**Mistrial — again!**

By Vera Hogan
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A second trial for Mary Lou Bigford, 52, the woman accused of killing the father of her granddaughter, was scheduled to begin on Monday, March 7. But after five days of trying to seat a jury the second trial ended in another mistrial shortly before noon on Monday.

According to themorningsun.com, “Judge Chamberlain declared a mistrial.”

See MISTRIAL on 13

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## Shark, stingray and snakes – oh my!

**Exotic zoo owners must seek Tyrone Township approval**

By Vera Hogan
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Tyrone Township officials have recently learned that it really is a "jungle out there." "Out there" being on Hartland Road, between Gordon and Germany roads, where Supe’s Exotic Jungle has been operating since 2011. It started as a small pet business, but in 2015 evolved into educational and entertainment.

See ZOO on 7

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## Best turnout in decades for Primary Election?

**Polling stations report higher numbers than previous years**

By Tim Jagielo
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Fenton Twp. — At Lake Fenton High School, voter traffic was steady at about 8:30 a.m. Tuesday. Residents came in through the double doors and were ushered past a map where they could verify their precinct. Inside, Thomas Broecker, the township’s operations manager/deputy clerk, and other election workers signed everyone in and sent them down to the music room to vote.

"This is the busiest presidential primary that I remember," said Broecker. Social media lit up like it was the general election, with photos of "I voted" stickers filling up news feeds.

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## Geese nest and egg destruction approved for Lake Fenton

By Sally Rummel
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The Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved a resolution supporting the Canada goose nest and egg destruction program for Lake Fenton in an attempt to control the population.

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## ‘It was one of our best shows ever’

**Fenton Expo 2016 sets attendance record**

By Sally Rummel
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Good weather, entertaining exhibitors and a smooth volunteer effort added up to a successful Fenton Community Expo this past weekend, March 5-6 at Fenton High School.

"We clicked through almost 3,000 visitors on Saturday, and crowds were strong on Sunday, too," said this year, the petting zoo was provided by Carousel Acres, and is always a highlight for children and adults.

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## Comment of the Week

"If we keep electing the same people who have been in office, we will keep getting the same results. The problems we face today won’t be solved by the minds that created them."
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FENTON YEARBOOK

FENTONIAN FINALIST AGAIN FOR NATIONAL AWARDS

By Hannah Ball
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Last year’s Fenton High School students might be immortalized in an award-winning publication, the school’s yearbook, the Fentonian.

The Fenton High School yearbook has been chosen as one of 89 finalists out of 367 entries for the Pacemaker, an award from the National Scholastic Press Association, in the wake of receiving a nomination for another national award by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

Yearbook teacher Pam Bunka said the students who put the yearbook together last year “were really happy and really excited about it.”

These awards aren’t new to the yearbook staff. This is the second year in a row the Fentonian has been a finalist for both of these national awards.

Current co-editor-in-chief Michael Fabatz said the yearbook has a long-standing history of excellence. The Fentonian has won both of these awards in previous years.

“We try to maintain the same level and then raise the bar,” he said. “It’s something that we’re always working toward and something we hold pretty important to our staff.”

The press release from the NSPA states, “Overall, what separated the finalists’ selected publications also had clever and solid themes that developed both visually and verbally throughout the book.”

Bunka said they try to stay current and keep up on the trends. They started using an app called Aurasma that uses augmented reality to combine print media and online media.

They created icons to place near certain sections in the book as a “see more” feature. “Students hold their phone or tablet over (the icon) and it will indicate a video or slideshow so they can see the book come to life,” Bunka said.

Zeinab Torabi, 16, who took charge of the app for the yearbook, said they recorded videos, like seniors reading their senior quotes and the girls’ soccer team recorded videos, like seniors reading their senior quotes and the girls’ soccer team with their trophy.

See FENTONIAN on 15
Random royal observations

- Today’s new word: Billionaire — a person who claims to struggle financially but is worth $80 million.
- Personal responsibility is why government isn’t efficient. The most foolproof quality control method in the world is to hold people accountable for their actions and decisions. Conversely, the best way to screw anything up is to hire employees but not hold them accountable for their decisions. This is why our government is so abysmally inefficient and incompetent.
- Obamacare is not health care reform, it’s a taxation agenda disguised as health care reform.
- Under Obamacare, estate taxes that were eliminated by George Bush have been reinstated, with some as high as 45 percent. How in the world can assets and cash that have already been taxed be taxed again just because it’s being handed down to heirs? More government confiscation of our assets.
- Maybe it’s just me, but shouldn’t employment in the private sector grow faster than employment in the government?
- America’s priorities are so ‘effed up. Soldiers die overseas, anonymously and unheralded, while every aspect of the life of a wealthy, privileged comedian/actor who committed suicide is dissected, celebrated and mourned by the mainstream media and America. We are sheep, led astray by the 50-inch flat panels on our walls.
- Chelsea Clinton married Meczynski in 2010. Chelsea’s new father-in-law is Ed Meczynski, a Democrat who represented Iowa in the United States House of Representatives from 1973 to 1977. Meczynski was indicted and latter pleaded guilty to 31 of 69 felony charges of bank fraud, mail fraud, and wire fraud after he scammed over $10 million from friends and associates in a Ponzi investment scheme. He served five years in prison and still owes $9.4 million in restitution to his victims. The beat goes on.
- If you have never read George Orwell’s ‘1984,’ now would be time to do so. Read it prior to Nov. 8, 2016.
- I would love to see President Obama have to stand in front of Judge Judy and explain Benghazli. IRS loss of emails, VA shameful treatment of veterans, lack of action to keep borders secure and multiple recorded lies told during campaigning. That would certainly be interesting, entertaining and informative.
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What question do you want to see in Street Talk?

