

The Red Wings' new \$627 million arena

■ All four Detroit pro-sports teams to be in same neighborhood

By Tim Jagielo

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If you're a fan of Detroit sports, a lot is changing next year.

Both the Detroit Red Wings and Detroit Pistons will make the move

from their respective home arenas, to one new arena, currently under construction across the street from Ford Field, between downtown, and midtown Detroit.

The cost is up to \$627 million. It will seat 19,600, according to Sports Illustrated. It is set to open in September 2017.

Once completed, the Wings, Tigers, **See ARENA on 8A**

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The "bowl" of the arena will be steeper, to bring fans closer to the action on the rink or court. The arena will seat more than 19,600 fans.



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Linden couple flees Tennessee forest fires

■ Forced to evacuate from mountain cabin in Gatlinburg

By Sally Rummel

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What started out as a post-holiday vacation to one of America's most beloved destinations became a firestorm of national disaster for one local couple.

Claude Stutts, owner of Ace Hardware in Linden, drove to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee with his wife, Sharon, after Thanksgiving to decorate their mountain cabin for Christmas.

See FIRES on 17A



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This haze over the Smokey Mountains is from a fire that burned over 17,000 acres, killing 11 people in the process.

Shop local this holiday season



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Kathy Williams of Fenton's Open Book wraps up a sale on Thursday afternoon. Williams says she helps patrons zero in on the best book for the right age. Fenton has plenty of retailers to choose from this holiday shopping season. **See story on Page 1B**

County clerks preparing to recount presidential votes

■ Donald Trump challenges a request

By Vera Hogan

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Unless President-elect Donald Trump's team is successful in stopping it, county clerks in Michigan will be charged with the hand recount of votes cast in the November presidential election.

On Thursday morning, Livingston County Clerk Elizabeth Hundley said, "We just had a meeting with the director of elections for the state of Michigan."

We anticipate President-elect (Donald) Trump will be filing a challenge with Bureau of Elections.

"If filed, there will be a two-business day waiting period that will go into effect," she added.

See RECOUNT on 6A

Holly water main break results in emergency alert

■ Boil water order lifted Friday morning

By Vera Hogan

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Village of Holly officials mobilized quickly after a water main break occurred on Emma Street at about 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 29.

In addition to an immediate media alert, flyers were distributed through the community, advising residents to boil water for approximately 48 hours.

See ALERT on 12A

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“The difference between

Obama and Trump: Trump's not thinking about having Jay-Z and Beyoncé at the White House, or taking \$17 million vacations. He thinks about actually governing, running

the country properly, changing its direction and re-asserting American power and influence in the world.”



“Can someone please enlighten me as to how all the development in downtown Fenton has benefitted the residents? It appears to me that outsiders, who aren't from here, are the only ones making a profit and the residents can't even drive through downtown. Where is the upside for us?”



“Kenny Allen from Fenton kicked the field goal for U of M, got the extra points and put Ohio State in deep end-zone territory. Hooray for a Fenton native.”



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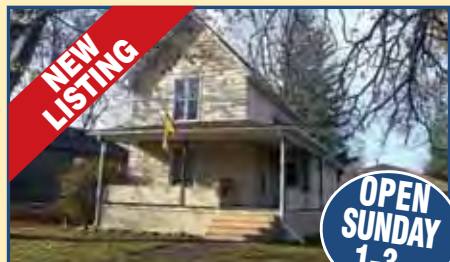
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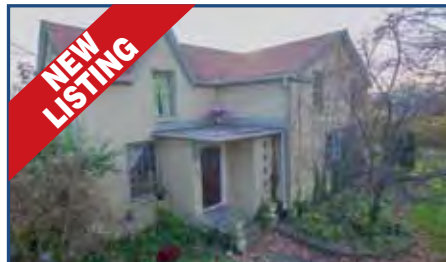


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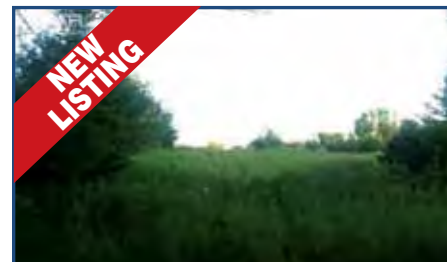
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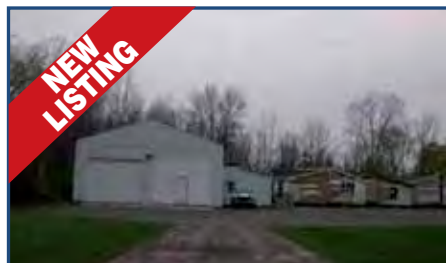
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CORUNNA

4602 Hibbard - **BANK OWNED**

Solid ranch in rural setting with a lovely yard and stunning views. This home has 3 bedrooms, kitchen, dining, and living room on the main level plus a second kitchen, family room and 4th bedroom in the finished lower level walk-out.

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615 N Mill

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Legal recreational marijuana coming to Michigan?

■ Could be decided by a vote of the people

By Hannah Ball

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Medical marijuana is legal in Michigan, but recreational marijuana is not.

The debate over marijuana has raged on for years, and the drug is being legalized in more states each election cycle.

Eight states have legalized recreational marijuana in the U.S., and Michigan could have been one of them this past election cycle.

Michigan residents voted to legalize medical marijuana eight years ago.

During the Nov. 8 general election, voters in Massachusetts, Nevada, Maine, and California voted to approve recreational marijuana initiatives, and other states passed medical marijuana provisions.

According to the Associated Press, this past June the Michigan elections board said a ballot drive to legalize marijuana for recreational use did not collect enough valid signatures to qualify for a statewide vote in November.

“I do think there will be petitions.”

Hank Vaupel
Michigan representative,
district 47

1014, setting a new tax and establishing a licensing program that regulates the growing, processing, selling, transporting, and the testing of medical marijuana.

Republican State Rep. Joe Graves (Dist. 51), who voted in favor of the bills, said, “Several years ago, the legalization of medical marijuana was a ballot question, which passed overwhelmingly.

See **MARIJUANA** on 15A

SUMMARY

■ A petition that would put an option to vote for the legalization of recreational marijuana didn't collect enough valid signatures this past election cycle. While marijuana cannot be used recreationally, it can be used medicinally in Michigan.



Tax revenue from legalizing recreational marijuana

According to The ArcView group, an analysis and investment firm specializing in marijuana, marijuana sales reached \$5.4 billion in 2015.

If Michigan were to legalize recreational marijuana, also known as retail marijuana, the state could see tax revenues in the \$100 millions. Colorado experienced \$113 million in tax revenue in 2015, exceeding the expectation of \$70 million a year, according to taxfoundation.org.

That amount is expected to exceed \$140 million per year.

However, marijuana business owners have a difficult time finding a bank to hold their money, according to pewtrusts.org.

Federal law prohibits banks and credit unions from taking money from marijuana. Because of this, customers have to pay in cash, prospective business owners can't get loans, and state tax collectors have to process physical bags of bills.

Source: *extract.suntimes.com, leafscience.com*

“The legislation completes the process and allows locals to fully control the process locally and choose whether or not to allow the dispensaries in their communities.”

Joe Graves

State representative, District 51

Michigan voters almost had the opportunity to vote on legalizing recreational marijuana, but the option didn't make it to the ballot. Medicinal marijuana is legal after a vote of the people eight years ago, and Gov. Rick Snyder recently signed a bill with more guidelines for its use.

Is medical marijuana really effective?

