

Pipes burst in Cornerstone for second time this winter

■ Sprinkler head bursts, adjoining condo not damaged

By Tim Jagielo

tjagielo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795

Fenton — In the crisp evening air, the Fenton Fire Department responded to another burst water pipe at the Cor-

nerstone building on Sunday, Jan. 8, at approximately 9:10 p.m.

They shut the water off to the fire suppression system and attempted to alert the owner, and the property management group, Piper Property Management.

“Luckily, all of the water was on the outside of the apartments,” said Fenton

Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff via email. “No tenants were forced out of the building due to this incident.”

The third floor condominium was not damaged, and the only evidence of a problem was a waterfall frozen in place along the building and sidewalk below.

See **PIPES BURST** on 11





PAGE 3

ESCAPE THE SNOW AND COLD THIS WINTER

Midweek Times

VOL. 24 NO. II

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2017

2012 - 2013 - 2014 **NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR**

\$1.00

Fenton 911 dispatch to benefit from surcharge increase

■ Voters could be asked to approve 62-cent increase in May

By Vera Hogan

vhogan@tctimes.com; 810-433-6823

The city of Fenton may benefit from Genesee Central's inability to sustain its 911 operations unless there is a surcharge increase.

On Monday, Jan. 9, the Fenton City Council unanimously approved supporting by resolution a 911 surcharge increase.

Before any increase can occur it has to be approved by the Genesee County Board of Commissioners. It also has to be placed on the ballot and passed by a vote of Genesee County residents.

In a memo to City Manager Lynn Markland, Police Chief Rick Aro said, “An audit conducted by Genesee Central has indicated that the current surcharge will not sustain their 911 operations.”

He also said increased operational costs and upcoming capital purchases on the

See **911** on 12

Still throwin' strikes at 92



Pearl Crosby, 92, of Tyrone Township, celebrates bowling a spare during her senior bowling league at Fenton Lanes in Fenton Township on Jan. 3. On that day, she bowled a 133. See story on Page 5.



This home on Fuller Drive in Tyrone Township was destroyed by fire at 4 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 7. The four occupants escaped with injuries, however, their seven pet dogs died in the fire.

Seven pet dogs die in Tyrone Township blaze

■ Family loses everything in early morning fire

By Vera Hogan

vhogan@tctimes.com; 810-433-6823

Four people escaped serious injury when a fire gutted their home in the 9500 block of Fuller Drive during the early morning hours of Saturday, Jan. 7.

According to Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff, the Fenton Fire Department was called at approximately 4 a.m.

See **BLAZE** on 11

Ban on banning plastic bags becomes law

■ Local legislators don't want businesses to struggle with differing regulations

By Hannah Ball

hball@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792

Local municipalities are now banned from banning or putting fees on plastic bags or other “auxiliary containers” under Senate Bill 853, which was signed into law Dec. 28 2016 by Lt. Gov. Brian Calley.

See **PLASTIC** on 12

TEXT
YOUR
HOT LINE
810-771-TEXT



“I am fighting with three different online catalog stores that have ripped me off by sending the wrong product and then charging me for both the original shipping to me and the return shipping. I spent \$80.91 on a dog jacket but was only refunded \$60.05. What a rip-off.”



“Don't knock the weather. Ninetenths of the people in the world couldn't carry on a conversation if it didn't change on a daily basis.”

“It should surprise no one that the fools in Hollywood truly believe that, despite living in a make-believe world, they should tell us peons how to think and act. No more Streep movies for me.”

COMMENT
OF THE WEEK

“Is anyone else's Consumers Power and gas bill excessively high this year? My bill is at least 25 percent higher than last year. I make good money but still can't afford to keep my heat at a steady 68 degrees in daytime and 62 degrees at night.”



ARE YOU READY FOR MORE?

REGISTER NOW FOR WINTER.

Classes in Fenton

- Entry Level courses - Health careers
- Business
- Information Technology
- Early Childhood Education

Financial Aid Funds available

**Everything you need
to get started today!**

CLASSES START JANUARY 14.