“What type of spring cleaning are you planning on doing?”

“What’s your favorite part of the Expo?”

“Are you afraid of your water?”

“Should the voters or the parties choose who’s going to be at the conventions?”

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“Do you know what your home owners insurance policy covers, or your auto insurance?”

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter
Local dancers audition for ‘High Strung 2’

By Sally Rummel

A young local dancer just might be in a Hollywood movie, following last Thursday’s auditions at Broadway Dance Academy in Fenton.

A show-stopping purple movie tour bus promoting the upcoming dance movie “High Strung” pulled into the studio parking lot at about 5 p.m., hinting at the excitement about to take place inside the studio.

Inside the bus were the film’s directors, Michael and Janeen Damian, and executive producers, Eric and Jofami Tyler, ready to share the thrill of the making of “High Strung,” while auditioning more than 40 dancers from area studios for future roles.

They will be selecting dancers, ages 8 and up, for 65 parts in “High Strung 2,” a sequel to “High Strung,” as well as other future dance roles. This original movie stars actress Jane Seymour, classically trained ballet dancer Keenan Kampa and actor Nicholas Galitzine.

Fenton’s stop on the cross-country bus tour came about by Broadway Dance Academy studio owner Jeanette Cota, who became acquainted with the film’s directors and producers in Los Angeles, where she is currently on an extended visit with her daughter, Ava, 13, an aspiring dancer, model and actress.

Ava is working and training with her mother and other choreographers, and recently signed with Wilhelmina Models in LA and New York City.

“Hollywood excitement pulls into town”

“It’s an amazing movie,” said Cota, who was invited to walk the ‘red carpet’ with Ava, when the film debuted at the Santa Barbara International Film Festival in February.

The movie will open nationally at more than 100 theaters on April 8, including the AMC Star Great Lakes 25. Discounted tickets for groups are available on the movie’s website, highstrungthemovie.com

“The staff, students and parents at Broadway have really stepped up in our absence,” said Jeanette. “We’re trying to bring dance opportunities back here to Fenton, including this movie audition.”

“Our girls are super excited,” said Chelsea Eaton, whose two daughters, Liberry, 12 and Georgia, 8, were both auditioning. “Liberty wanted to get out of school early to get ready. We’ve been hearing about this for a couple of months.”

Fenton was the bus tour’s 22nd stop, on a nationwide tour that began in San Diego, California and will end in Florida in late March. Opening night of “High Strung” will be March 29 at Grauman’s Chinese Theater in Hollywood.
Lake Fenton property owners aim to control population

By Hannah Ball
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Fenton Twp. — The Fenton Township Board of Trustees approved a resolution at its meeting Monday supporting the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Canada Goose nest and egg destruction program for Lake Fenton.

Lake Fenton property owners submitted the application to the DNR to participate in a program to reduce the Canada goose population on Lake Fenton.

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

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

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

Bob Chimovitz, one of the directors for the Lake Fenton Property Owners Association, read a letter from the association president, George Dyball.

"Last year was our first year participating in the DNR Canada goose program," Chimovitz read to township officials. "When we first started it was our intention all along to (participate) in the nest and egg destruction as the preferred method to control the population of Canada geese on Lake Fenton.

"This past year we have worked long and hard with the DNR and were able to get a special exemption for Lake Fenton to let us participate in the Canada goose nest and egg destruction program directly. We will not have to capture and round up any live geese for any relocation to other parts of the state."

The resolution supporting the program passed 4-1. Trustees Vince Lorraine and Mark Goupil were absent. Clerk Bob Krug was the dissenting vote.

Krug also voted against supporting this program for Silver Marl Lake in February.

Krug said there are better options to control the Canada goose population than breaking up the eggs and nests.

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

According to Tyrone Township Supervisor Mike Cunningham, because no permits were ever requested or granted for this business, an enforcement letter was sent last week to Brent and David Barrick, owners of the property and Supe’s Exotic Jungle.

They met with Cunningham Monday morning. He said they were unaware that a permit was required.

Supe’s Exotic Jungle offers traveling presentations for classrooms, summer camps, parties and special events.

The main attraction is a collection of exotic animals.

The Tyrone Township “jungle” is home to a shark, stingray and starfish, which people can touch in the new 1,000-gallon touch pool. There also is a live coral reef. Supe’s is home to the “world’s largest porcupine,” Oliver the Wallaby, and “the emu gang.” They also have a lemur, parrot, many reptiles, including very large snakes and amphibians. These are in addition to farm animals in the barnyard.

According to supersjex.com, “Our shows are an up-close, hands-on experience your students or guests will never forget. Our discussion focuses on adaptations and the diversity of life, and our diverse collection allows for endless learning possibilities.”

Not only will Supe’s Exotic Jungle come to you, they have on-site parties on the Hartland Road property. For $300, they will accommodate up to 15 guests.

Owners say they are USDA-licensed and fully insured.

According to Cunningham, the owners have been instructed to complete an application and pay the fees needed to conduct a site plan review and schedule an appointment before the Tyrone Township Planning Commission.

Because the township has never faced a situation like this and there is nothing on the books to address it, Cunningham said a subcommittee will be convened to determine what needs to be done to either allow or prohibit an exotic zoo from operating in Tyrone Township.

The entire process could take up to a couple of months, Cunningham said. “We are not going to have them cease operations since they responded right away,” he said. “As long as they show experience more than 20 years of working for the Detroit Zoo in Detroit, Barrick said. “My five years experience working for the Detroit Zoo in the Education Department allowed me to be able to set things up in a manner that kind of bridges the gap between a petting farm and a zoo.”