■ It depends on the ailment

By Vera Hogan

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The jury is still out when it comes to the effectiveness of medical marijuana to suppress or eliminate symptoms resulting from a host of physical and mental condi-

tions or illnesses.

While there are countless studies available on medical marijuana use, many of those studies are conducted by advocates of the growing industry and groups that support their efforts.

One report by prevention.com, grades **See EFFECTIVE** on 15A



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The effectiveness of medical marijuana depends on the ailment. While some believe it is most effective for treating glaucoma and post traumatic stress disorder, studies show that may not necessarily be true.



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I don't get it

• **Apropos of nothing.** President-elect Trump said this week that flag-burners should be jailed or kicked out of the country. Well, of course they should. So should singers who mangle the Star Spangled Banner at baseball games. And Olympic athletes who drape the flag around their sweaty shoulders. And people who forget the words to the Pledge of Allegiance and just move their lips. And people — especially smart alecky columnists — who criticize the Donald for tweeting out stupid thoughts like people who burn the flag should be jailed.

• **And you thought** Trump would propose crazy stuff in office. How silly of you.

• **'It is poignant** but fundamental that the flag protects those who hold it in contempt' — Justice Kennedy, 1989.

• **So let me get** this straight, in Trump-think, a woman who potentially endangered national security by sending classified emails through a private server is not fit to be president. And her husband, who was involved in a sex scandal, is not fit to be First Dude. But a guy who actually did endanger national security (one David Petraeus) by sharing classified information with his mistress — and is still on probation for that offense — is somehow fit to be Secretary of State. OK. Got it.

• **I have given** this matter a lot of thought, and I have decided that in the end, I'm not a fan of those dancing lights you can project onto your house. It seems like lazy Christmas decorating to me. And I should know. Look at my house and you'll see my Christmas lighting display consists of a single line of lights strung along the porch roof (very linear and creative of me, I thought) and another string that haphazardly encircles an arborvitae.



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

Oh, and a couple of bush nets that are too small for the bushes they're on. Next year I'm definitely getting those projected dancing lights. What the heck.

• **The state will** decide soon if it will allow Nestle to suck more than twice as much water out of the ground as it already is in Mecosta County to sell under its Ice Mountain brand. Total cost to Nestle: \$200. Of course, the state will say yes. They already have the press release ready that says, 'Twenty jobs!' Me, I think it's ridiculous that a company can pump as much water out of the ground as it wants for free and sell it. But then I also think it's ridiculous that a company can sell Ice Mountain water that doesn't, in fact, come from an ice mountain. I guess Mecosta County's finest doesn't have the same ring.

• **Here's what I** don't get: Pro-sports franchises are extremely lucrative, right? So how come every time a team wants a new arena, they plead poverty and beg for public money to get it built? And if we're giving them so much money, how come tickets and beer prices are still so high? Greed? Nah. Couldn't be.

• **In a democracy,** people get the leaders they deserve.' — Joseph de Maistre

Hotlines

Submit at: tctimes.com, call 810-629-9221 or text to 810-771-8398

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■ ■ ■
I HAVE LIVED in Whisperwood for 16 years. The 'no Christmas lights until the Friday after Thanksgiving' rule has been in the handbook since before then. Perhaps you should have read this before buying a home here. Fall decorations are beautiful, too. Let's celebrate one holiday before moving on to the next one.

■ ■ ■
DISGUSTED WITH PEOPLE these days. Hit and run on a dog. No stopping, no apology. He died. Not only did you kill a pet, but someone's best friend.

■ ■ ■
SO GLAD THAT the cop at Ohio State reacted so quickly to the terrorist attack by that student. This could have ended so much worse. Makes you wonder if our other university campuses are ready for this type of terror.

■ ■ ■
I'VE BEEN IN Fenton since 1954. You can only be insulted if you choose to be.

■ ■ ■
I'VE BEEN IN stitches over the Turkey Tom interview. Does anybody know if there'll be an interview with a reindeer on Christmas?

■ ■ ■
TO THE PEOPLE complaining about your condo association saying you can't have your decorations and such up more than a month early, I suggest you read your bylaws and deal with it.

■ ■ ■
LAST TIME I checked, this is still the U.S.A. where one is innocent until proven guilty. Keep that in mind when referring to Hillary Clinton who has never been tried or convicted of any crime.

■ ■ ■
LOSERS, HILLARY AND University of Michigan claim they lost because of other people. The other people are called opponents. Both are cut from the same cloth. Witness the lack of leadership shown by both. At UofM the lack of leadership flows from the top, the coach.

■ ■ ■
NO ONE HAS enough money to buy God so it's wise to get him in your life.

■ ■ ■
OVER 1,000 FAMILIES at Carrier and over 1,000 at Ford are now able to enjoy Christmas this year with a new sense of hope and optimism because of this gift from Donald Trump.

■ ■ ■
DOES ANYONE KNOW where you can get fruit2O flavored water in this area?

■ ■ ■
GOOD JOB WHISPERWOOD condos, keep those Christmas crazies in line. No Christmas decorations until after Thanksgiving.

■ ■ ■
HEY, THANKSGIVING SCROOGE - I'm sure your family would rather go almost anywhere but your house, considering how rude you most likely act. It's a day to be thankful, yet you can only see the monetary value. Amazing.

■ ■ ■
HOPEFULLY, OBAMA WILL give Clinton a full pardon like Ford did for Nixon so that this country can move forward. The Republicans have wasted tens of millions of dollars on their own investigations and come up empty handed. Enough already.

■ ■ ■
GEORGE ROMNEY OPPOSED conservative Barry Goldwater's election in 1964. Mitt Romney failed to support his former sister-in-law, conservative, Ronna Romney's senate bid. Romney opposed Trump this year. Mitt Romney is an establishment liberal and doesn't belong in a Trump administration.

■ ■ ■
NOW THAT TRUMP represents the values of the Republican Party, I don't want to be a Republican any more.

■ ■ ■
I THINK IT is great you want to carry a firearm. My only concern is that you don't seem to value all lives equal. Our country needs to treat all of its citizens with respect and equality. No minority or majority is better than another.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

21 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS



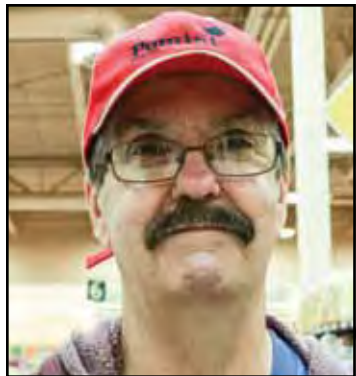
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How is your memory?

Compiled by Tess DeGayner, intern

streettalk



"Fairly good. I am very good about it since I've gotten older; I have learned to stay on top of things."

Ronald Wienczak
Fenton



"Pretty good. I think it's always been good."

Sarah Smith
Fenton



"So-so. I usually forget in a rush so I make a list."

Brandi Baroni
Fenton



"Terrible. My short-term memory is bad and my long-term has episodes of coming back."

Joe Cuddy
Linden



"Not as good as it used to be. I am really good with numbers but names, not so much."

Carol Coffin
Springfield Township

News briefs

FENTON DDA APPOINTMENTS MADE

The Fenton City Council unanimously approved re-appointments and new appointments to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) at its Monday, Nov. 28 meeting. Jeff Canever of Vic Canever Chevrolet in Fenton was re-appointed to his second, four-year term. Dr. Doran Kasper was re-appointed to his third, four-year term. John Strayer of Tanglewood Assisted Living was re-appointed as a resident for his third, four-year term, and Terry Green of Billmeier Camera, was re-appointed to his third, four-year term. New appointees to the DDA are Lisa Bayer and Terry Steffey, downtown property owners, and Shaun Thompson, a resident in the DDA district. They will each serve their first four-year terms.

