center for Media and Democracy, the CORE, which was once the Center for Consumer Freedom, is backed by donors in the Coca Cola industry, the agriculture industry, and other companies that aim to discredit certain advocacy groups, like the HSUS.

"What they're trying to do is slow our ability to help animals," she said. "They're trying to get in the way of our work."

Twining explained that not a lot of money goes to animal shelters because they're not the primary part of the budget, and the humane societies around the country are run independently.

"There are millions of animals we have to help. It's not just animal shelters," she said.

Twining said their money is spent on breaking up dog fighting rings and puppy mills, as well as funding spay-neuter programs and legislation to help animals.

In fact, the day before I spoke to Twining the HSUS had broken up a dog fighting ring in Kalamazoo.

While I was relieved to hear the other side, I was surprised at how easily the CORE, and their other affiliate organizations, almost pulled one over on me and everyone else who saw the ad, and how shamelessly they used a cute puppy to achieve it.

I thought back to the first thing I learned about journalism, a lesson everyone should heed — don't believe everything you hear or read.

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# Fenton's Academic Games Team boasts some smart thinkers

## ■AGS Middle School kids heading to 'State Super Tournament'

By Vera Hogan

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Students in Mike Pearce's Academic Games Team of Fenton are on a roll, having earned their way to the state tournament next week.

"I have a team headed to the State Super Tournament in Grand Rapids March 9, 10 and 11," said Pearce. "They will be there for three days and two nights, battling teams across the state in games of Math, Language and Social Studies."

If the Academic Games Team of Fenton

qualifies high enough, they could go to the National Finals in Atlanta, Georgia in May.

Pearce, a Fenton High School teacher, put together an academic games team of sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders at AGS Middle School at the beginning of the school year.

A 1986 graduate of Fenton High School, Pearce participated in Academic Games when he was in middle school in the early 1980s.

Pearce has been working for two years to bring the Academic Games back to Fenton. Thanks to a generous monetary grant from the Fenton Education Foundation last summer, the Academic Games Team of Fenton became a reality when the 2015-2016 school year began.

The fun and learning for team members involves a series of games designed to stimulate and test student knowledge in a variety of subjects.

Students develop proficiency and confidence through participation in games of Math, English, Social Studies, and Logic. Through competition, students are encouraged and motivated to sharpen their skills in order to gain a competitive edge over their peers.

The subjects of these board games, which are much like Scrabble, involve topics such as "LinguiSHTIK," a grammar game where students make demands, rules relate to the subject of grammar, that focus on creating a sentence that meet all the demands made.

**See GAMES TEAM on 11A**



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Five students will represent the Academic Games of Fenton team at the State Super Tournament in Grand Rapids next week. They are (from left) Spencer Bissell, Chase Gibson, Miguel Kanaski, Sean Plunkett and Ryan Pearce.

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**GAMES TEAM**  
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“These games are live games against human beings,” said Pearce.

Fenton is part of the Ann Arbor region, competing against students in the Ann Arbor, Northville, Detroit and Jackson school districts, to name a few.

Pearce said plans are to expand the team next year to include Fenton’s elementary schools.

“We are looking for volunteers that would be willing to coach an elementary team made up of third- through fifth-graders,” he said. “We are trying to build a program in Fenton that will eventually include all students from third through 12th grade.”

Parents or teachers who would like to be a part of this program are encouraged to contact Pearce at mpearce@fentonschools.org.

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  - At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.
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Owner Jim Abraham opens the door to one of the drive-up storage units available at Abe's Storage North.

## Abe's Storage opens second location

■ Abe's Storage North offers indoor/outdoor storage

By Sally Rummel

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Jim Abraham totally changed the way storage companies do business when he opened Abe's Storage at 10433 Holly Rd., near Genesys Regional Medical Center, in 2012.

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He and his wife, Carey, have now added a second location, Abe's Storage North, at 5172 South Saginaw Rd., behind Grand Blanc Nissan.

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"Customers can come to our main office at Abe's Storage to sign up for a unit at our north property," said Abraham. "This way, we can meet each other in person, and we can provide customers with a lock and let them know about our retail products, like boxes, U-Haul equipment and more. For convenience, we also meet customers by appointment at our north property or move them in over the phone."

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## Gambling nets \$6,000 for Fenton Schools



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

On Thursday, 64 gathered to raise approximately \$6,000 for the Fenton Education Foundation at the 2016 Colonel Fenton's Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament hosted by the Fenton Hotel. Dealing in the white shirt is Sean Sage of Fenton. From left, is Jacklyn Paletta of Fenton, Bill Dunkel of Linden and Steve Easler of Fenton. Past Chairman Pat Lockwood said that Joshua Paletta was the winner of the \$1,000 pot.



## Democrat presidential candidates go head-to-head in Flint

■ Sanders and Clinton face off at 8 p.m. on Sunday

By Hannah Ball

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Democratic presidential candidates Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton will debate at The Whiting Auditorium in Flint on Sunday.

It will be broadcast on CNN and moderated by Anderson Cooper and Don Lemon.

Sanders and Clinton are expected to talk about the Flint water crisis. Sanders has called for Gov. Rick Snyder's resignation.