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Fenton says no to ‘texting and driving’ ordinance

By Vera Hogan
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The kids in Winston Stoody’s eighth-grade class won’t be back to a Fenton City Council meeting any time soon.

At its work session on Feb. 29, the council decided not to pursue a local ordinance prohibiting motorists from texting while driving.

This is something the St. John School students had been pursuing since they were in sixth grade in 2013.

“We didn’t think they took us that seriously then,” said Gwen Feamster, 13, in January. “They just sort of congratulated us and said ‘aren’t they cute,’ that sort of thing.”

Fenton officials will, instead, draft a resolution that will be given to one of Fenton’s state representatives to present to the state of Michigan.

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

“New signs should be posted throughout the city letting people know about the new law,” she said.

The council decided to discuss the topic again at a future work session.

Stoody said the council’s inaction was a “typical shove it down the line and let someone else deal with it.”

Stoody said Police Chief Rick Aro didn’t seem enthusiastic about the idea, which led to council disinterest.

“The chief wasn’t real enthused about it so there was not much interest after that,” he said.

Stoody said council members did tell the kids they “did a good job, keep up the good work …”

Aro said, “I think Mr. Stoody may have misinterpreted what we were thinking. It’s not a matter of disinterest, it’s more about a better way to proceed to get the job done.

“There are some concerns on my part about moving forward as one municipality,” Aro added. “If a statute is adopted statewide it could be more effective, easier to enforce and less costly to Fenton. One point I made and feel strongly about is the education piece. I think educating drivers — young drivers especially — could produce better buy-in than a law that will be difficult to enforce.”

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Injunctions

In life, there are aggravations and problems that we all face and somehow manage to deal with.

However, there are times when certain situations rise beyond the norm and if something isn’t done there could be significant harm to a person or property.

Some examples of such out of the ordinary situations would include a threat to clear cut a forest of all of its trees by someone claiming to be the property owner but isn’t, or the conducting of an illegal business in a residential neighborhood.

Although these and other examples I could give aren’t everyday occurrences, the fact of the matter is that on occasion they do happen and the question becomes is there a remedy under the law to prevent the harm?

The answer to this question is that there is a remedy and specifically it is called an ‘injunction’ or ‘injunctive relief.’

The word injunction comes to us from the Latin word injunctio which means ‘command.’ Its legal definition is that it is an equitable order to a party either forbidding or requiring the doing of an act.

Under Michigan law to initially obtain injunctive relief there must be a legal showing of need, with a court conducting a preliminary hearing after the defendant is served. Thereafter the court decides if what is called a preliminary injunction should be entered. Whatever the outcome a full trial will then be held.

To receive a preliminary injunction a plaintiff must prove four elements:

1. The likelihood of prevailing on the merits,
2. The danger that the party seeking the injunction will suffer irreparable harm if the injunction isn’t issued,
3. The risk that the party seeking the injunction would be harmed more by not issuing it than the opposing party would be if it were issued,
4. The harm to the public interest if the injunction is issued.

A similar analysis is conducted when a court decides if a permanent injunction should enter.

In cases of extreme urgency, even before a hearing, a plaintiff may request a Temporary Restraining Order on a lesser showing of need.

This is a very unique and specialized area of the law and is not often implemented. A related procedure to injunctive relief is the statutory personal protection order statute.
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HOT LINE CONTINUED
TRUMP CAN GO twitter himself with the rest of the Republican pompous wussies.

HANNAH BALL, DID you really mean women are being forced to buy certain shampoos? Where are the shampoo police? Or the shampoo sex slave trafficking? Or the federal shampoo choice enforcement department? Someone please start a sexual discrimination lawsuit.

Women cannot possibly make choices without some kind of help.

WHEN YOU COME to a stop sign aren’t you supposed to stop and look both ways or do you just roll right on through without paying any attention to oncoming traffic?

I’M VERY SUSPICIOUS of Donald Trump. He’ll be a good dictator and will probably cut lots of people’s heads off. Think it over good.

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Residents enter the “green room” at Lake Fenton High School to sign in to vote.

Fenton Township Operations Manager/Deputy Clerk Thomas Broecker signs voters in on Tuesday morning.

ELECTION
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This is what Bill Wilson noticed, on his first trip to the polls ever. Bill was out with his dad Alan, an army veteran with the cap to show it. Both voted Democrat, and for Bernie Sanders. “It’s hard to believe with a hat like this,” said Alan.

The trend continued throughout the day. Broecker reported 21-percent turnout with five hours left, or 1,818 as of 3 p.m, with absentee ballots combined. He said it was the best Presidential Primary Election turnout in 22 years.

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This is the busiest presidential primary that I remember.”
Thomas Broecker
Fenton Township operations manager/deputy clerk

“Jesus, it’s tightly run and I mean tightly run,” said Jerry Bollinger, on his first trip to the polls ever. Jerry was out with his dad Gary, an army veteran with the cap to show it. Both voted Republican, and for Donald Trump. “I was just surprised at the number of people,” he said.

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“A lot of interest,” she said.

Holly Township handles both the township and village of Holly. Clerk Karin Winchester reported at 4 p.m. they had 1,621 voters. She said it seemed busier than usual.

The Times will update the numbers online, and in the Sunday edition. Reporter Hannah Ball contributed to this story.