POPULAR COMEDIAN TO HEADLINE AT SUNSHINE KIDS FUNDRAISING EVENT ON DEC. 15

'Tis the season to be jolly, but a night away from all the hustle and bustle of shopping and the season's activities may be the ticket to relieving a bit of that holiday stress. On **Dec. 15**, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Michigan Real Estate invites the public out for a night of fun, food and a lot of laughs to support the Sunshine Kids Foundation, a foundation that provides exciting, positive group activities for children with cancer so they may once again do what kids are meant to do — have fun and celebrate life. The fundraising event will be held at Tyrone Hills Golf Club, at the corner of Center Road and Old U.S. 23. It will be from **6 to 10 p.m.** and feature comedian Bill Bushart, a Detroit comedy favorite, having been named the Best Comedian in Detroit by the Metro Times in 2010. His show is uncensored and only suitable for those 21 and up. Event tickets are \$20 per person and may be purchased

at Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Michigan Real Estate Fenton Office at 2359 W. Shiawassee, Fenton. In addition to the comedy show, event attendees will enjoy dinner provided by Sherry's Catering, live music, a silent auction and a 50/50 raffle. For more information about Sunshine Kids, visit sunshinekids.org.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Residents living in and near Highland can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Hosting this community event on **Dec. 21** is 59 West, at 786 Highland Rd. in Highland. Screenings can check for:

- The level of plaque buildup in your arteries, related to risk for heart disease, stroke and overall vascular health
 - HDL and LDL Cholesterol levels
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- Screenings are affordable, convenient and accessible for wheelchairs and those with trouble walking. Free parking is available. Packages start at \$149, but consultants will work with you to create a package that is right for you based on your age and risk factors. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit our website at www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.

WHAT YOU MISSED in the MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following is what you missed in the **Wednesday, Nov. 30, Midweek Edition** of the Tri-County Times. To subscribe and receive both the Sunday Weekend and Wednesday Midweek editions, please call (810) 629-8282

Woman killed in Tuesday morning crash

A Brighton woman was killed in a two-vehicle crash in Tyrone Township on Tuesday, Nov. 29. The collision took place at the intersection of White Lake Road and Old U.S. 23.

Staying one step ahead of Christmas package thieves

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Calendar of events



'Babes in Toyland'

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HOME ALONE-FREE (PG)

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RECOUNT

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The Trump team did, in fact, file a challenge on Thursday.

As a result, the Bureau of Elections will consider the objection. Secretary of State Ruth Johnson has halted recount efforts for five days.

In the event there is a recount, Hundley said her department has planned to put 12 recount stations into operation. There will be two people per recount team. "So right there are 24 and then there will be other teams on site for breaks and such," she said.

By federal law, the state needs to finish the recount, if it occurs, by Dec. 13. Hundley said they hope to have all counties completed by Dec. 12.

Hundley said she has no idea at this point how much a recount will cost Livingston County. "We don't know how many days it will last," she said. "We are under constant knowledge that the state could call cease to our activities at any time."

If the recount takes place, it is Argentine Township Clerk Denise Graves' understanding that Genesee County is asking for volunteers and plans to start this Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at the Administration Building.

"This will be a hand count," Graves said. "There will be costs above and beyond what Jill Stein has paid. According to the law, Ms. Stein had to pay \$125 per precinct. That does not cover the costs. Taxpayers will pay. The result will not change the outcome of the presidency."

Holly Township Clerk Karin Winchester said Oakland County will be hiring local municipal precinct inspectors

to help with the recount if necessary. "This is going to be a monumental task."

The quest to recount votes came from Green Party candidate Stein, who requested a recount of Michigan's 4.8 million ballots in an unprecedented autopsy of a presidential election. This could cost Michigan taxpayers more than \$4 million.

Stein's Green Party attorneys left a \$973,250 check at the state Bureau of Elections to cover her legally required fees for seeking a recount of 6,300 precincts.

Republican President-elect Donald Trump won by 10,704 votes more than Democrat Hillary Clinton, getting 47.5 percent of the vote to the former secretary of state's 47.27 percent. Stein received 51,463 votes, or about 1.1 percent.

Johnson said Wednesday the recount cost could total \$5 million, leaving the state and county governments on the hook for the remaining \$4 million.

According to detroitnews.com, Stein's recount petition claims the Nov. 8 election may have been compromised by "fraud or mistake" in the tabulation of ballots.

Michigan Republican Party Chairwoman Ronna Romney McDaniel blasted the request as a "reckless attempt to undermine the will" of Michigan's voters.

Michigan election officials have insisted the machines are not hackable because they aren't connected to the internet, and election results are transported on removable storage devices.

Stein's supporters say that doesn't matter. The machines are programmed before the election using removable media, just like the memory card in a phone or a camera. In an attack, malware that could change the election return can hitch a ride on that removable media and affect the machines.

The 75,335 ballots cast without a vote in the presidential contest were twice as many blank votes as the 2008 election and a 61 percent increase from 2012.

Stein's recount hinges on whether Michigan's optical-scanning vote tabulating machines may have missed faintly marked ballots, contributing to the sizable "under vote" of 75,335 blank votes in the presidential election.

Michigan Republicans, including Johnson, have raised concerns about the cost of the recount, which is not entirely known at this point.

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette announced Friday he has filed a lawsuit on behalf of the People of the State of Michigan to stop a frivolous request by Green Party candidate Jill Stein to recount the entire state's Presidential election results by hand, a request that will cost Michigan taxpayers millions of dollars and threatens to silence all Michigan votes for President.

Source: detroitnews.com

(Visit www.tctimes.com for any week-end updates on this story.)

LOOKING BACK

at this week in

NATIONAL HISTORY

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

DEC. 4

1991: Islamic militants in Lebanon release kidnapped American journalist Terry Anderson after 2,454 days in captivity. On March 16, 1985, he was kidnapped on a west Beirut street. His captors took him to the southern suburbs of the city, where he was held prisoner in an underground dungeon for the next six-and-a-half years.

DEC. 5

1945: At 2:10 p.m., five U.S. Navy Avenger torpedo-bombers comprising Flight 19 take off from the Ft. Lauderdale Naval Air Station in Florida on a routine three-hour training mission. They never returned. Later, a search and rescue Mariner aircraft took off with a 13-man crew. Three minutes later, the Mariner aircraft radioed to its home base that its mission was underway. The Mariner was never heard from again. Although naval officials maintained that the remains of the six aircraft and 27 men were not found because stormy weather destroyed the evidence, the story of the "Lost Squadron" helped cement the legend of the Bermuda Triangle.

DEC. 6

1884: In Washington, D.C., workers place a 9-inch aluminum pyramid atop a tower of white marble, completing the construction of an impressive monument to the city's namesake and the nation's first president, George Washington.

DEC. 7

1941: At 7:55 a.m. Hawaii time, a Japanese dive bomber bearing the red symbol of the Rising Sun of Japan on its wings appears out of the clouds above the island of Oahu. A swarm of 360 Japanese warplanes followed, descending on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor in a ferocious assault that killed 2,403 and wounded 1,178 Americans. The surprise attack struck a critical blow against the U.S. Pacific fleet and drew the United States irrevocably into World War II.

DEC. 8

1980: John Lennon, a former member of the Beatles, the rock group that transformed popular music in the 1960s, is shot and killed by an obsessed fan in New York City. The 40-year-old artist was entering his luxury Manhattan apartment building when Mark David Chapman shot him four times at close range with a .38-caliber revolver.