CNN suggests the gun debate could come up, due to Flint being only two hours away from Kalamazoo where a shooter, a reported Uber driver, was recently charged with shooting and killing six people.

Michigan has been host to four presidential debates, three Republican and the one Democratic, according to the University of Virginia Center for Politics.

The Sunday debate will be the second Democratic presidential debate held in Michigan. Tickets are no longer available to the public, but you can contact the Michigan Democratic Party for more information. A Republican debate was held in Detroit on Thursday, March 3 (see sidebar)

This debate comes after results from Super Tuesday when 13 states and one territory, (Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Wyoming and American Samoa), voted for their delegate.

According to the Associated Press, Hillary Clinton won primaries in Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Massachusetts, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.



Hillary Clinton

Bernie Sanders

Bernie Sanders won primaries in Colorado, Minnesota, Oklahoma, and his home state, Vermont.

### REPUBLICAN DEBATE ON FOX

The Republican presidential candidates faced off again on Fox news Thursday night. According to CNN, highlights include Donald Trump boasting about the size of his genitalia, Marco Rubio saying Trump's hands were small and that "you know what they say about men with small hands." Trump called Mitt Romney an "embarrassment" after Romney gave a speech calling Trump a "fraud." The other candidates, Rubio, Kasich, and Cruz, all spoke against Trump, but pledged to support whomever becomes the party's nominee.

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STUDENTS

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Students are paid for their services and receive class credit, according to Miller. “This is also considered a community service,” she added.

Unless they are away at school, the students are invited to work the elections in August and November.

Miller said she hopes the students working elections for Rose Township learn to become more involved in their communities. She also hopes they will be more knowledgeable when voting for candidates and proposals.

“I hope they would feel honored by being part of the election process for they are our future leaders,” said Miller.

Coggins said Miller and Rose Township have been running this program for three years with great results.

So far, only Rose Township has taken advance of this opportunity to utilize student election inspectors.

“With the importance of the election in November, I would love to ‘loan out’ workers to multiple precincts,” Coggins said.

“I want the students to learn there are many ways to be active in a democratic republic, and that we are not limited to ‘voting’ or ‘protesting’ as so many people think,” he said.

A successful citizenry takes an active citizenry, and that needs to be instilled and begin at younger ages, Coggins added.

“Ideally, civic responsibility would be actively taught and supported by multiple facets of society, not just the schools,” said Coggins. “Rose Township and Ms. Miller have provided an outstanding opportunity for students to see that the roles they play have an effect and I am extremely grateful for that.

“The best effect this can have, in my opinion, is teaching students that we need to vote to make our society work,” Coggins said.

In a standard election, approximately two-thirds, or 67 percent of eligible voters do not participate.

“Can you imagine the difference in society if that number were reduced by half,” Coggins asked. “Voter apathy is at an all-time high, and we need to increase voter turnout in all ages.”

Coggins said programs like this allow students to participate from a young age.

“If you start them early, you will have, more likely, lifetime active voters,” he said.

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Anthony Coggins  
Holly High School AP Government teacher



Mateas Stack and Jenna Scheen, both 17, and juniors at Holly High School, listen as another election worker-in-training asks a question.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO  
Oakland County Election Inspector Joseph Rozell discusses the three tapes a ballot machine prints once polling is finished.



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Paul Cichon, a senior at Holly High School, sits during the two hour class on Thursday.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Presidential Primary Election will be held in all voting precincts of Tyrone Township, Livingston County, Michigan, on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of voting for candidates seeking nomination to the Office of President of the United States.

List of polling locations:

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(Linden School District voters) 11075 Runyan Lake Road, Fenton

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(Fenton School District voters 10235 White Lake Road, Fenton  
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Precinct #4 Tyrone Township Hall  
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All of the above polling locations provide voting access for individuals with disabilities and contain voting instructions in alternative formats, including audio and Braille.

Voters are reminded of the identification requirement. You will be asked to present photo ID at the polls, such as a Michigan driver's license or identification card. Voters may also show the following forms of photo ID; driver's license or identification card issued by another state; federal or state government-issued photo identification; U.S. passport; military identification card with photo; student identification card with photo from a high school or an accredited institution of higher education, such as a college or university; or tribal identification card with photo.

Anyone who does not have an acceptable form of photo ID or is not carrying one can still vote. They will sign a brief form indicating that they are not in possession of a photo ID. Their ballots will be included with all others and will be counted on Election Day.

Applications for absent voter ballots are available for the Presidential Primary Election and may be obtained by contacting the Tyrone Township Clerk's Office. Requests for absent voter ballots must be in writing.

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Zoe Weinberg competes in a competition about a year ago. Weinberg placed second in the slalom and third in the giant slalom at the Division 1 state meet.

## Fenton's Weinberg finishes strong at D1 state ski meet

By David Troppens  
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Zoe Weinberg didn't win the state title for the slalom or giant slalom at the D1 state ski meet.

However, there wasn't a faster skier when one com-  
**See WEINBERG on 18A**

# Hearns is a knockout at COPS event

By David Troppens

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**Fenton** — Tommy Hearns has fists of gold.