Holly High School Marching Band might perform National Anthem at Detroit Tigers game

The Holly High School Marching Band has been selected as a finalist for the Detroit Tigers National Anthem Contest. The top 10 marching band programs from southeast Michigan were selected last week by a panel of judges from Comerica Park and the Tigers organization, and now the winner will be decided by a public vote. If Holly wins, the band will perform the National Anthem at the April 9 Tigers game, and receive a $5,000 donation to the Holly Band Program. The band needs the entire Holly Area Schools community to rally around the band to make this a reality. Everyone is allowed to vote once per day until March 20. Vote online at: CMABK.COM/MarchTheParkVote. Be sure to share the link with friends and family.
Fenton Township approves $132,866 for road projects

Wiggins Road will be resurfaced and storm sewer outlet will be replaced

By Hannah Ball
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Fenton Twp. — The Fenton Township Board of Trustees voted Monday to approve proposed plans for its 2016 road projects.

Wiggins Road, which connects to Thompson Road and North Long Lake Road, will undergo an asphalt resurfacing. Fenton Township Supervisor Bonnie Mathis said the road is in poor condition and a chip and seal resurfacing would not be effective.

“One road we’ve really been working on is Wiggins,” she said.

The asphalt resurfacing was recommended.

The estimated cost to Fenton Township to resurface the road after receiving matching funds from the Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC) is $91,324.

The second project is to replace a storm sewer outlet on Old Linden Road and Dooley Drive, near Simply Self Storage. The estimated cost is $83,085, which will be divided equally by the township and the GCRC. The township will pay $41,542.

“This has to be replaced. I was happy to see they’re going to share the cost with us,” Mathis said.

The resolution passed 5-0. Trustees Vince Lorraine and Mark Goupil were absent.
HOT LINE CONTINUED

WELL, I MAY not be quoting Mr. Trump word for word, but on the news yesterday I heard him say, ‘All politicians lie.’ So, does that mean he does, too? My husband tried to counter, ‘He is a business man, not a politician.’ You say tomato I say tomatoho.

HILLARY TOOK MILLIONS from Wall Street and her excuse was Obama did it, too. Like lying about having classified documents on her personal server, now over 2000, which by the way she deleted, breaking federal law. Only delusional liberals would vote for Hillary.

CAN’T HELP BUT laugh at all the celebrities flocking to Flint to get their names and pictures on the news like they really care about the people. Really, Chelsea Clinton? Check out her facial expressions. Really sad. Politics at its finest.

IS BERNIE SANDERS for real? White people don’t know what it is like to live in poverty? Hey Bernie, there are literally millions of poor white people in this country who struggle every day. How can this man actually believe that all whites are living comfortably in middle class wealth?

ISN’T IT FUNNY how ‘money is no object’ when you have none. ‘I’m not paying for that.’ ‘Somebody needs to pay for that.’ Guess who’s going to pay? Here come the lawyers.

IS ANYONE OUT there afraid of a bee’s nest? Well be prepared if Trump gets in there afraid of a bee’s nest? Well be prepared if Trump gets in.

IS BERNIE SANDERS a professor of journalists. I don’t think so. Look him up. Are you even sure about this Andrew? He has no education. There are so many people who struggle every day. How can this ‘leadership’ think that we can buy some product with no experience? “I’m not paying for this.” really makes me laugh. Let’s disagree when we need to, but let’s not mislead the American people.

CAN’T HELP BUT wonder if Andrew Heter has resumed his part-time but very well paid position at Central Michigan as professor of journalists.

MISTRIAL

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Finding that a fair trial was not possible after receiving information that jurors may have had discussions about the case contrary to the court’s instructions,” said Rita Hunt-Scully, Isabella County prosecutor.

A third new trial date has not yet been set.

During the first attempt at a trial in January, Chamberlain declared a mistrial during opening arguments. This occurred, after several days of interviews and jury selection from a pool of 96 candidates.

The first mistrial was the result of critical evidence not shared in time with the defense attorney.

At the time, Chamberlain expressed frustration that never during four days of jury selection was the late evidence issue brought to his attention.

Bigford has been charged with shooting Lawrence Howard, Jr. six times while he sat in his car in the parking lot of Chase Run Apartments in Mt. Pleasant in April of 2015. Howard, a Flint resident at the time, was there to visit with his daughter, who lived in the complex with her mother.

Bigford, who is from Isabella County’s Gilmore Township, has been jailed since her arrest. She is charged with one count of open murder, one count of carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful intent, felonious assault and felony firearm violation.

Bigford’s daughter had accused Howard of sexually abusing their daughter, but numerous investigations failed to substantiate the abuse allegations.
HOT LINE CONTINUED

I'M STILL MOURNING the loss of the horoscope section in the Midweek times. Maybe you could bring it back on the weekend edition in place of the Heller piece. It would at least convey viewpoints that are more logical.

HEY, MITT. GO home and stay home. You have nothing new to add.

THANKS TO the lady with the big yellow snowblower helping clear sidewalks on Fifth Street. My back had, had enough.

FENTON CITY, WOW, lock the park during the winter? Thank you for asking the taxpayers about this first.

POLITICS FOR DUMMIES. Two people running for president have promised everyone lots of free stuff. They're going to take this stuff from people who have lots of stuff. After they take everybody's stuff, where's the next round of free stuff, where's the next round of free stuff coming from? The government will decide if you need it or are allowed to have it. Marx was a genius, fairness and justice.

WHILE WATCHING THE Oscars, I was surprised when I realized Hillary was not awarded an Oscar for her stunning acting on her campaign trail. When she smiles, waves, huge people, lies about her email, her responsibility for four Americans killed in Benghazi, Libya is denied, she was cheated.