DEC. 9

1983: Actor Al Pacino stars as a Cuban refugee who becomes a Miami crime boss in Scarface. In Scarface, Pacino played Tony Montana, who arrives in Florida from Cuba in 1980 and eventually becomes wealthy from his involvement in the booming cocaine business. Things fall apart when Tony becomes addicted to the drug and his world collapses in violence.

DEC. 10

1967: A plane crash in Madison, Wisconsin, kills soul singer Otis Redding and members of the Bar-Kays band. The plane crashed into Lake Monona, several miles from the Madison airport. One survivor, Ben Cauley of the Bar-Kays, later reported that he had been asleep until just before the crash. Before he knew it, he was in a frigid lake holding onto a seat cushion. A storm in Madison that day was a factor in the crash but the exact cause was never determined.

Source: history.com



ASK THE MECHANIC

Chris Wilkinson,
Certified Mechanic

Q: I own a 1999 Plymouth Voyager. Last week the fuel gauge was reading empty with the low fuel light on. I know the tank was not empty as I had just filled it. Then it was fine. Today the low fuel light began lighting up and going off along with the wonderful dingling noise. Also the fuel gauge kept fluctuating between 3/4 which it is and empty. Any ideas? - Tony

A: Tony, in this case I suspect that you have a bad fuel sending unit, but you will want to test it before replacement. To test, you will need a wiring diagram and an ohm meter. The pump and level sender are located in the fuel tank, so you will want to do this when the tank is below 1/4 of a tank so that it is not so heavy when taking out. After removal of the pump and sending unit, you need to hold it steady and have a partner watch the ohm meter while you sweep the sender from full to empty slowly and watch the reading. It should change at a slow pace and not drop out which is what I suspect that you will see when it gets near 3/4 of a tank or so. If it does, then you will need to call the dealer if you only want to replace the sender, but pay attention to the cost because this sending unit also comes with the fuel pump when you replace it. It may be in your best interest to just replace the pump assembly. Check Car-Quest for a Delphi fuel pump, that is what we prefer to use, they seem to have the least problems in my opinion.

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Police&Fire report

GIVE A LANE — IT'S THE LAW

At 5:47 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 27, the driver of a 2005 Chevy Impala passed a Fenton police officer's patrol car while he was conducting a traffic stop on southbound U.S. 23 at Silver Lake Road. The driver of the Impala, however, failed to move over a lane, which is law. The officer eventually caught up with the Impala, driven by a 36-year-old Flint man, who told the officer that he did move over. The dash cam in the patrol vehicle showed otherwise and the driver was issued a court appearance ticket for Feb. 6, 2017.

CASH STOLEN FROM CAR

On Nov. 25, Fenton police received a larceny from auto complaint from a 50-year-old Fenton man. The resident said he parked his Ford Focus in his driveway in the 600 block of Shoreview Court. Sometime between Nov. 23 and 9:30 a.m. on Nov. 25, someone entered the unlocked car and stole an undisclosed amount of cash from the center console.

News briefs

Fifty varieties of home baked cookies for sale at 11th annual Cookie Walk/Bazaar

Transfiguration Lutheran Church in Fenton will host its 11th annual Cookie Sale/Bazaar on **Saturday, Dec. 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** This festive event features a selection of more than 50 different kinds of Christmas cookies, with visitors able to select their own varieties. For the best selection, come early. A Christmas Bazaar will be set up at the church at 14176 Fenton Rd. Tickets will also be for sale for a Quilt Raffle and wood-crafted Hall Tree/Bench. Santa and his elves will be there, too. For more information, call (810) 629-7332.

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THE DISTRICT DETROIT

Little Caesars Arena will fit into the new multi-use entertainment district north of downtown Detroit.

ARENA

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Lions and Pistons will be centralized into one neighborhood — “The District Detroit.” The multi-use district is nestled between Corktown to the west, Greektown to the southeast, with downtown to the south and midtown to the north.

This is a joint effort, driven by Mike and Marion Illitch, who own the Red Wings, Little Caesars and the Tigers.

Crains’ Detroit Business reported that the Wings are halfway done reseating their season ticket holders from Joe Louis Arena, to Little Caesars Arena.

Pistons fans will finish their season in Auburn Hills, and then buy new passes for the new venue.

Ken Brant of Tyrone Township is one of those 2016-2017 Pistons season ticket holders. The increased drive is making him reconsider a complete season ticket package for next year, but he added, “I think it’s a fantastic opportunity for Detroit.”

Instead of driving his family to 40 games a year, they may consider a downgraded package.

“It will be exciting down there, but it’s a longer drive,” he said. “I think it will be an electric environment down there with all four teams.”

“I think it will be an electric environment down there with all four teams.”

Ken Brant

Tyrone Township resident,
Pistons season ticket holder

About the new arena

The Little Caesars Arena is currently under construction, with a reported 800 or more workers on site every day.

Sports Illustrated reported that the layout was inspired by the Montreal Bell Centre, with a little more legroom. The new arena will have a steeper incline for better viewing, and to give opposing players the feeling that the Detroit fans are right on top of them.

The arena will convert for more seating and a smaller playing surface for Pistons games, and both the Wings and Pistons will have practice spaces on site.

The playing surface is dug 37 feet into the ground, so the building itself will only be 100 feet tall, maintaining a lower profile to match the surrounding neighborhood. It will feature several new spaces for restaurants above.

Part of the reason developers are calling the arena “state of the art,” is the



THE DISTRICT DETROIT

There are 800 people working on the arena at any given time. The \$627 million facility should be open by September 2017.

12-laser system will project images onto the outside surface of the arena.

All teams in one place

For the first time in 40 years, all four professional Detroit teams will be in one neighborhood. While the Wings and the Tigers had always been located in Detroit, the Lions and Pistons have been headquartered outside their namesake cities.

According to Detroit Historical Society, the Joe Louis Arena was built in 1979

for \$57 million. According to CBS Sports, “The Joe” will be demolished in 2017. A hotel, residential space and convention center will be developed on the site by 2020.

The Pistons have played at the Palace of Auburn Hills for 29 years. Without the

Pistons, the purpose of The Palace and property is undecided as of now. The NBA also has to approve the move, according to a news release.

The Tigers moved to Comerica Park from Tiger Stadium in 2000, and the Lions moved from The Pontiac Silverdome to Ford Field in 2002.

Complicated funding

The Little Caesars Arena will cost \$627 million. Any large public projects require a variety of funding means. The Illitches, through their organizations, will pay for anything over \$450 million. According to Crain’s Detroit Business, that first \$450 million will come from the sale of bonds through The Michigan Strategic Fund. The Illitches will pay down \$200 million of that debt in 30 years, and no Detroit City taxes are being used.

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Fake homicide scene fools passersby

■ FHS's Advanced Video Production class turns heads as it films PSA for Crime Stoppers

By Vera Hogan

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The students in Rich Ashley's Advanced Video class at Fenton High School say it's murder!

On Nov. 22, they began filming a Public Service Announcement (PSA) for Crime Stoppers at Silver Lake Road and Poplar Street.

Fifteen students were involved in this, the first and biggest of more scenes to come for the PSA solicited by Crime Stoppers.

"We were approached about a month ago by Julie Lopez of Flint and Genesee County Crime Stoppers and asked if we could help them create a PSA," said Ashley. "They had heard very good things about our work, especially the PSAs that we created the last few years for the prom and graduation season (see YouTube links with this story at tctimes.com).