The Detroit boxing legend became the first professional boxer in history to win world titles in four weight divisions and eventually won six world titles in five weight divisions.

Hearns' battles with Sugar Ray Leonard, Roberto Duran and Marvin Hagler were must-see bouts not only by Detroiters but millions of boxing fans around the world during the 1980s, when the quad dominated the decade's boxing headlines.

But while "The Hitman" certainly possessed golden fists during his 61-5-1 professional career, perhaps he possesses something a bit more golden — his heart.

During a recent chance meeting at a Pistons game with Concern Over Police Safety (COPS) creator Herman Ferguson, the two sparked up a conversation. It

became a conversation the Fenton resident will never forget.

"I started talking to him about what I do for sports teams in Fenton and about (COPS)," Ferguson said. "He asked for my business card and a couple of minutes later, he put his hand on my arm and started giving me the number."

And with that chance meeting, Hearns became Ferguson's special guest at Ferguson's COPS Safety Benefit held at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center on Monday between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. The proceeds for the banquet went to COPS. It was an easy decision for the Detroit icon. After all, there was a time when Hearns served as a Reserve Police Officer with the Detroit Police Department.

"I feel for the guys," Hearns said about today's police officers. "I know what they go through. I've been through it. I know how tough a job they have, and my hearts go out to them."



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Phil Quasarano, who recently lost his son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren, was one of the reasons Thomas Hearns attended the COPS event.

### Hearns' boxing life

Hearns understands what hard work is like. His family moved to Detroit when he was 5 and while

growing up he posted a 155-8 amateur record. Hearns began his professional career in 1977,  
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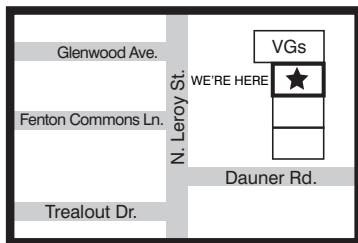
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## Fenton, Holly advance to Class A district title game

By David Troppens

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It was a Fenton vs. Holly battle for the third time in varsity girls basketball action on Friday in the Class A district title match at Brandon High School.

That's because both teams earned the right to be in the district championship contest with victories in the Class A semifinals.

Fenton (16-6) earned its spot in the title match by defeating touring hosts Brandon in Wednesday's semi contest 53-44. Meanwhile, the Broncos earned their spot by defeating Grand Blanc 51-25 in Wednesday's first semifinal contest.

It took the favored Tigers to heat up against the Lady Blackhaws. The teams were tied at 37-all entering the final quarter. However, the Tigers outscored Brandon 16-9 in the fourth quarter, earning the victory.

Senior Sarah Cummings had a huge day, leading all scorers with 20 points. She also had nine rebounds, four assists and two steals. Chloe Idoni also put up big numbers, netting 16 points, eight rebounds, two steals, two assists and two blocks.

Taylor Mowery chipped in six points, five rebounds and three assists while senior Madison Shegos chipped in three points, three assists and three

steals. Chloe Bennett led Brandon with 16 points.

The Lady Broncos had a bit easier time disposing of Grand Blanc, holding the Lady Bobcats to just 25 points for the 32 minutes.

Conversely, the Broncos' offense hit on 18-of-40 shots, including a sizzling 7-of-13 from behind the three-point line to earn Holly the victory.

Kaitlyn Smith led Holly (12-9) with 13 points, and hit 3-of-6 shots from behind the three-point line. She also had three assists, three steals and three rebounds. Paige Reid also had a big day with 13 points and three assists. Seven other Holly players scored at least two points. Erick Reddy netted five points, while Jenna Pepper and Taylor Vines had four points each. Pepper also had four assists and three steals, while Vines had three rebounds. Sami Hild led Holly with four rebounds.

Fenton won both of the regular-season match-ups between the two area foes, defeating Holly 48-42 at Holly on Dec. 11 and 49-45 at Fenton on Jan. 29. For more information on Friday's contest go to tctimes.com.

**Class C district  
Goodrich 71,  
Lake Fenton 26**

The Martians outscored Lake Fenton 13-2 in the open-



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Fenton's Madison Shegos (right) had three points, three assists and three steals in the Tigers' 53-44 district win against Brandon on Wednesday.

ing quarter and never slowed down, earning Goodrich the Class C district opening win against the Lady Blue Devils.

Lake Fenton's strongest offensive quarter was the second period when the Blue Devils scored 13 points, but Lake Fen-

ton never scored more than six points in any other quarter.

Hannah Garty led the Blue Devils with nine points. Alexis Sevilian led Goodrich with 21 points and five steals. Diamond Pate chipped in 14 points and five rebounds.

## LF wins another thriller vs. Goodrich

By David Troppens

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The first ended with a buzzer-beater, why not have the second outing finish the same way?

That's what the 17-3 Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team did on Thursday.

Andrew Foerster's putback shot with about one second left gave the Blue Devils a 39-38 victory against area rivals Goodrich on Thursday. It was the second time this year Lake Fenton defeated the Martians on a last-second shot.