WHY DOES THE traffic light at Torrey and South Long Lake Road Function 24/7? It creates more problems than it solves. We need turn lanes on Torrey Road.

Hobby Lobby is the same company that denies women the right to health care services. Marx was a genius, everyone lots of free stuff. They're going to take this stuff from people who have lots of stuff. After they take everybody's stuff, where's the next round of free stuff coming from? The government will decide if you need it or are allowed to have it. Marx was a genius, fairness and justice.

CONFUCIUS SAYS ALL free people will be confused by politicians.

MICHIGAN VOTES

WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS VOTED ON RECENTLY

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This report was released Friday, March 4.

Senate Bill 332: Reduce minor in possession of alcohol sanctions
To remove the misdemeanor penalties for a first violation of the minor-in-possession of alcohol law, but not on second or third violation, which carry potential 30 and 60 day jail sentences. First-time offenders would instead be subject to a $100 civil fine. The bill also repeals police authority to require a minor to take a chemical breath test. Senate Bill 333 applies similar treatment to first offenses of minors transporting alcohol in a vehicle or anyone having an open alcohol container in a vehicle.

House Bill 4485: Repeal “complete streets” advisory council
To eliminate a government “complete streets” advisory council comprised of representatives of various pro-sidewalk interest groups that was created by a 2010 law mandating local governments adopt policies that promote more sidewalks and bike paths.

Passed 28 to 10 in the Senate
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 14)
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)

Senate Bill 496: Make operating a motorcycle without a license a misdemeanor
To make operating a motorcycle without a license endorsement a misdemeanor punishable by a $500 fine and three months in jail for a first offense, and up to a year for subsequent offenses.

Passed 38 to 0 in the Senate
Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)

Senate Bill 672: Expand children’s sports liability waivers to camping
To include camping activities in a law that explicitly states that a parent or guardian of a minor who participates in sports or a recreational activity may release the organizer, sponsor or property owner in advance from liability for economic or noneconomic damages for injuries sustained by the minor.

Passed 38 to 0 in the Senate
Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)
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Passed 5128: Allow some pension double-dipping by retired DNR employees
To allow Department of Natural Resources retirees to collect a pension while also being compensated on a per diem basis by the department for “wildland fire management services.”

Passed 77 to 28 in the House
Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)

House Bill 5202: Create a government youth advisory council
To create a government youth advisory council to “recognize contributions of youths in this state” and “hold forums to give youths a voice.”

Passed 105 to 0 in the House
Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)

News briefs

Linden Lions Paper Drive
The Linden Lions Club is hosting a paper drive at its paper trailer, which is stationed at 1005 North Bridge St. in Linden on Saturday, March 12 and Sunday, March 13 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Help fill their trailer. They will accept newspapers, magazines, phone books, catalogs, school paper and junk mail. The Linden Lions Club thanks the community for its support.
EXPO
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Linda Hathaway, Expo chairman.

She and Shelly Day, executive director of the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce, are now taking a deep breath after hundreds of volunteer hours leading up to the 32nd annual event. “Things went very smoothly, from set-up right into the show,” said Day. “We’ve been doing this for a long time, and we’re always fine-tuning different pieces of it.”

One of the biggest improvements this year was a new sound system that provided better communication in the hallways as well as the gym, to keep visitors in tune to what was happening at the Expo. “We literally had no complaints this year about any part of the event,” said Day.

Exhibitors really went “all out” this year to create booths to represent their businesses. Top vote-getter was Sharp Funeral Homes for “Best Decorated Booth,” winning an office lunch valued at $250 from a participating chamber.

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APPARENTLY, THE DEMOCRATS think that acting presidential has nothing to do with telling the truth. Barack Obama — you can keep your own doctor — it won’t cost you a dime more.

DOES ANYONE CARE to comment on the approximately 28 deaths that mysteriously follow the Clintons?

MODERN JOURNALISM is all about deciding which facts the public shouldn’t know because they might reflect badly on Democrats. I appreciate the Times for being fair and balanced in all their coverage.

CANNOT SELL OUR water. The Great Lakes are not limitless. People in Michigan, we live surrounded by blue jewels and need to protect them.

TO THE PERSON who asked what Hillary’s actual qualifications are, she has been involved in rallying for under-dogs since college. Turn off your TV and read.

THE ON RAMP at Torrey and U.S. 23 is torn up, it is impossible to get up to speed. Maybe there could be an arrow to direct traffic to the left lane, due to “slow entrance.”

LET’S GET SERIOUS, maybe Trump is crazy and fun to watch, but he’s trying for the wrong business. We need someone who is educated, smart and sensible to handle our country and world problems, not someone who kicks up his heels and throws a temper tantrum.

I AM SADDENED and heartbroken over the passing of Nancy Reagan. She truly was a beloved First Lady.

FENTONIAN
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Bunka said the students really enjoy the app. This is one of the few examples of the yearbook keeping up with cultural changes.

“We’re trying to raise the bar for ourselves and make the best book we can for our students. I think the award is really rooted in sound journalistic practices,” she said. “We know every year we’re competing against unknowns.”

The yearbook staff will discover if they win the gold or silver crown from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association in March, and if they won a Pacemaker award in April.

A few of the students will represent Fenton at the NSPA award ceremony at Michigan State University.

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By David Troppens
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Ortonville — It was a battle of area rivals. The Class A girls basketball district at Ortonville-Brandon had the makings of a game that would be decided in the final minutes, and that’s exactly what happened.

When it was over, the Tigers (17-6) made a couple of clutch buckets and netted 14-of-17 free throws for the contest, edging the Holly Bronchos 44-39.