**Call (810) 762-5000
for more information.**

mcc.edu



As an affirmative action/equal opportunity institution, the College encourages diversity and provides equal opportunity in education, employment, all of its programs, and the use of its facilities. The college does not discriminate in educational or employment opportunities or practices on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, veteran's status, age, disability unrelated to an individual's ability to perform adequately, height, weight, marital status, political belief, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic protected by law. Inquiries by students regarding compliance with Title IX should be directed to: Dean - Enrollment, Retention, and Registrar - Records & Registration, 1401 E. Court St., Pahl College Center - PCCLL, Flint, MI 48503, (810) 762-0370. Inquiries by students regarding compliance with Section 504 compliance should be directed to: Director - Admissions & Student Success Services, 1401 E. Court St., Pahl College Center - PCC1130, Flint, MI 48503, (810) 232-8225.

Keeping an 'i' on the revolutionary device

Apple iPhone is in its 10th year of changing the digital landscape

By Tim Jagielo

tjagiello@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795

Today, most smartphones have certain universal features — is no keyboard, the screen is touch-sensitive and you can use multiple programs simultaneously.

You slide your finger across to unlock it and can shoot photos and post those photos to the web.

While these are everyday features now, they were revolutionary in 2007, and Apple brought them together with the iPhone.

Now in its 11th generation, the iPhone is the standard for smart devices, as it turned 10 years old this week.

The first iPhone was announced on Jan. 9, 2007. At that time there were several devices that could search the web, handle your planner, and take photos.

But according to PCmag.com, the iPhone, "revolutionized how we will all interact with our hand-

helds, and everyone else is straining to catch up...it has raised the bar on fun and usability."

The iPhone was supposed to be simpler and easier to use than the other smart devices of the day. It did everything better and easier, with the exception of the phone itself, which according to Cnet.com, had variable quality.

Of course, the first demo release of the iPhone was filled with problems, but the bugs were eventually worked out.

Today, smartphones are divided into iPhones and Androids, with remnants of Blackberry and PalmPilot devices holding on.

Steve Jobs, the late Apple CEO, claimed that the iPhone was going to change the industry, and he was right. The iPhone combined an MP3 player, web communicator, and phone into one sleek package. It has already taken its place in tech history, alongside the Macintosh (Mac) and iPod.

A big part of the strength of the iPhone was the software.

Jobs described other 2007 smart device applications as "baby applications" which could only access "part of the internet."

See **DEVICE** on 12

Technical specs

Through the years, the iPhone's hardware was updated every year, with periodic software updates.

The iPhone 7 and 7 plus is the 11th evolution of the iPhone, all the while, the phone became faster and more efficient, and slimmer. The past two evolutions of the phone offered a larger screen on the "plus" model.

But in 2007, the iPhone came out with a 3.5-inch screen, with 160 pixels per inch (ppi) and one button — the "home" button.

While it had a camera, it only shot still photos, and had no rear-facing "selfie" camera.

Today's iPhone has 326 ppi, with a 4.7-inch screen. The iPhone 7 Plus has a 5.5-inch screen. Today's camera is 12 megapixels, with vastly improved lens and controls, via software.

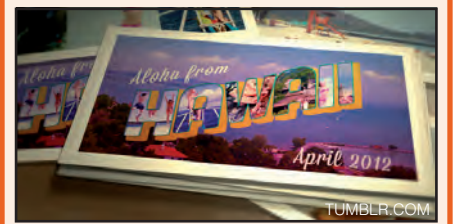
Video capability is also impressive, rivaling that of DSLR cameras from just a few years ago.

The first iPhone cost between \$499 and \$599 in North America. The iPhone 7 costs \$649 to \$769 today.

An early drawback of the model was that the iPhone was only carried through AT &T, and it could not access faster 3G networks at the time. In 2011, the iPhone came to Verizon Wireless and Sprint, and T-Mobile in 2013, according to CNET.com.

The first iPhone didn't come with GPS capability. This was added in July 2008, to the iPhone 3G. "Siri" was added with the iPhone 4s.

In 2007, Apple offered 4gb, 8gb, and later 16gb of flash memory. Today, iPhones come with a minimum of 32 gigabytes of memory, with up to 256 gigs of space.