"It was a fortunate and fun end for us," Lake Fenton coach Jake Erway said. "(Chris) Bell took a shot on the baseline and it kind of looked like it was partially blocked or he was fouled. Foerster got the backside rebound and hit it with about one second left."

Lake Fenton trailed by as many as 15 points in the third quarter before forging a comeback.

Foerster finished with nine points and seven rebounds, while Bell, Isaac Golson, Jalen Miller and Jake Zielinski had seven points each.

Lake Fenton starts district action against Flint Southwestern at Durand High School on Monday.

## All seven LF wrestlers advance in first round state matches

By David Troppens

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All seven of Lake Fenton's state-qualifying wrestlers finished Thursday's opening day of the tournament with a victory at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

The seven Blue Devils were among 10 tri-county area wrestlers who entered Friday's action just three victories away from an individual state championship.

Two tri-county area defending state champions won their first matches. Lake Fenton's Trent Hillger (285) and Jarrett Trombley (119) hardly broke a sweat to win their matches. Trombley didn't have to break a sweat as he earned a bye. Hillger won his first match in 58 seconds. Trombley was a 112 state champion for Corunna last year. Meanwhile, Hillger won his crown at 215 for the Blue Devils.

Lake Fenton's other first-round winners were: A.J. Geyer (103), Hunter Corcoran (125), Sean Trombley (135), Devan Melick (135) and Jackson Nevadomski (140). The Blue Devils are wrestling in Division 3 competition.

Holly has two wrestlers and Linden has one grappler who won first-round matches. Holly's Jimmy Gray (215) earned a pinfall win in D2 action, while teammate Mitch Nelson (125) won his first bout by decision. Linden's Dawson Blank (145) also captured a decision win in D2 action.

In order to win an individual state champion, a wrestler must win four matches.



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Lake Fenton's Devan Melick (left) competes at the team state meet. Melick was one of 10 area wrestlers to advance to the second round of the championship bracket at the individual state meet on Thursday.

Five area wrestlers are one loss away from falling out of state meet competition. Holly's Colton Cleaver (152), Cade Dallwitz (171) and Collin Dallwitz (215) lost their Thursday matches, while Linden's Bryce Davis (152) and Aaron Steedman (189) lost their openers. In order to assure a top-eight placing, a wrestler must win two of their first three matches.

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## HEARNS

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and knocked out each of his first 17 opponents. Hearns won his first world title match against Pipino Cuevas by TKO in 1980. Hearns first loss came in his 33rd fight, which was his first bout against Sugar Ray Leonard.

At the time, Hearns, Leonard, Roberto Duran and Marvelous Marvin Hagler were some of the greatest names in boxing history and Hearns had legendary bouts with all of them. His second bout with Leonard was a controversial split decision. His fight with Hagler is often considered three of the greatest rounds in boxing history, with Hagler winning by TKO. Finally, Hearns defeated Duran in their only bout by second-round knockout in April of 1984.

"Boxing teaches you lessons that you keep with you for a lifetime," Hearns said. "It teaches you how to become a man and how to do things on your own. It also teaches you to go out and to do things. You learn it's not impossible if you go out and do it. You see what you possibly can do."

"I know a lot of people were watching

me and I had to show them it was all possible," Hearns said. "I wanted it to happen, so I made it happen."

"All (of the matches) stand out in my mind – what you have to do to get ready for each one."

### COPS Safety Benefit

The event gave fans a chance to talk and take photos with Hearns. Also in attendance were Michigan State Police Officers Steve Kramer and Amy Belanger, who were able to hear from people who supported the jobs they must endure on a daily basis.

"It feels good having the community support — having someone out there willing to put them out there and show the community they do support us," Belanger said. "Attending (functions like this) shows we are people too. We give hugs and we talk to people. We have normal conversations."

"I like what (Herman) does," Kramer said. "There are plenty of stories about people who question everything about the police and condemn everything we do. It's kind of refreshing having someone on our side."

People supported COPS not only through their attendance, but through a



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Event organizer Herman Ferguson chats with Thomas Hearns at the COPS fundraiser on Monday.

silent auction for a variety of prizes. The COPS wristbands were available as well, enabling people to show their support for police officers.

"I am beating the drum for police officers," Ferguson said. "I want to get others to come with me so we can do a drum line from New York to Los Angeles."

"What I said to some officers today was to help me help you. That's what I want to do."

## WEINBERG

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bines the events.

Weinberg, who is a junior, finished second in the slalom and third in the giant slalom at the D1 event held at Marquette Mountain on Monday.

No one had a faster combined time than the Fenton skier at states. Weinberg finished both of her slalom and giant slalom runs with a combined time of 2:30.19, or .53 seconds faster than Sasha Scheidt, the competitor who placed first in the slalom ahead of Weinberg.

"Despite the challenging conditions, Zoe remained consistently fast the entire day," Fenton/Linden ski coach James Hiscock said. "It's important to point out that Zoe was the fastest overall individual racer when the two events are combined. No other girl finished on the top three podium in both events and was faster than her combined time of 2:30.19. In team scoring, it's the combination of both slalom and giant slalom

that determines an overall champion."