“It feels good to just stretch the season out with this team,” Fenton senior Sarah Cummings said. “We have gotten so close, we don’t want to see it end. We moved the ball really well. Everyone was doing their part. And free throws — free throws were definitely key down the stretch.”

Fenton led most of the contest, but neither team ever had more than a seven-point lead. That gap came at 36-29 by Fenton when Taylor Mowery assisted a six-foot hoop by Cummings with 6:26 left in regulation. However, Holly fought back into the contest. Driving hoops by Jenna Pepper and Becca Fugate cut the Fenton lead to 36-33 with 4:52 left in regulation. Later, a steal and a breaking layup by Pepper cut the gap to 38-37 with just 1:51 left. However, what followed may have been the key bucket of the contest when Mowery scored on a layup and was fouled on a nice dish by Chloee Foor on the break. Mowery also made the free throw, putting the Tigers up 41-37 with just over a minute left in the contest.

Holly’s Kaitlyn Smith cut the gap back to 41-39 with her own driving layup, but the Bronchos (12-10) missed their final four shots and turned the ball over once during that period as well. Meanwhile, Cummings hit two free throws and Mowery hit another free throw down the stretch, icing the contest.

Another big key for the Tigers was their defense on Holly’s all-time leading scorer in school history, Kaitlyn Smith. Smith tied Pepper for team-high honors of 13 points, but she did so by making just 3-of-15 shots from the field. Foor was responsible for most of the defensive work on Smith.

“You have to face-guard her, just shut her down and make sure she doesn’t get shots,” Foor said. “She’s my main goal every time we play them. I like having to play the main player and having the main defensive role on a key player.”

The Bronchos did a pretty good job against Fenton’s top players as well. Life was a challenge for Chloe Idoni and Cummings, who both managed to score 12 points. Idoni had only one field goal all night long, but was sizzling hot at the charity stripe, making 10-of-10 free throws. Cummings hit two three-pointers in the opening quarter. She also scored four pivotal points in the final period.

Others stepped up for Fenton. Mowery netted eight points, including six in the second half. Aly Lenz hit two key buckets in the second quarter, one being a trey, helping lead the Tigers to a 21-17 halftime lead.

“We had a lot of kids step up,” Fenton coach Becki Moore said. “We know they are going to go after Chloe (Idoni) and they are going to go after Sarah and we know what is going to happen there. But the other things that don’t show up in the stats is the kids taking care of the ball or getting the loose balls. Maybe someone playing a couple of minutes for a couple of kids and taking care of things on the floor. Those are the things that were super super important tonight.”

Cummings also had 10 rebounds to go with her 12 points, while Mowery had six rebounds and two steals. Pepper had a strong final game of her career, adding two steals with her 13 points. Sami Hild and Taylor Vines had four rebounds each.

“We knew we had to come out hard,” Smith said. “We wanted to beat Fenton really bad. They are a great team. We wish them luck with their run.”

The Tigers now prepare for Tuesday’s game against Stoney Creek in the Class A regional being held at Grand Blanc. The semifinal contest begins at 5 p.m.

“I think we are capable of a lot,” Cummings said. “We just have to work hard at practice on Monday, get after it and see what happens.”

Chloe Idoni scored 12 points in the Tigers’ championship victory against Holly on Friday. She’s pictured here attempting a shot earlier in the tourney.

Lady Tigers capture Class A district crown, defeat Holly.
**Blue Devils move on to face Goodrich in districts, 62-59**

- **Miller, Foerster hit key buckets leading LF to 44-39 victory vs. Knights**

  By David Troppens
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*Durand — The Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team has made a habit of winning close games this season.*

The Blue Devils did it again on Monday in their Class B district opener against the Flint Southwestern Knights. Jalen Miller hit a three-pointer with 1:34 left giving the Blue Devils back the lead, and Andrew Foerster hit a layin and converted a free throw after being fouled on the layin with 36 seconds left, helping lead the Blue Devils to a 62-59 victory against the Knights at Durand High School.

The win sets the Blue Devils (18-3) up for a game against Goodrich today at 5:30 p.m. at Durand High School. The winner will play in Friday’s district title game at 7 p.m. Lake Fenton hasn’t won a district crown since 1997.

“It would mean a lot,” said Miller, who netted a team-high 21 points. “We were right there last year, one shot away. Our motto is ‘Never die easy.’ We should go out there and play our hearts out.”

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Photo by: David Troppens

“IT would be huge. I don’t know if a Lake Fenton team has ever gotten to 20 wins,” Foerster said. “To get that and get a district title would be huge for the program. Huge for us, too. We’ve been working on getting this our whole lives.”

Lake Fenton led most of the contest and did so by attacking the basket. However, the Knights always hung close. Entering the fourth, Lake Fenton led 44-39. The Blue Devils increased the lead to 51-43 with 4:15 left on a converted free throw by Foerster.

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**Two Blue Devils repeat as state champs**

- **Trombley shocks three-time defending champion to capture his second title**

  By David Troppens
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*Auburn Hills — Jarrett Trombley has heard all of the stories about Devin Schroder’s greatness.*

He knows the senior was looking to become a four-time individual state wrestling champion, a legacy that has been reached by very few in Michigan prep history. He knew creating a collision course with the Grand Rapids Catholic Central’s nationally ranked wrestler could end the Lake Fenton’s sophomore’s dreams of four state champions during his prep career before he even completed half of his wrestling career.

But, Trombley didn’t care. He wanted the challenge. He wanted the vision. He got it, and created one of the greatest memories in Lake Fenton sports history in the process.