Escape the snow and cold this winter

■ There's still time to book a warm weather trip to many popular vacation destinations

By Sally Rummel

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

After enduring the bitter cold and snow of our Michigan winter two years ago, Jim Leaman of Argentine Township made a promise to his wife, Marlene, that they would never again spend an entire winter here without a mid-winter break to a warm destination.

This year, they're heading to Costa Rica in Central America, a country that has become a traveler's dream destination, with warmth, sun and a diverse ecosystem of beaches, volcanoes and rainforests.

"One of our stops during a cruise was at Limon, Costa Rica, and we were so floored by the hospitality we decided to make it our winter destination this year," said Jim.

For many Michiganders, the winter months are the ideal time to travel. "February is always the busiest month for winter vacations," said Diane Roberts of Superior Travel in Fenton.

Popular destinations, like Disney World in Orlando, have fewer

See **ESCAPE** on 12

“There are deals out there, especially if you're flexible with your travel dates.”
Randy Church
Travel Brokers
in Fenton



MACRUMORS.COM

A New Year Could Mean New Savings! Let Us Review Your Policies Today!



(810) 629-1504

265 N. Alloy, Suite 100
Fenton, MI 48430

www.PeabodyInc.com

Peabody
INSURANCE

TRI-COUNTY TIMES



The Tri-County Times (USPS 018-092) is published weekly (with exceptions) by Rockman Communications, 256 N. Fenway Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Periodical postage paid at Fenton, Michigan 48430-2699 and other post offices. Subscription Rate: 47.00 per year. No non-member subscribers. Postmaster: Send address changes to Tri-County Times, 256 N. Fenway Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430-2699. We reserve the right to accept or refuse any content and/or advertising submissions.

HOURS:

Mon-Thurs: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday Closed



CONTACT INFORMATION

General Office 810-629-8282	Hot Line 810-629-9221
Advertising 810-629-8281	Fax 810-629-9227
Classifieds 810-629-8194	Email news@tctimes.com
Circulation 810-433-6797	Website tctimes.com

If I Were King...

king@tctimes.com

Trump already ‘making America great again’

As you read this, there are still 10 days before Donald Trump is sworn in as president on January 20th. Yet, he has already done more to make America great again than Obama did in eight years. Some examples: **American jobs:** Last June Barack Obama told a Carrier employee at a rally that there was nothing that could be done about the trend of jobs leaving America. Shortly after Trump’s win, Carrier reached a deal with the President-elect to keep 1,000 jobs in Indiana. Trump also motivated Ford to scrap their plans for a \$1.6-billion plant planned for Mexico and instead will invest \$700 million in a Michigan assembly plant, creating 700 new jobs. **Ethics:** On the campaign trail Trump promised he’d ‘drain the swamp.’ He’s already addressing government corruption and waste. On Dec. 6, Trump said that Boeing’s \$4 billion price tag for the new fleet of Air Force One planes was ‘out of control.’ However, after the company’s CEO met with Trump on Dec. 21, he told the press that Boeing would build a new Air Force One fleet for far less than \$4 billion.



PC culture: Trump campaigned that ‘we will say Merry Christmas again.’ Sure enough, during his Thank You Tour he spoke from a podium with a sign that read ‘Merry Christmas.’ Trump is throwing political correctness out the window and the majority of Americans are following his lead. **Women:** Trump has continued to elevate women to high-level positions in his administration just as he does in the Trump organization. He’s filling White House positions with power women who were crucial to his campaign. Most notably, Trump chose Kelly Anne Conway to serve as counselor to the president. **Military:** Trump is already bringing back long overdue morale to the U.S. military. The soldiers went wild cheering Trump when he attended the Army-Navy game on Dec. 10. Contrast that footage with the photos of dozens of rows of empty seats in the background of Obama’s farewell speech to the military on Jan. 4. **Endorsements:** Outside of the political

arena, we are seeing lots of people support Trump. Warren Buffet and Bill Ackman (two billionaire investors who supported Hillary), publicly say they are bullish on our future. Carl Icahn left Trump’s post-election party to invest \$1 billion in the market. **Media:** Truth be told, the national media isn’t very diverse. It is overwhelmingly made up of dyed-in-the-wool liberals who criminally slant the news they report to reflect their personal politics. We don’t have many national journalists with working-class roots, so the election coverage of Trump’s campaign was often shallow and condescending. The press was abysmally ignorant with regard to the fury and despair felt by the majority of the American people that Trump rode to victory. **Accountability:** Trump believes in American exceptionalism and he demands high performance. The days of overpaid and underworked government employees are gone on Jan. 20. The IRS, the VA and many other rogue government agencies will be put under the microscope and cleaned up. Heads will definitely roll.