Weinberg, who won the D1 state title in slalom a year ago, placed second with a time of 1:27.15. She was in first after her first run with a time of 42.49, but her second run of 44.66 was the fourth-best of the group. Scheidt finished first with a combined time of 1:25.11. Weinberg finished over a second ahead of the rest of the field.

In GS, Weinberg was fifth (34.18) after the first run, but followed that result by taking second with her second run (28.86), earning a combined time of 1:03.04, less than a second out of first.

Holly's Emma Ford also competed in the giant slalom and placed 50th with a combined time of 1:11.92.

In boys action, Holly/Oxford's Max Ford finished 19th in the giant slalom (1:02.26) and 36th in the slalom (1:30.22). Fenton/Linden's Brendan McInerney placed 41st in the giant slalom (1:04.33), while Holly/Oxford's Keith Cotaling placed 48th (1:06.23).



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### COMPETITIVE CHEER

#### ► Regional meet at Flint Kearsley:

The Lake Fenton Blue Devils finished 10th out of 12 teams with a team score of 695.70. The squad posted a first round score of 216.50 and a second round score of 200.30. They ended the meet with a third round of 278.90.

### BOYS BOWLING

#### ► Regional meet at Cherry Hills

**Lanes North:** Fenton's John Cryderman qualified for the individual state meet by placing fifth in the individual regional meet on Sunday with a six-game pinfall total of 1,207. The top 10 individuals in each region qualified for the state meet.

Cryderman had games of 201, 233, 200, 166, 213 and 194, qualifying for state by 47 pins. He finished 68 pins out of first.

Other area bowlers to finish in the top 30 were: Linden's Trevor Sundrla in 11th (1,162), Holly's Eddie Sanner in 21st (1,108), and Holly's Vladimir Craycraft in 30th (1,081). Sundrla rolled a 256 final game, missing qualifying for state by just three pins.

In team action on Saturday, Holly led area schools by finishing 10th overall with a pinfall total of 3,288. Linden was 11th (3,253) and Fenton was 13th (3,167).

### GIRLS BOWLING

#### ► Regional meet at Cherry Hills

**Lanes North:** Holly's Jenna Royle came within a place of qualifying as an individual for the D2 state meet, placing 11th with a six-game score of 1,010. She missed the top 10 by 15 pins. Her best game was a 208.

Other area athletes to finish in the top 30 individually were: Fenton's Angela Hanners in 25th (905), Holly's Madisyn Fultz in 27th (887) and Linden's Amber Prise in 29th (880).

In team action on Saturday, Holly placed sixth with a team pinfall score of 3,014. Fenton took 11th (2,082) while Linden placed 12th (2,777).

### BOYS BASKETBALL

#### ► Lake Fenton 39, Goodrich 38:

Andrew Foerster hit a putback attempt off a Chris Bell jumper during the final second, leading the Blue Devils (17-3) to their second straight buzzer-beating victory against Goodrich this season.

Foerster led Lake Fenton with nine points and five rebounds, while Bell, Isaac Golson, Jalen Miller and Jay Zielinski had seven points each.

► **Powers 61, Fenton 59:** Fenton trailed by 12 in the third, but ended up falling 61-59 in overtime to Powers. Chris Gilbert, who hit a three-pointer putting the game in OT, led Fenton with 20 points, while Nick Wyrick had 17 points, 11 rebounds and four blocks.

#### ► Lake Fenton 60, Mt. Morris

**50:** Jon Sanders netted 12 points, while Chris Bell had 11 points and seven assists, leading Lake Fenton to the victory. Cam Jackson had nine points and seven rebounds, while Jake Zielinski netted nine points. Isaac Golson had a team-best 11 rebounds.

#### ► Fenton freshmen 44, Linden

**36:** Linden's Travis Klocek led Linden and all scorers with 15 points, while Nickolas Cainruff led Fenton with 10 points. Brock Henson had seven points for Fenton while Logan Welch and Andrew Kerr had six points each. Jeff Metzger and Max James had seven points each for Linden.

► **Brandon 69, Holly 55:** The Blackhawks defeated Holly for the second time this season, using a 35-25 halftime lead to spark them to the win on Friday.

Ian Hodges led the Bronchos (14-5) with 13 points and four rebounds, while Adam Tooley had 12 points, seven steals, seven rebounds and three assists. Kyle Woodruff had 10 points and three assists. Harless chipped in eight points.

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The Fenton Community Orchestra led by Andrew Perkins, takes the audience seamlessly through the apocalyptic conclusion of "The Birds."

### BIRDS

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Hitchcock classic. When released, there was no actual musical film score.

But Saturday night, 173 lucky guests were treated to "The Birds" on a big screen and a sold-out live performance of a brand new musical underscore by the Fenton Community Orchestra.

The score was written by conductor Andrew Perkins.

In all, 346 guests saw the performance, which included a rehearsal Thursday night, and a preview night on Friday, according to orchestra Executive Director Jennifer Fleck, who also plays the upright bass.

Perkins began writing the score in September 2015. In all, he composed 90 minutes of music for 56 members, and 27 different parts, or voices.

The orchestra received the music in January, and began an intense rehearsal process this winter.