Trombley (119) overcame an early 4-0 deficit forced overtime against Schroder, eventually captured a 6-4 decision victory in the third round of overtime, earning him his second straight individual state wrestling title at the Individual State Wrestling Championships held at the Palace of Auburn Hills on Saturday.

“This is kind of a Cinderella story for me,” Trombley admitted. “That wrestler right there — Devin — he’s a three-time state champion and he’s won multiple national titles. He’s nationally ranked. But I’ve always wanted to wrestle him. I’ve heard his name around the sport forever, and he’s one of the greatest. He was a vision quest for me.”

Trombley’s story concerning Schroder started well before Saturday. It started at the beginning of the wrestling season. Trombley, who was a state champion at 112, as a freshman at Corner High School last year, transferred to Lake Fenton this season and had to sit out until Martin Luther King Day due to transferring. Even then, Trombley knew his ultimate goal was to face Schroder in the Division 3 119-pound state championship match.

Trombley, who finished the season 45-3, is looking to repeat as state champion.
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The second-year Linden/Lake Fenton co-op gymnastics team (LFLF) is quickly establishing itself as a respected program within the state.

The team goal of 140 was missed,” Holden said. “Our goal was missed by such a near-perfection. When Blake competed her score came up as a 9.525 and we were pretty ecstatic. It set the tone for the rest of the day.”

In the team standings, the top three squads qualified for the team state meet being held on Friday. However, LFLF finished in fourth, with a team score of 139.975. Brighton earned the third-place position with a team score of 141.425 in the 14-team regional.

“I was a little disappointed that our team goal of 140 was missed,” Holden said. “Our goal was missed by such a small amount, but I celebrate our successes with a first-place regional champ and a third-place regional finisher. The girls and I are excited to move on to the state meet on Saturday.

Tigers eyeing 400 relay record at state meet

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Fenton — If one walked into the Fenton pool on Monday, the pool’s scoreboard had two big numbers on it.

One reminded the Fenton boys swim team’s state participants that the state meet is four days away.

The other was .04 — that number involves how close the team has gotten to breaking the four-year-old 400 freestyle relay record.

The Tigers hope to break the 400 freestyle school record and hope to record a healthy number of points when they travel to Saginaw Valley State University for the Division 2 state swim meet being held on Friday.

The finals and consolation finals will be Saturday.

“We missed (the 400 freestyle relay) record by .04 last year and it was kind of devastating, so that’s what we have our sites on this year,” Fenton’s Michael Fabatz said. “It was our nemesis last year and it is our motivator this year.”

The Tigers have five participants going to the state meet. They are Zac Miceli, Fabatz, Joe Perrera, Kyle Banner and Justin Beemer.

Miceli, Fabatz, Beemer and Banner will compete in the 400 freestyle relay, while Banner, Perrera, Fabatz and Miceli will compete in the 200 freestyle relay. Miceli will be a busy man at state. He’ll also compete in the 200 freestyle and the 100 freestyle while there, and should have a good chance to make it to Saturday’s final in at least one of the individual events.

Bannen is the team’s only other individual performer. He’ll be competing in the 500 freestyle.

“I’d like to go a 1:43 in the 200,” Miceli said. “I think we can have a pretty big day if we come out and perform like we need to. At MISC-CA we were disappointed because we didn’t get any faster (in the 400 freestyle relay). That’s the one we really want.”
TROMBLEY
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with a perfect 32-0 mark, did his part to make sure he’d face Schroder on Saturday. He received a bye during the first round of the state tourney on Thursday and followed that up with easy victories against Remus Chippewa Hills’ Karen Ellis (16-0 technical fall) and Flint Powers’ Eric Spindle (14-1 major decision). Schroder did his role by capturing three easy wins as well en route to the finals.

Once there, Trombley found out why Schroder was a three-time defending state champion. Schroder earned a take-down in 20 seconds and recorded two near-fall points with 50 seconds left in the first period. Trombley was trailing 4-0.

“First thing I thought was, ‘Man, he’s pretty good at his tilts,’” Trombley said. “I just knew he would end up gassing if I kept up the pace, and that’s what happened.”

With 15 seconds left in the period, Trombley earned a reversal, cutting the deficit to 4-2 entering the second period. Trombley spent the entire second period on top of Schroder, but he wasn’t able to score points, creating a 4-2 deficit entering the third.

It remained 4-2 until Trombley recorded a reversal with 39 seconds left, putting him on top. With seven seconds left, Schroder nearly escaped for the match-winning point, but Trombley held on to Schroder’s feet forcing overtime.

“I just knew if I held him down, it was going to go in overtime and it was going to come down to whoever had the most heart,” Trombley said.

The first overtime period saw no scoring, meaning the match was now going to go to two tie-breaking 30-second rounds with each wrestler starting one of the periods in the down position. Trombley spent the first tiebreaking round in the up position and kept Schroder from escaping, keeping the score tied at 4-4. When Trombley was in the down position, he worked on getting an escape, but it looked like he may not get it. However, with six seconds left, he earned a reversal, giving him the 6-4 victory. Trombley leapt to his feet and eventually jumped into Lake Fenton varsity wrestling coach Vance Corcoran’s arms.

“That over time was incredible,” Corcoran said.

“Can he do it all, and his conditioning is second to none. When we go to overtime, we are pretty confident he’s going to win.”

“This is amazing. There is no other feeling like it in the world,” Trombley said about beating Schroder for his second title. “Pretty much whoever won this match is going to be a four-time state champion — me in two years or him right now. I just wanted to hold him back from history and try to make some history for myself.”

Trombley definitely did just that, with thousands of entertained fans witnessing the match.