It’s definitely going to be an interesting, entertaining and informative four years.

Opinions offered in If I Were King are the author's alone and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Tri-County Times or its staff. Email the King at king@tctimes.com. Some content adapted from the internet.

“Trump is throwing political correctness out the window and the majority of Americans are following his lead.”

Something to *Smile* about

In Office
Teeth Whitening
\$100 Off
Expires 1/31/17
Not valid with any other offers

Patricia A. McGarry, D.D.S.
Family Dentistry
— WE'RE YOUR STATE-OF-THE-ART, —
HOME TOWN DENTAL CARE EXPERTS!

www.drmcgarry.com
810-735-9426
200 Lindenwood Dr. • Linden
Mon.-Wed. 11am-7pm • Thurs. 8am-3pm
Occasional Sat. 8am-Noon

Hotlines

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

All submissions, if approved for publication, must be 50 words or less and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Tri-County Times. We reserve the right to edit for clarity, length and liability.

■■■■ **I WOULD LIKE** to thank the Fenton Kiwanis Club, parents, businesses, and the whole Fenton community for the package that was left on my door. My cupboards are full. Thank you very much.

■■■■ **I'VE HEARD ENOUGH** weight loss ads that say ‘it’s not your fault.’ In some cases, there might be a problem. In most cases, people just don’t want to put their fork down. We need to be honest with ourselves.

■■■■ **THANK YOU TO** the young man in the red truck who helped us Thursday, Jan. 5 on northbound U.S. 23 when our Jeep’s thermostat gave out. God bless you for your concern and help.

■■■■ **THE DDA’S COMING** to Linden. There go all of our old buildings. They’ll probably put in some more vacant lots.

■■■■ **WHAT THE ADMINISTRATION** in Fenton doesn’t understand is the people don’t need any taxes, no expenditures. We need years of a break. We need no new millages. We need good, honest people in our government.

■■■■ **SO NOW THOSE** large, online profitable companies that brought us online shopping, banking, and electronic communications are moving on to self-driving automobiles, trucks and buses. Yet billions of email addresses have been hacked. They’re going to tell us these things are safe?

I REALLY ENJOYED the article about saving for the future. Saving is a word you don’t hear anymore and it’s the best thing you can do for yourself. There are so many ways to cut corners, especially if you forget about keeping up with the Jones.’ It is so worth it.

■■■■ **HOW MANY MORE** taxes are we going to be able to pay? They want to raise the gas taxes more to fix roads. We need to get rid of people like Snyder and we need people in office who are game changers. We need state tax removed from us so people can save money.

■■■■ **HOW CAN THE** new president-elect say he’s going to be better than the current president? President Obama is a good president and I’m tired of hearing how wonderful President Trump is going to be.

■■■■ **IF YOU TRAVEL** outside of Fenton and Hartland you’ll see the gas prices are the same as everybody else.

■■■■ **I AM CURIOUS** if anybody else saw that giant meteor on Sunday morning at 6:20 a.m. It was the largest I’ve ever seen.

■■■■ **JUST THINK, IF** Putin doesn’t think Donald Trump is doing a good job, he can replace him in four years in the next election.

■■■■ **HEY DING-DONG,** there’s a big difference in living with your mother or living off your mother. Responsibilities? You don’t have a clue.

■■■■ **EVERYONE CLAIMS GOING** paperless is safer. Every country in the world is hacking the internet. No one is hacking my U.S. mail and it doesn’t require a password change.

■■■■ **IF SITTING HOME,** getting drunk all day, waiting for someone to pay your bills is responsibility, then you’re right. I don’t have any.