Before the big event, guests enjoyed a red-carpet gala atmosphere, with hors d'oeuvres, drinks, a photo booth and a gallery of bird-based art. Renderings of birds, and Alfred Hitchcock, were everywhere.

The atmosphere was lively, classy and brought the toast of Fenton and Genesee County to the performance. But, the sounds of the birds betrayed the party atmosphere, and hinted at the impending avian attack.

When the performance began, the musical tension ramped up, into explosions of stabbing power, and nauseating dissonant notes. While it was written just last year, Perkins wrote under the strict influence of the music style of that era.

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**“It’s hard to describe the joy and enthusiasm and high you get after an incredible performance and packed house and sold out crowd for two nights.”**

**Jennifer Fleck**  
FCO Executive Director  
(founder and musician)

The music was very familiar, and one guest commented that he forgot there was an orchestra playing the music.

As star Tippi Hedron, or Jessica Tandy conversed, or fought off plunging seagulls, the music helped carry the guests through "The Birds" in a new way.

In the final movements of the score, the orchestra collapsed into sweeping crescendo, Perkins tying it off with a flair of his conductor's hands, and then pumped his fists in victory, celebrating a great performance.

"I'm ecstatic," said Perkins, the champagne celebrations starting behind him. "That was exactly what I wrote, the orchestra performed it perfectly." He enjoyed the preview performance on Friday, but "this night, the magic was in the audience."

He said the score was a matter of art influencing

art, as a huge Hitchcock fan. "It was an intense process, but the orchestra was ready for the challenge."

Said Fleck, "We are all just absolutely thrilled. It's hard to describe the joy and enthusiasm and high you get after an incredible performance and packed house and sold out crowd for two nights."



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Before the performance, guests enjoyed bird-centered art, hors d'oeuvres and photo booths.

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## WOMAN TAX

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Alicia Kent, associate professor of English and Women's and Gender Studies at UM-Flint, said, "It's not that women want to pay more or are wasteful with their money, but rather, often there is no other option but to pay the more expensive price."

The "women tax" or "pink tax" is not fictional.

The DCA found that on average, women's products cost 7 percent more than men's products, and another California study found that women pay approximately \$1,351 more each year than men for similar goods and services.

Kent said companies do this because they know women will pay the higher price.

"Companies typically use the argument that the market sets the price, but the gender discrepancy in prices points more to the lack of voice that women have compared to men in the market," she said.

This gender price gap starts at a young age. Shirts for girls, for example, often cost up to 13 percent more, according to the DCA, and girl's toys cost 11 percent more than boy's toys, even if they're the same toys in different colors.

This discrepancy perpetuates the stereotype that women are excessive spenders, Kent said, and the stereotype that women waste their time on shopping.

Kent said she either has to pay the high price for work clothes that men could buy for a cheaper price, or spend more time finding better deals.

"All of this searching around means that I'm spending a lot of time shopping, rather than spending time on my career, not to mention spending time to change the pricing system that put me in this situation in the first place," she said.

Women also spend more on services such as dry cleaning.

Lisa Perczak, who works at Dixie Cleaners in Fenton, said clothes cleaning services often cost more for women because of the machines many companies use.

"A lot of places do have a machine where the shirt goes in there wet and it dries it. It washes it and presses it all in one process," she said.

Women's blouses are too small to fit on the rack in the machine so they require more attention.

"We're a little more old-fashioned," she said. Dixie Cleaners does not use this machine so rates are the same for men

## Why you should try to buy the men's version of almost everything

IN EVERY INDUSTRY, PRODUCTS FOR FEMALE CONSUMERS WERE MORE LIKELY TO COST MORE. SPECIFICALLY:

• **Girls' toys** cost more 55 percent of the time, while boys' toys cost more 8 percent of the time.

• **Girls' clothing** cost more 26 percent of the time, while boys' clothing cost more 7 percent of the time.

• **Women's clothing** cost more 40 percent of the time, while men's clothing cost more 32 percent of the time.

• **Women's personal care products** cost more 56 percent of the time, while men's products cost more 13 percent of the time.

• **Senior home health care products** cost more for women 45 percent of the time and cost more for men 13 percent of the time.

SOURCE: New York City Department of Consumer Affairs

and women.

This "pink tax" also applies to health care products. The DCA found that women spend 56 percent more money on personal grooming products like shampoo even when the product is similar to men's products.

The DCA found that shampoo for women costs 48 percent more than shampoo for men.

An easy fix would be for women to buy products aimed at men. Yet, women's clothes are made specifically for women's bodies, with tighter waists and bigger busts.

"If products for girls and women are priced higher, it is not the women paying the higher price who are to blame, but the companies setting the higher prices," Kent said.

While this "woman tax" causes women to spend more

money than men to have equal products, being a woman will "continue to be seen as less than being a man," she said.

"Something that seems as trivial as a higher price for a girl's toy than a boy's toy is a symptom of the larger economic system that not only costs women more money, but perpetuates the notion that it is unfavorable to be a woman," Kent said.