"I had an idea that everyone liked, sat down and wrote the original script," Ashley said. "Then I met with the student team to make adjustments where needed, plan out our shots, and determine what we would need to make this happen."

Ashley and his student team then met with Lopez, presented the idea for the PSA, which she loved, and began planning with her to help make the big "homicide" scene happen.

"She began making calls and soon my students and I were sitting down with Crime Stoppers, Fenton Police Department, Michigan State Police and the Genesee County Sheriff's Office." Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro found the house that would be used. Lopez then lined up all the emergency personnel they would need, as well as TV reporters.

"My students and I found our student actor, who is part of our advanced video team (Joie Raymond), and Jen Koester, a local mother, played the wife of the man who was murdered," said Ashley.

"The story is that Jen's character came home in the morning after third shift from her job as a nurse to discover her deceased husband, who had been murdered," Ashley said. "Joie's dad (Marc Raymond) played a neighbor who acted as a spokesperson for



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Students in Rich Ashley's Advanced Video Production class at Fenton High School create a public service announcement (PSA) involving a fake homicide that will be used by Crime Stoppers.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Law enforcement from the Fenton Police Department and Michigan State Police are among the many professionals helping students with the project.

Jen's character, and he gave a little info to a news reporter on the scene. Joie plays the daughter of the man and Jen, and she pulls up in her car near the end of the scene and her mom (Jen) and her run to each other crying as Joie yells out 'Mom! Mom!'

"It was a very powerful end to that scene," he said. Another student, Peter Kennings, was under the sheet to give shape to the husband being pulled out of the house by EMS.

The actual set-up and filming took about three hours total for a scene that will be about one minute or less.

"We had a lot of cars slowing down to take a look, and people stopping to watch," Ashley said. "We even had a couple of cars pull up and ask questions."

Ashley said the students learn much from this type of activity.

"They learn how a production of this caliber starts, and what it takes to make it happen," Ashley said. "They get a lot of hands-on, real life experience with filming, editing and producing a professional video."

"It also provides a great opportunity for the students to be able to work with and around adults and emergency personnel

while producing something such as this," he added. "They were giving professional leaders directions, and talking with them on a respectful, collaborative level."

Ashley said they are hoping to film the other scenes during December and early January, and get the finished PSA to Lopez in late January or early February at the latest.

This exercise was conducted at no cost to the Fenton Area Public Schools district.

"We appreciate the opportunity to work with Julie, Crime Stoppers and all of the personnel that helped to make this scene happen," Ashley said. "It has been an amazing experience for myself and the students."

This is not their first rodeo!

This is not the first time Rich Ashley and his classes have created PSAs.

The "2015 Early in the Morning Fenton News Team PROM PSA" received about 6,000 hits on YouTube.

Their subsequent PSA called "A Lifetime of Consequences" received significant media attention. It then went national on a couple social media news outlets, and eventually went international.

"We now have over 280,000 views on YouTube for that PSA, and when looking at the analytics for the video, we see that it has been viewed by people in over 100 countries," said Ashley.

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2016 Christmas Wish...

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YOUR SMILE MATTERS!

By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

TOOTHPASTE

I am often asked by patients which toothpaste is best. Toothpaste is used to promote oral health. It serves as an abrasive that aids in removing of dental plaques, food and stains from teeth. Toothpaste also assists in suppressing halitosis (bad breath), and delivers active ingredients such as fluoride to help prevent tooth decay and gum disease. It should be noted that most of the cleaning achieved by the mechanical action of the tooth brush and that other materials such as baking soda and salt work nearly as well in cleaning of the teeth. One of the key ingredients of toothpaste is fluoride. Fluoride toothpaste, I feel, is very important in the prevention of tooth decay. In fact, for those folks in my practice who are struggling in their battle with tooth decay; I sometimes recommend a prescription strength fluoride tooth paste that they get from their pharmacist. Some patients struggle with a lot of tooth sensitivity and there are toothpastes which have desensitizing agents as an active ingredient which give them relief. There are several whitening toothpastes on the market now that can help brighten the smile and I feel these do an OK job of helping to keep the teeth whiter especially for those people who have had teeth whitening. So as you can see there are many options and your choice really depends on your individual situation. So my advice to those interested in buying the best tooth paste; I recommend any brand that has the ADA Seal of Approval, that they like, and they will use.

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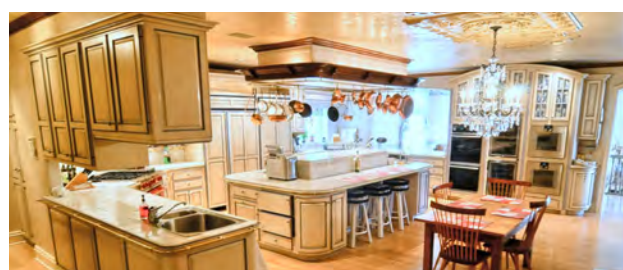
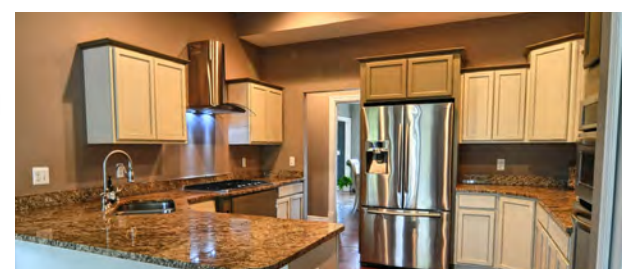
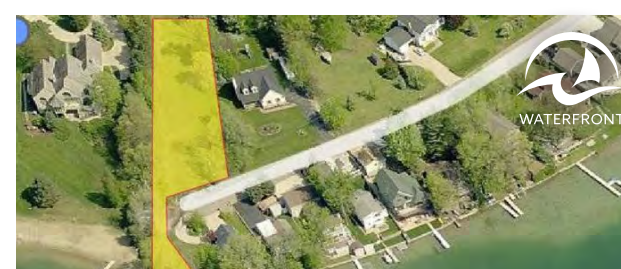
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According to the release, village water department personnel replaced a 10-foot section of a 6-inch water main that had failed with a 12-inch section of pipe blown out on the top.

Due to a drop in pressure as a result of a water main break, the village of Holly issued a boil water alert until

further notice. Residents were advised to bring all water to a boil and let it sit for a minute or two before using, or use bottled water.

After all of the required testing was successfully completed, the boil water alert was lifted Friday morning, Dec. 2.

"The village doesn't believe we encountered any contamination but during the repair we were unable to

maintain positive water pressure in the main, therefore the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) requires we issue a boil water alert," said officials in their release.

The water main break did not result in students being excused from school from Wednesday through the rest of the week.

According to a Holly Area Schools water update issued on Wednesday,

"As of 8:30 this morning, almost 10,000 bottles of water were delivered to HAS and Crystal Water is in the process of delivering 10 water dispensers with 50 5-gallon jugs of water to be deployed in our schools.

The update gave thanks to Steve Lenar and the maintenance staff for their quick response to the water main break and for keeping students safe and in school.



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ENOUGH OF THE belly aching about Clinton and Trump. The people voted. Trump won. Accept it. Get used to it.

YOU BETTER BE quiet when you talk about historic buildings. If the DDA finds

out they're going to tear it down.

CERTAINLY THERE'S SOME momentary transmissions from these new smart meters but there are so many other devices that transmit as well. Your cell phone, your Wi-Fi, your router, any device with Bluetooth, the old garage door opener, the remote control. Not to mention your neighbor's and all the other neighbors' Wi-Fi routers.

YOU'VE GOT TO love the change of seasons. The pitter patter of rain on the roof, the leaves gently blowing across the — oh wait a minute, wrong season.