■■■■ **TO THE LOVE** of my life. Thank you, Janet, for the many years of joy. Happy Anniversary.

■■■■ **A BIG THANK** you to Scott Maker, Linden School Board president, for all your hard work and dedication at the schools. Linden is lucky to have someone as smart and nice as you.

■■■■ **OBAMA IS A** ‘gifted orator?’ Wrong. The man can’t string together three sentences without an ‘ah’ or ‘um.’

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

If money were no object, where would you vacation this winter?



“Europe, a lot of it. France, Germany, Switzerland. It’s somewhere I’ve never been before.”

— Dawn Monreal, Flushing



“Hawaii. Oahu. My husband has been there twice, but I’ve never been. I’ve traveled the country but not Hawaii.”

— Ann Schneider, Fenton



“Negril, Jamaica. I went there last year and I had a really good time. It’s an all-inclusive, adult-only place. It’s about 88 degrees when I go.”

— David Goldsworthy, Fenton



“Somewhere warm. Hawaii, if I had my choice, but not some place touristy. My daughter went there for her honeymoon and the pictures were beautiful.”

— Barbara Hein, Linden



“Probably back to Hawaii. Maui. It was nice. Didn’t get to spend enough time there. I’d go diving, maybe take a helicopter tour of the island.”

— Paul Huddas, Hartland

street talk



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Pearl Crosby, 92, focuses on her next throw at Fenton Lanes last week. She's been bowling since age 18.

92-year-old Tyrone Township woman bowls an actual 191

■ She's one of the oldest, 'baddest' bowlers in town

By Hannah Ball

hball@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792

At 92 years young, one Tyrone Township woman is proving that age is just a number, especially when she bowled a 191 on her 91st birthday in December 2015. Pearl Crosby has been bowling for 74 years, starting when she was 18.

"She's been an avid bowler her whole life," said Pearl's daughter, Sue Crosby. "Right now especially at her age, it's something to look forward to."

Pearl learned how to bowl at Joe's Bowling Alley, which used to operate where Fenton House is currently located.

"There wasn't much else to do back then in Fenton," Pearl said. "(I like) the challenge, I guess." She's bowled at Eastown on Miller Road, Town and Country in Grand Blanc, Jet Lanes in Holly, and now bowls in two leagues at Fenton Lanes. She bowls in the women's league on Tuesdays and a mixed league on Fridays.

Her women's league team name is Pearl's Girls.

"She and my dad bowled on leagues throughout their life. When he passed away, she continued bowling after that," Sue said. "She's really adamant about

it. She drives her car. She lives alone. She takes care of herself. It's amazing actually."

Pearl also is competitive.

"The competitive part of it is funny. She'll go bowling one day and not do well, and say 'I think I'm gonna' quit,' and then she'll go back and do better and she sticks with it. She does like to win," Sue said.

During her 91st birthday party at Fenton Lanes when Pearl bowled a 191, she also picked up a hard split, knocking down three remaining pins — the 3-pin, 7-pin, and 10-pin in one go.

"I had a good year," Pearl said. She's recently bowled several games in the 160s as well.

“(I like) the challenge.”

Pearl Crosby
Tyrone Township resident

After bowling for 74 years, a few things have changed. She used to bowl with a 14-pound ball, but now uses a 10-pound ball. The alleys are different.

"They used to be wood, but now they're something else," she said.

Pearl also used to keep score by hand because she's always been good at math.

At 92 years old, Pearl said her body doesn't always listen. "I know how but my body doesn't always do what I tell it," she said.

However, she's determined. "I want to be 101, like my mom," she said.

Police&Fire report

STUDENT FOLLOWED IN FENTON TOWNSHIP

The Genesee County Sheriff's Office is investigating a suspicious call in Fenton Township. On Jan. 4, a "be-on-the-lookout" was issued for the 2500 block of North Long Lake Road in Fenton Township. A caller reported that a white van, driven by a white male with a beard, followed a young male home from school. No verbal or physical contact was made between the two.

DRIVER LODGED AFTER CRASH

On Saturday, Jan. 7, deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office responded to a personal injury crash in the 4000 block of Owen Road in Fenton Township. Alcohol is suspected and a male suspect was lodged in the Genesee County Jail.