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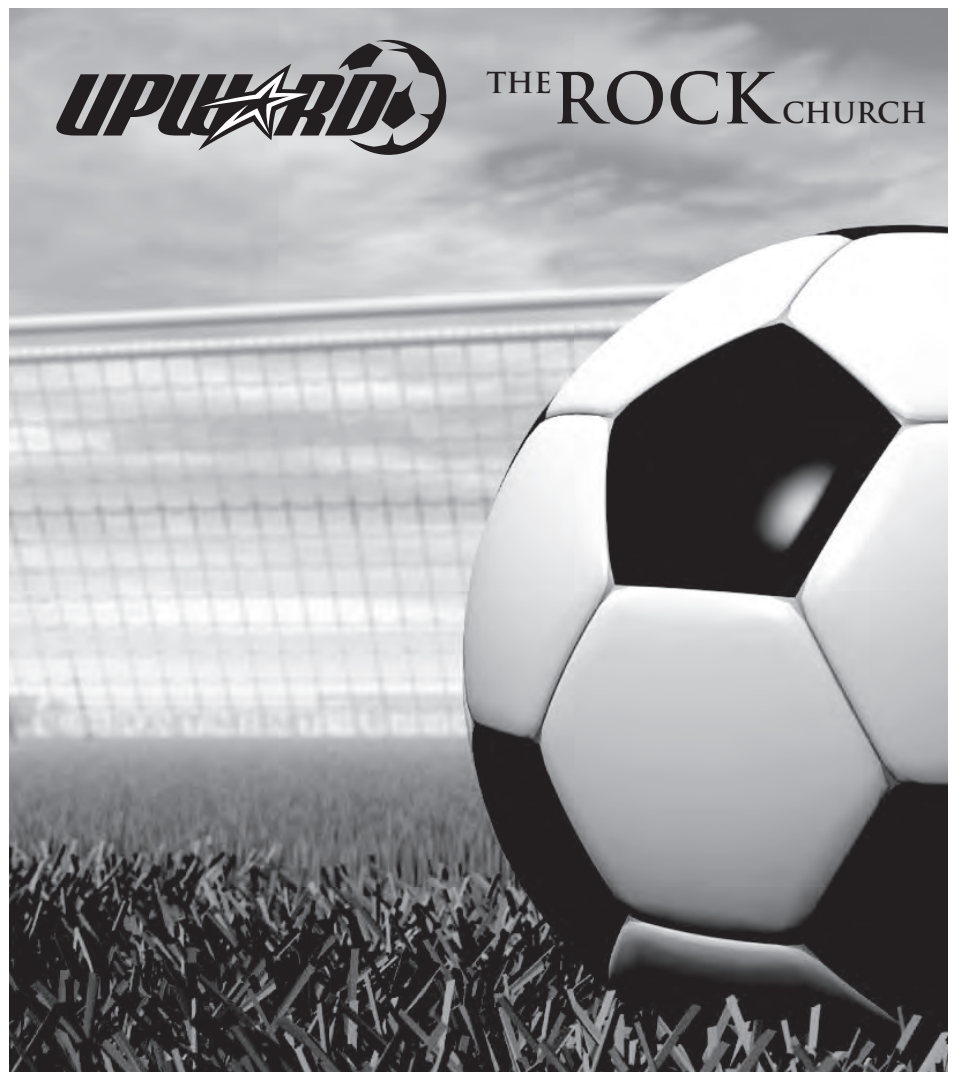
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## Holly Education Foundation helps fund variety of projects

### Holly Area Schools staff recipients of grant monies

The Holly Education Foundation has recently awarded grant monies to 19 of Holly Area School's Pre-kindergarten to 12th-grade teachers.

The total amount awarded was \$9,770 and will help assist staff to continue their efforts to provide enhanced and enriched programs for their students.

All recipients were thankful and appreciative of the Foundation. Even the students were excited in the classroom. For example, one teacher told her students the grant money would allow her to purchase Hisense Chromebooks to utilize during literacy and math workshop time. The students were very excited about this.

The grant monies will be used in a variety of ways, such as:

- trail cams for data gathering in middle school Ecology class,
- a field trip to the zoo to study animal,
- an elementary Family Math Night,
- the purchase of tools for high school woodshop class,
- acquire adapted seating for physical and intellectual motivation, purchase

of Boogie Boards (LCD boards) to practice math and literacy skills,

- purchase additional books for second-grade book clubs,
- buy aquaponics equipment for middle school science study, purchase of spectrum analysis equipment to support eighth-grade science,
- Holly High School Community Trail will continue their project, purchase of nonfiction sight words books to develop literacy at the elementary level,
- acquire new maps to support social studies curriculum,
- and the purchase of Rekenreks to enhance elementary math.

The Holly Education Foundation is a charitable foundation, which raises monies through fundraisers, monetary contributions, payroll deductions, and memorial gifts. They distribute the monies throughout the Holly Area School District, which supports teachers, students, and other staff members.

For more information, visit the Holly Education Foundation Facebook page.