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but Southwestern’s offense heated up, going on a 12-2 run. It ended with Malachi Walker’s three-pointer with 1:53 left, giving the Knights a 55-53 lead.

Miller made sure the lead didn’t last long, netting a three of his own just 19 seconds later, giving Lake Fenton a 56-55 lead. Although Southwestern would tie the contest again giving Lake Fenton a 56-55 lead. Although Southwestern would never lead again.

“They just came down and hit a three, and I thought we needed a big shot,” Miller said. “I knocked it down.”

Tied at 57-all with 38.4 seconds left, the Blue Devils ran an inbounds play under their hoop from Chris Bell to Foerster. Foerster hit the layup, was fouled and converted the layin. Lake Fenton led 60-57 with 36 seconds left, and held on the rest of the way.

“Coach called that inbounds play,” Foerster said. “He told me to go up strong because they’d be playing behind me, and that’s what I did.”

Southwestern cut the gap to 60-59 with two Walker free throws, but then Miller iced the game with two free throws with 18.4 seconds left. Southwestern missed a three-pointer and lost possession during its final two possessions of the game.

Miller had 21 points and 10 rebounds, while Foerster had 15 points, with 13 coming in the second half. He also had six rebounds. Golson netted eight points. Bell had six points while Jon Sanders netted five points. Walker led Southwestern with 16 points, with 12 of those points coming in the final period.

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“I’m not good at showing my emotions,” the junior admitted. “Maybe next year since it is the last year (I will), I can’t think about this moment too much. If I think about it next year, I might get caught off-guard. ... You have to keep on training because there may be some new kid that is coming up or some heavyweight who trains really hard and gives me a tough match. I have to keep on training.”

Hillger hardly broke a sweat en route to the state championship. He opened the tourney on Thursday, with a 58-second pinfall of Lakeview’s Kane Pyonk and followed it with Friday first-round pinfalls against Remus Chippewa Hills’ Andrew Vinton (41 seconds) and Sanford Meridian Early College’s Mason Schultz (1:32).

“Being a state champion last year I just wanted to come back and be a returning state champ,” Hillger said. “I wanted to be aggressive, use my speed to my advantage. Coming from a lighter weight class (he wrestled 215 last year), the heavyweights are slower. ... I never slow down and attack. Always attack.”

Lake Fenton’s Jarrett Trombley (right) losses Devin Schroder to the mat in his Division 3 119-pound Division 3 state championship match on Saturday.

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Margaret Ann Zion 1932-2016
Margaret Ann Zion - age 84, of Fenton, formerly White Lake, passed over peacefully on Sunday, March 6, 2016. Margaret was born in Detroit to the late Barton & Anna Tucker on October 2, 1932. Margaret married the late Amos Zion and together they had nine children and spent 43 years together. Margaret was preceded in death by sisters: Mable, Betty, Lillian and Doris; brothers: Harold, Barton and Herman; and children: Brian, Gary, Daniel and Gregory. Margaret is survived by: children, Linda DeMatteo of Shelby Township, Darrell Zion of Redford, Anna (Robert) Poppe of Howell, Mae Zion (Roz Leciek) of Fenton, and Kimberly Deeth of Fenton; 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Throughout Maggie’s life she enjoyed gatherings at the family home on White Lake. Her love for all and devotion was a part of every meal she made. She opened her home for all to enjoy sunsets and bonfires. Maggie later resided in Fenton where she enjoyed friendships with her neighbors, daily walks, and feeding and watching the birds. A celebration of life will be held 11 AM Thursday, March 10, 2016 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Burial to follow at United Memorial Gardens in Superior Township. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Wednesday from 11-9 PM and Friday from 10 AM until the time of the service. Those desiring may make contributions to Adopt-A-Pet, 13575 Fenton Road, Fenton, MI 48430. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

E. Roberta Feldhahn 1926-2016
E. Roberta Feldhahn - age 89, of Fenton, died Sunday, March 6, 2016. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Friday, March 11, 2016 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Pastor Billy Feldhahn will officiate. Burial in Great Lakes National Cemetery. Holy. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Thurs- day, March 10, 2016 from 4-9 PM and Friday from 10 AM until the time of the service. Those desiring may make contributions to Educate Me (educateme.org). Roberta was born June 2, 1926 in Howell the daughter of Forest and Esther (Beckett) Lyons. She was a 1944 graduate from Hartland High School and received a Bachelor’s Degree from Michigan State University. She married William A. Feldhahn of Howell, MI June 1, 1950 in Michigan State University. She retired in 1995 from Carman Park Elementary School of Ainsworth School District after 47 years as a teacher. Roberta has been a member of Bethesda Temple in Flint for over 30 years. She was preceded in death by son, John Feldhahn of Lansing, Gary and wife Shaunti Feldhahn of Lansing, and Jeff and wife Shanta Feldhahn of Atlanta, GA; six grandchildren and several nieces and neph- ews. Services were preceded in death by her parents; son, Billy Feldhahn, and brother, Sidney Lyons. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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- 45% OFF
- with yes

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**Bath Tissue Ultra Soft or Strong**
- 50% OFF Double Roll (12 ct.)
- with yes

**John Morrell Sliced Bacon**
- Applewood or Hardwood Smoked 12 oz.
- $1.99 with yes

**Light Apple Juice Blends**
- 50% OFF
- with yes (Selected Varieties 64 oz. includes gluten free)

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**Bath Tissue Soft•Strong Double Roll (12 ct.)**
- 50% OFF
- with yes

**Soft•Strong Double Roll (12 ct.)**
- 50% OFF
- with yes

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