PROPERTY DAMAGE ON DAVIS STREET

The Genesee County Sheriff's Office is investigating a malicious destruction of property complaint. A resident from the 2400 block of Davis Street in Fenton Township reported Jan. 8 that damage was done to the front window of the house and shed. There is no suspect information at this time.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

LIBERALS TAKE NOTE. 4,000-plus people shot in Chicago, city with the toughest gun laws in the country. How many shooters were NRA members? Zero.

News briefs

Secretary of State office closed Jan. 16

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson reminds residents that all offices and the Office of the Great Seal will close in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, Jan. 16. Customers can go online at ExpressSOS.com, which allows customers to renew their tabs and driver's licenses, get a duplicate registration, duplicate title, change their address and register to be an organ donor. With its Print 'N Go feature, customers can renew their driver's licenses and tabs for their vehicles, motorcycles or boats, print their receipt and drive legally until they get their card or sticker in the mail.

Thanks from Linden Holiday Happenings

Linden Holiday Happenings thanks McCredie Insurance Agency for its generous sponsorship, said Sue Turpen, chairman of the parade and member of the Holiday Happening Committee. The event, held in early December, hosted thousands of people, featured a parade, fireworks, and a meet-and-greet with Santa Claus for the kids.

Fenton Township road improvement hearing scheduled

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees scheduled a public hearing for the next board meeting Jan. 23 in the lower level of the Fenton Township Civic Community Center. This is an open meeting where the board invites input from the public on what local roads need improvement in 2017. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

MT. HOLLY EVENTS



In collaboration with New Belgium Brewing

Adult Race League

NOW THROUGH FEBRUARY 20TH

7 Week Program | \$60 Entry Fee

Dual Slalom Courses with Side-by-Side racing. This is team racing with teams of 3 to 6 members, racing in side by side competition. Racing is open to all abilities...choose handicap or straight time division. If you don't have a team, we can find one for you!

.....Nastar Racing Weekends.....

Every Saturday & Sunday | Registration at 11am
Racing at 1pm

This is a great way to get some time runs & racing experience.
A program for all ages. Contact our Ski School at 248.634.3249
for additional details.

.....Lift Lounge.....

Saturday | January 14th

Bill on guitar | 2-6pm

Sunday | January 15th

The Strickler Brothers | 2-6pm



...where the north begins!

13536 Dixie Hwy. • Holly
248-634-8269 • www.skimtholly.com



ARGENTINE CARE CENTER

SINCE 1964

We pride ourselves on being family oriented and welcoming each resident into our hearts.

A Long Term Care Facility Offering Senior Rehabilitation Care

Offering Skilled Nursing Services

Long Term Care • Basic Nursing Care • Respite Care

Medicare & Medicaid Certified

810-735-9487 • 9051 Silver Lake Rd., Linden



Happy houseplants

■ Bring a breath of fresh air indoors this winter with strategically placed plants

By Sally Rummel

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

Our homes can look a bit bare this month, without the fresh greenery of Christmas trees and wreaths that filled our living spaces during the holidays.

But you can add color and health to your home during the winter months with container plants or hanging baskets. Having houseplants in your home will actually help you breathe easier, because plants increase oxygen levels. They

also increase the humidity and help to purify the air in your home.

In addition to their health benefits, these houseplants also add cheer, style and a breath of fresh air to a wintry décor.

Some of the easiest plants to maintain in your home include the Jade Plant, Succulents, Cacti, a Rubber Tree, Schefflera, Arboricola, ZZ Plant, Mother-in-law's Tongue, to name a few.

"Plants with thicker leaves are easy to take care of," said Carol McAlister of Yard 'N' Garden in Fenton. "These plants aren't real prone to insect or disease problems and don't have any real requirements for light."

Here are a few places you can put these plants to bring style and good cheer to your home, according to Houzz.com:

Above the sink

You can hang a few small pails across a tension rod in your kitchen as a makeshift herb garden. These plants and a sunny window will freshen your kitchen with the scent of aromatic herbs.

Around your home office

Plants can add warmth and texture to the electronic trappings of our daily work lives. To save space, you can hang baskets of plants.