### NOTICE of 2016 BOARD OF REVIEW FOR THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOLLY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Review of the Township of Holly will meet at the Holly Township Hall, 102 Civic Drive, Holly, Michigan as follows:

**Tuesday, March 8, 2016** at 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM Organizational Meeting to receive 2016 Assessment Roll from Assessor [MCL 211.29(1)]  
Appointments will be taken for:

**Monday, March 11, 2016** from 1:00 PM-4:30 PM and 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

**Tuesday, March 16, 2016** from 1:00 PM-4:30 PM and 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

**Friday, March 18, 2016** ONLY IF NECESSARY, from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM and 1:00 PM-5:00 PM OR 1:00 PM Board Signing Session Only

The 2016 tentative equalization ratio is 50% and the estimated multiplier is 1.0000 for all property classification.

Appointments before the Board of Review may be made for the dates listed above by calling Oakland County Equalization, toll free, 1-888-350-0900 Extension 85583 or 248-858-5583. Appeals may also be made in writing and must be received prior to the closing of the Board of Review. All written appeals should be addressed to:

Oakland County Equalization, Holly Township Assessor  
250 Elizabeth Lake Rd., Suite 1000 West  
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Please use Parcel Identification Number when referring to your property so that records can be quickly located.

Protest at the Board of Review is necessary to protect your right to further appeals to the Michigan Tax Tribunal for valuation and exemption appeals and/or State Tax Commission for classification appeals.

HOMEOWNER'S PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE AFFIDAVIT INFORMATION IS REQUIRED BY P.A. 105 of 2003: If you have purchased your principal residence after December 31 last year, to claim the principal residence exemption for next year if you have not already done so, you are required to file an affidavit before May 1 this year.

Persons needing assistance in attending an appointment should call the Township Clerk's Office at (248) 634-9331 ext. 301 at least 7 business days prior to the appointment.



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# Meet Cathy North

- Athletic director
- Mother
- Soon-to-be retiree

By Hannah Ball

hball@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792

Cathy North graduated from Linden High School's Class of 1970 and she has lived in Linden since the fourth-grade. After working as a teacher, coach, and athletic administrator, and being named the grand marshal of Linden's Holiday Happenings this year, she's ready to retire after 40 years of working at Linden.

## How long have you been working at Linden?

I have worked at Linden my entire career. Thirty-four years as a teacher and this is my seventh year as the athletic director.

## What encouraged you to go into athletics?

My mentor was Claude Cranston who was the athletic director throughout my high school years and early teaching career. He encouraged me to attend college and participate in athletics.

## What struggles did you face as the athletic director?

I have honestly not had that many struggles as an athletic director aside from finding the time to fit everything into our busy schedule. Our coaches, support staff, administration and volunteers make things go smoothly and we are super proud of our programs and facilities at Linden.

## What other professions have you had?

Teaching, coaching and athletic administration are the only jobs I have had in my career.

## What's your favorite sport?

My favorite sport to play is golf and my favorite sport to watch is football.

## How has the school changed?

Although considerably larger, Linden is still the great school and community it was when I was young. The number of families that have remained, or returned to live in Linden, is what makes this community so strong and such a great place to live. The environment at Linden has always been great, mainly due to the people that work here — strong leaders, great teachers and coaches.

## Are you excited to retire?

It will be very bittersweet. I love Linden and my job as athletic director. I really enjoy the people that I work with, both at Linden and throughout our league, but



look forward to retirement as well.

## What's something you're planning to do once you retire?

I will travel more, get caught up on reading all the books on my list and brush off my golf clubs. I would also like to get more involved with volunteering in the community now that I will have a bit more time.

## Tell me about your family.

I am very lucky to have a wonderful family that is very close, both in location and heart. My son, Tim, recently moved back to the Midwest and now lives in Chicago so I get to see him more often, which is wonderful. Aside from that, my family all still lives in the Linden-Fenton area and we spend quite a bit of time together. I am blessed.

## What's something hardly anyone knows about you?

I am a true blue Michigan fan.

## What kind of hobbies do you have?

I love anything to do with the water and beach and I enjoy working out.

## What's something you've always wanted to do?

I have yet to go white-water rafting and that will happen in the near future.

**"Linden is still the great school and community it was when I was young. The number of families that have remained, or returned to live in Linden, is what makes this community so strong and such a great place to live."**

**Cathy North**  
Linden Community Schools  
athletic director, Holiday  
Happening parade grand  
marshal

TRI-COUNTY TIMES  
TIM JAGIELO

Linden Athletic Director Cathy North will be retiring at the end of this school year. She spent her entire career with Linden Community Schools.

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## ASK THE MECHANIC

Chris Wilkinson,  
Certified Mechanic

**Q:** I have a 2001 Ford Focus MK1. I had a power loss the other night. The high revving engine light came on with a strong sulfur smell. I changed the spark plugs leads and coil pack and that fixed that problem. Now it's over fueling, drinking the stuff as soon as it sets off. Also, the temp gauge goes to middle within 30 secs of start up. Do you have any ideas? Thanks for your time.

- John

**A:** John, The first thing that came to mind with the power loss and sulfur smell / high revving; was a plugged catalytic converter. However, I am suspicious of a bad cylinder head gasket because you say tune up parts fixed this problem and you now have a fuel consumption and engine temp issue. I think with the problems that you are having; it is best left to a professional repair shop to properly diagnose. The repairs could get quite expensive if you replace parts that haven't been properly tested and letting this go on could do further damage to the engine.

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