I'M NOT A Trump supporter, but I am a supporter of the president and the U.S. I'm anxious about these next four years. However, I will support Trump and hope for the best because the president's success is everyone's success. USA over everything else.

WELL ALL YOU right-wingers, I hope you're enjoying being duped. No wall, probably no immigration reform, maybe getting our Medicare privatized. Enjoy the duping.

OBAMACARE, GUN CONTROL, global warming, high taxes, high regulations, high spending, and an incomprehensible Iran deal. These are the topics that are most passionate for Nancy Pelosi and the Democrats. Thank God they are not in control anymore.



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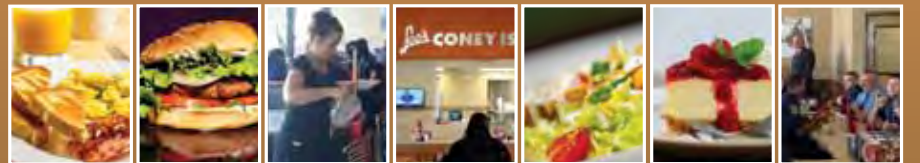
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The Fenton City Council will hold its monthly worksession on Monday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. at Fenton City Hall.

The Linden City Planning Commission will meet on Monday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers.

The Fenton Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 5 in the Administration Building.

The Holly Township Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Holly Township Hall.

Linden Board of Education will hold a worksession on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. in the Linden High School Media Center.

The Fenton Township Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. at the township hall.

Spotlight on:

THE GREEN OLIVE TREE

'Fresh, quick, simple' is motto of this authentic Mediterranean restaurant in Fenton

By Sally Rummel

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Changing the way people nourish themselves with good food is the goal behind Brad Jordan and Bassam Abushakra's new restaurant, The Green Olive Tree.

This is the second location for this enterprising duo — their first continues to operate at the Davison Farmers Market, open since May 2014. The Green Olive Tree in Fenton opened Sept. 23 at 913 N. LeRoy St. in the former landmark A&W location, which was most recently Wireless Toyz.

Jordan, 37, is the nephew of Mike and Candy Jordan, owners of Lil House of Carpet in Fenton. "My family roots are here," he said. "I used to come to A&W all the time."

How did you get into the restaurant business?

I always loved to cook, and fell in love with Middle Eastern food when I was 19. I did upholstery work for 20 years and did



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The Green Olive Tree co-owner Brad Jordan describes the restaurant's fare as "healthy food fast." Featured here are shish-kabob and shish tawook, with fresh squeezed lemonade, and veggie and fruit combo drink

catering on the side. I met Bassam when we were both working at the Flint Golf Club. We decided to open a restaurant at the Davison Farmers Market, and now have expanded in Fenton.

Why are you so passionate about good food?

Our next generations depend on us providing good nutrition. Our intake of food is so important. I'd like to see America eat really healthy, delicious food. That's why we use locally sourced foods, our beverages are all natural juices, green teas, and a vegetable fruit mix called "Tooty-fruity." We're working on a greenhouse project for next spring to grow our own produce. We'd appreciate all the support we can get from our community.

What's your favorite dish?

They're all my favorite, that's why they're on the menu. My actual favorite

is probably Spicy Shawarma, regular Shawarma with B's Dip — my signature dip of 23 different vegetables and spices mixed together for a flavor explosion in your mouth. Everything here is made from scratch, including our fresh-to-go items like hummus, tabbouleh, baba ganoush, B's Dip, garlic sauce and grape leaves.

What sets The Green Olive Tree apart from other Mediterranean restaurants?

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MARIJUANA

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However, it was poorly written and did not allow for dispensaries or the safe growth and inspection of the marijuana. If marijuana is not properly processed, mold and other health conditions can arise.

"The legislation completes the process and allows locals to fully control the process locally and choose whether

or not to allow the dispensaries in their communities."

The bills imposed a 3-percent tax on dispensaries, which, according to freep.com, is estimated by some experts to bring in \$40 to \$50 million in state revenue. With this new package of bills, communities have more authority deciding on whether they will allow marijuana businesses, and where they will be located.

Non-smokable forms of marijuana can now be used by people, including children with supervision, with medical needs. With these bills, selling marijuana in violation of the restrictions is a penalty of up to two years imprisonment.

Republican State Rep. Hank Vaupel (Dist. 47), who voted for the bills, said that in order for marijuana to be legalized for recreational use, it will probably have to be by the vote of the people.

"I do think there will be petitions," he said, adding that it could come to a vote of the people next year.

Vaupel supports medical marijuana use in the cases of chronic pain or cancer, but said one problem is that doctors are giving medical marijuana cards to too many people.

"I am not for the recreational use of marijuana," he said.

Vaupel said while there's no concrete evidence that marijuana is a gateway drug, almost every person who's been addicted to opiates have used marijuana. He also cited reports about the increase in driving accidents and crime in Colorado since the state legalized the drug recreationally.

Marijuana products

The most popular method of consuming marijuana is smoking, but there are other options.

Edibles

Cannabis can be infused with food as a means of consuming marijuana. While pot brownies are stereotypical, cannabis can also be infused with suckers, candy bars, cookies, gummies, and other foods.

Concentrates

You can find cannabis concentrate in dabs, oil, hash, and wax.

Vapor Pen

Smoking concentrates from a vapor pen is a popular way to consume marijuana.

Beverages

Cannabis-infused drinks are available to purchase in certain states.

Topical

Topical cannabis solutions, like lotions and salves, are also popular options.

Pills

Consumers can buy cannabis capsules as a way of consuming marijuana.

Source: extract.suntimes.com, leafscience.com

EFFECTIVE

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the effectiveness of medical marijuana for particular issues:

NAUSEA RELIEF

Effectiveness grade: A

The objective is to help the nausea and vomiting that chemo cancer or AIDS patients experience. Marijuana aced this category because in the late 1980s, the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) approved synthetic versions of its main psychoactive compound, Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). Doctors can write prescriptions for dronabinol (brand name: Marinol) and nabilone (sold as Cesamet). The National Comprehensive Cancer Network, an alliance of 26 leading cancer centers, recommends the medications in its guidelines for treating nausea and vomiting.

EPILEPSY

Effectiveness grade: A

The objective is to reduce the number of seizures in children and adults with Dravet Syndrome and Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome, types of epilepsy that are difficult to control with current medications. Findings from animal studies have led to the development and testing of Epidiolex, a strawberry-flavored oil containing CBD. In almost every state, there are patients with epilepsy that are taking medicinal marijuana in hopes of relief.

NERVE PAIN RELIEF

Effectiveness grade: B+

The objective is to help quell the burning pain in the feet and hands caused by diabetes, AIDS, spinal cord injuries and other conditions. In a series of head-to-head trials between marijuana cigarettes of varying strengths containing THC with other compounds against traditional pain medication, it was found that the cigarettes were comparable and sometimes even superior to classic drugs. The cigarettes overall may provide pain relief for patients with chronic neuropathic pain that can't be controlled with other treatments.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

Effectiveness grade: B

The objective is to control the debilitating muscle spasms and stiffness, which often interfere with sleep and even walking.

Patients in more than two dozen countries have access to Sativex, an oral spray that contains a derivative of several marijuana compounds, including THC and the main non-psychoactive compound cannabidiol (CBD). The medication is now in the final phase of clinical trials in the U.S., with results expected in the next year or two. The therapy is said to be very popular in Europe, according to Bruce BeBo, PhD, executive vice president of research for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

CANCER TREATMENT

Effectiveness grade: B

The objective is to slow or halt the growth of cancer cells. In lab studies, TCH and CBD has been shown to slow or halt the growth of tumor cells, according to the American Cancer Society. And in animal studies, early research suggests that it may prevent the spread of some types of cancer. Some human trials are in the works, so while there's a lot of potential, there's just not evidence in patients at this point.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE

Effectiveness grade: B-

The objective is to reduce the tremors in this nervous system disorder as well as the stiffness in the arms and legs.

Studies that looked at whether medicinal marijuana could improve motor symptoms didn't pan out, said James Beck, PhD, director of research programs for the Parkinson's Disease Foundation. But there's ongoing research to see whether it might help with painful tightening of muscles that patients experience.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Effectiveness grade: C

The objective is to help slow down the progression of this condition, or prevent it. In 2014, researchers from the University of South Florida found that THC may slow or halt the progression of the condition — but their research used a cellular model, not a human being. There has been other research that shows it doesn't have an impact on the condition or may have a negative effect, according to Heather Synder, PhD, director of medical and scientific relations for the Alzheimer's Association. The bottom line is, studies so far are inconclusive.

POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDERS

Effectiveness grade: C

The objective is to ease the nightmares and other symptoms of PTSD. A couple of studies in Canada showed that Cesamet (a pill version used for nausea relief) helps prevent nightmares of returning soldiers. But another study at Yale University found that marijuana actually worsened symptoms and users were more likely to have violent behavior.

GLAUCOMA

Effectiveness grade: D

The objective is to lower pressure within the eye, reducing the progression of the disease. While some studies have shown that glaucoma reduces eye pressure, its effect lasts only three to four hours. The Glaucoma Research Foundation notes that one would practically have to smoke pot around the clock to effectively treat the condition, and that the medications on the market are more effective for treating glaucoma.

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(Left) This cabin owned by Claude and Sharon Stutts in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, sustained only minor smoke damage, but many of the cabins on their road (right) were burned right down to their foundations.

FIRES

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They had no idea they would be forced to evacuate Monday night, leaving only with the clothes on their backs, following devastating fires on 15,000 acres in parts of Great Smokey Mountain National Park and the hardest-hit tourist areas of Gatlinburg.

"It was really scary," said Stutts. "A couple of hysterical ladies knocked on our door Monday night to tell us the fire was at the bottom of the mountain. We grabbed our clothes and left the rest of our stuff there. It was spooky coming down the mountain, but I had to stay calm so I would do the right thing. I couldn't see. We drove toward Pigeon Forge, but could barely see the headlights in front of us, for all the smoke."

They weren't sure how far away to go, but ended up at a Hampton Inn in Sevierville, about five minutes away. Since then, they've moved back closer to the cabin, staying at Dollywood's DreamMore Resort. They planned to leave the area to return home on Friday.

The wildfires, which started Monday, damaged or destroyed more than 250 buildings in and near the eastern Tennessee resort towns of Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge, according to reports from CNN. Latest reports show 11 deaths from the raging wildfires and the number continues to rise. A hotline has

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Claude Stutts
Owner of Ace Hardware in Linden,
on vacation in Tennessee

SUMMARY

■ Linden business owners Claude and Sharon Stutts were caught in the middle of the firestorm near Gatlinburg, Tennessee, while vacationing at their cabin.

been set up to find missing people.

The original fire was "human-caused," according to CNN. "What caused the spot fires everywhere were the winds that picked up to 87 mph," said Stutts.

With rain on Wednesday, conditions have improved. "The fires won't spread but now that some of the grasses and trees have burned, there's a danger of mudslides from the erosion," said Stutts. "Some mountain roads are so narrow

you can't even get up there. Rescue workers are knocking on doors trying to find people."

"No one can go into Gatlinburg," he added. "Over 150 cabins are burned to the ground. Not just in one area, but spread everywhere."

Stutts went up the mountain and looked at his cabin Tuesday and found most of the damage to be smoke and soot related. Dollywood Cabin Rentals is the property manager and he

believes that the damage is fixable, but he'll likely have to make an insurance claim to get the ball rolling.

"It's rented out for Christmas," he said. "There's supposed to be another renter coming in this Friday, although that won't be happening."

For all the fear Stutts felt, especially for Sharon, he remains amazed by the resilience of the community. "It's a faith-based community. People are drawing upon each other. Over 3,000 people had nowhere to go on Monday night, but shelters were immediately set up. They're all working together. It's been a real outpouring of the community."

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Lake Fenton boys basketball looking strong again this season

By David Troppens
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Anyone that watched the Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team play last year experienced a lot of exciting times.

They experienced more buzzer-beating contests than most teams have in a decade. Lake Fenton also won a Class B district title and went to the regional championship game. What about this season? Are the Blue Devils capable of having a strong encore performance? The answer seems to be 'yes'.

The Blue Devils have three talented starters back. Jalen Miller, Isaac Golson and Andrew Foerster make up a very strong starting

point on which the Blue Devils can expand on during the 2016-17 boys basketball season. There are some concerns. The Blue Devils don't have much height. That certainly is the biggest concern.

Lake Fenton coach Jack Erway is excited about this team's capabilities.

"Our goals are simple. We want to win as many games as we can and continue to get better and play better every single day," Erway said. "If we can do that, then we will be able to compete for a league championship, a district championship, a regional championship and maybe move on after that."

The tri-county's Metro League teams are a

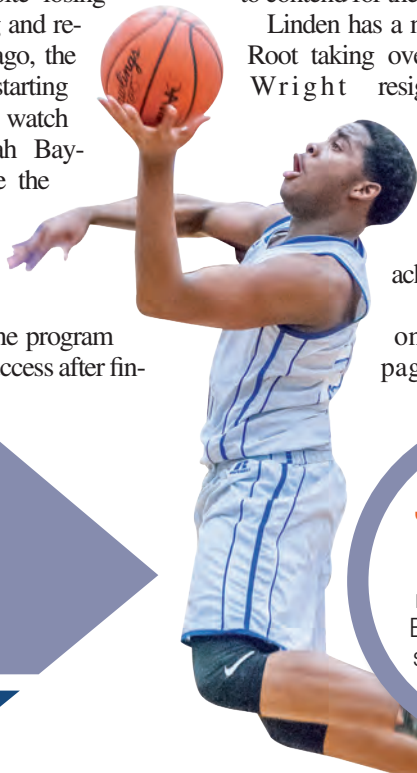
bit tougher to figure out as the season begins. Holly probably remains the most talented among the three. Despite losing the bulk of their scoring and rebounding from a year ago, the squad still has talent, starting with Paris Partee. Also watch out for freshman Noah Baylis who should become the team's leading scorer.

Fenton begins its second year under John Gilbert, and his first season back with the program has to be considered a success after fin-

ishing above .500. This year, the goal will be to expand upon that 11-10 overall mark, and to contend for the Metro title.

Linden has a new head coach with Chris Root taking over the spot after Anthony Wright resigned the position. Root hopes his team can contend for a league crown, but the team's recent past suggests, getting to .500 would be an outstanding achievement.

For more information on each area team, go to page 19A.



JALEN MILLER
Miller is one of three starters returning from the Blue Devils' 20-win squad a year ago.

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Dylan Meisch (right) skates on the boards with the puck while trying to elude Davison's John Brabaw. The Metro League Griffins, a co-op varsity hockey team of Fenton and Linden players, lost to Davison by an 8-1 score on Wednesday.

Griffins rowing the boat together

■ Co-op squad learning to play together, lost to Davison, 8-1

By David Troppens
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Flint — Western Michigan University football coach P.J. Fleck uses a term called "Rowing the boat" when he talks about team success.

Basically, the concept suggests that everyone has to be working at the same goal, in unison in the same direction to make progress as a team. It has worked. The Broncos are ranked

13th in the nation and are 12-0 overall.

When Metro League Griffins head coach Will Dawson looks at his team, he sees a team of veteran players mixed in with many freshmen who are experiencing varsity hockey for the first time ever. It has created challenging dynamics as the team learns how to play with each other. For Dawson, it looks like learning how to row the boat may be vital to his Fenton/Linden co-op varsity hockey team.

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KBH United sneaks past Flushing, 5-4

By David Troppens
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The Kearsley, Brandon, Holly and Lake Fenton co-op hockey team won a thriller against Flushing on Wednesday night.

Lake Fenton student Aid-

an Fick scored four goals in the squad's 5-4 victory.

The other team's goal was provided by Landon Kash. Lake Fenton's Drew Hobson had three assists while fellow Blue Devil Alec Copeland had two assists.

Holly girls win season opener vs. Stoney Creek

By David Troppens
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It was your typical first game of the season.

It was sloppy at times.

However, the Holly varsity girls basketball team didn't care because they came out with a 44-34 victory against Stoney Creek in the Walled Lake Northern Tournament on Wednesday.

"It was pretty hectic and pretty sloppy," Holly varsity girls coach David Hall said. "They trapped every single pass, every single possession whether it was halfcourt or fullcourt. It got hectic, but once our kids figured it out, they did a good job not letting what happened the play before impact the next play."

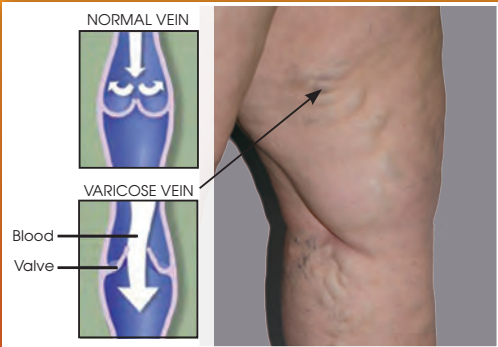
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Tri-County's 2016-17 Boys Basketball Previews

LAKE FENTON BLUE DEVILS

Coach: Jacob Erway
2015-16 Record: 20-4 overall. Won Class B district title. Lost to New Haven in Class B regional title game.

Returning All-TCT players: Jalen Miller, Andrew Foerster, Isaac Golson.

Team summary: The Blue Devils should be a fun team to watch play again this season. Six players return from the squad that won 20 contests a year ago. Among them are returning starters Jalen Miller, Isaac Golson and Andrew Foerster who all played huge roles in Lake Fenton advancing to a regional title game a year ago. Each also has three years varsity experience, so they will be the leaders and the primary scorers, for this year's team. Parker Mitchell, Liam King and Cam Jackson also return. Another player who should see solid playing time is Dalon Earnest.

Coach Erway says: "I like the fact that I think we have 11 guys that can get after it on defense 32 minutes every night, and that we are going to work and put ourselves in the best position to succeed. These guys realize how good they can be and what effort it takes to play at a high level every night, what preparation it takes to play at that

level and the great communication and team work it takes to help each other achieve their goals."

Prediction:

The Blue Devils are going to be a dynamic and fun team to watch play basketball once again this season. The Blue Devils broke a lot of long-time hexes last year and now have the talent to continue off of last year's success. Contending for a GAC Red title is on the docket, as is trying to advance further in the state tournament. The Blue Devils will learn a lot about their team in the first three games with road games at Midland and Hamady as well as a home game against Beecher.

We are pumped to see what Lake Fenton has in store for its fans this winter.



Lake Fenton's
Isaac Golson (left)

LINDEN EAGLES

Coach: Chris Root

2015-16 Record: 5-16 overall. Lost to Grand Blanc in Class A district semifinal.

Team summary: The biggest change with the Eagles this winter has come at the coaching position where Chris Root replaces Anthony Wright. Root has coached prep basketball at various levels for most of his teaching career, and will now lead the Eagles. The Eagles have five returning players. Cole Sarkon and Ty Hoeberling were starters a year ago, and probably will return to those positions this season. Hunter Michael Gavin Lund and Josh Beil also have returning varsity experience.

Right now, Root is still in a process of learning his players and probably will be working on figuring out his rotation. He hoped to get a better sense of his possible rotation during the team's second scrimmage on Friday.

Coach Root says: "I really like the competitiveness of the team. I feel like the practices have been very good. The team has a sense of maturity that is great, and the attitudes have been outstanding. I've had to coach teams where that wasn't always the case and that can be very frustrating. I like how the guys carry themselves. They push each other, but they don't let it go to far. They're kind of throwback players and I mean that in a good way."

Prediction: It's hard to throw a prediction on this squad. The team hasn't enjoyed a lot of success in recent seasons, but a new coaching staff could help erase some of the recent tough memories. Any improvement upon last year's record would have to be considered a successful season as Root tries to establish the program under his identity.

HOLLY BRONCHOS

Coach: Lance Baylis
2015-16 Record: 14-7 overall. Lost to Brandon in the Class A district semifinal.

Team summary: The Bronchos are going to look a lot different this winter. Gone are longtime players Kyle Woodruff and Adam Tooley, as is last year's Tri-County Player of the Year Ian Hodges. The only returning starter is post player Paris Partee, but he is a good place to start any starting lineup. He gives the Bronchos one of the best physical players in the Metro League. Seniors Austin Harless and Trevor Bland have quality varsity experience, playing in every game a year ago.

There are some players to get excited about. Luke Copley, Andrew Spak and Parker Munday are solid players, and should be strong performers. Finally, there will be a freshman starter on the squad, Noah Baylis. He will jump into a scoring

and leadership role immediately.

Coach Baylis says: "Here's what we have going for us. We have two players being recruited to play college basketball. ... We have an exciting freshman who happens to be my son. We have high expectations at Holly because we've won at a very high rate. ... and last, we have mentorship. All of the great players from the past have come back to help with the teaching of these guys."

Prediction: Until the other teams in the league prove otherwise, the Bronchos should be expected to be one of the Metro's elite teams again this season. Holly has finished in one of the top three positions every year since 2007-08, and we expect that to be the case again this year. We are cautiously expecting good things from the Bronchos once again.

FENTON TIGERS

Coach: John Gilbert
2015-16 Record: 11-10 overall, lost to Grand Blanc in Class A district opener.

Team summary: The Tigers probably had a bit better season than many expected during John Gilbert's first year back at the varsity helm. This season, a handful of players are back from that squad hoping to do even a bit better. Drew Miller is the team's top returning offensive player from a year ago, while Nick Wyrick is the team's other returning starter. He remains in the post and should be among the tallest players in the Metro. Greg Lukas and Patrick Conroy also return and should be a part of the starting rotation this winter.

A.J. LePage may be the other player finishing up the starting lineup. He'll play in the backcourt with Conroy. Others who are

new and should find themselves as part of the rotation are Addison McIntosh, Brandon Bossenberger, Nolan Lawrence and Chanse Setzke.

Coach Gilbert says: "We are young. I love the enthusiasm and work ethic this group is showing. They have a lot to learn to be successful varsity players, but they are learning quickly and starting to understand our system."

Prediction: It's tough to figure out exactly what type of predictions to make for this season. Any improvement on last year's record would be a success in our mind. Gilbert says the team goals are to compete for a league and district crown, so it seems fair for others to think the same way. How about 13-14 wins? That should translate into competing for a league title as well.



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