Hang plants from the ceiling

Plants are an easy design solution, personality and color to any of your home's living spaces.

Above a potting station

An indoor potting shed can be kept green all winter long, even when the work of potting is done for the season. Dress a potting area for year-round use by bringing in a space heater and chair and having it double as a retreat for reading or napping.

Where you dine

When paired with elegant, traditional details like an old antique table, hanging plants can transform your daily dining space into an upscale eatery.

Along a hallway

Loading up on hanging plants can make a huge visual impact to decorate a long hallway.

Above the tub

You can uplift a small, generic bathroom by adding life and interest with two brimming plants hanging from the ceiling.

Attached to a trellis

A vine-covered trellis is as delightful indoors as it is outside. Find a place to secure a potted vine to a wall or suspend the plant in a hanging basket with a trellis to cling to.

You can also trail a plant from the top shelf of a bookcase or china cabinet to provide color and texture.





SECOND ANNUAL

RESTAURANT Week

FENTON, MI

Sunday, January 15th
-through-
Saturday, January 21st

Sponsored by:



Building Business. Building Community.

What is Restaurant Week?

Just about every major city from New York to L.A. has a restaurant week. In Michigan – Ann Arbor, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Traverse City, Troy, Birmingham and Plymouth all have restaurant weeks. It first started out as a way for restaurants to fill up their seats during one of the toughest months of the year - January. Today Restaurant Week helps

highlight the variety and quality of restaurant choices in our community. Every restaurant is offering a special price or fixed price menu to encourage you to try ALL the restaurants in our town. The restaurants in Fenton listed below are participating in this great event.

We hope to see you and your families there!

COME VISIT THESE PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS

 Sagebrush CANTINA 14284 Fenton Rd. • Fenton 810-629-3955	 EL TOPO 113 Mill St • Fenton 810-215-1024	 THE CORNER BAR GRILL 4015 Owen Rd. • Fenton 810-354-8808	 FENTON Winery & Brewery 1370 N. Long Lake Rd. Fenton • 810-373-4194	 THE ROUGH DRAUGHT Coffee & Barroom 134 N. LeRoy St. • Fenton 810-714-3005
 THE RELIEF & RESOURCE Co. 113 1/2 Mill St. • Fenton 810-215-1100	 Pa Marsa Mediterranean Cuisine 17055 Silver Pkwy. • Fenton 810-714-2400	 Village Classic Diner 3251 Owen Rd. • Fenton 810-750-2234	 Fenton Hotel tavern & grille 302 N. LeRoy St. • Fenton 810-750-9463	 Mancino's 4019 Owen Rd. • Fenton 810-714-2000
 FENTON FIRE HALL KITCHEN OF SARDONYA 201 South Leroy St. • Fenton 810-936-0442	 Hottest SMOKEHOUSE BBQ 2461 North Rd. • Fenton 810-750-0507	 crust a baking company 104 W. Caroline St. • Fenton 810-629-8882	 Johnny's PIZZERIA & RESTAURANT 1492 N. Leroy St. • Fenton 810-629-5060	 The Laundry FENTON • MICHIGAN 125 W. Shiawassee Ave. Fenton • 810-629-8852
 PAMPER'S BODY 2400 Owen Rd. • Fenton 810-750-6200	 Caribbean 1204 N Leroy St. • Fenton 810-354-8577	 The Green Olive MEDITERRANEAN GRILL 913 N Leroy St. • Fenton 810-354-8777	 Boston's RESTAURANT & SPORTS BAR 3324 Owen Rd. • Fenton 810-750-5800	

To see all the restaurant week specials go to www.fentonchamber.com



Mark McCabe
67th District Court
Ask the judge

The law of conspiracy

In view of the reported allegations that there were various types of conspiracies used to sway voters in the 2016 Presidential Election, I thought for this week's column it would be timely to talk about our laws on criminal conspiracy.

I assure you readers that I have no independent information as to what has been reported and can also confirm that my computer skills are limited at best.

However, as a lawyer and a judge, I have had a number of conspiracy cases and a wonderful summary of the law in this area comes from our Michigan case law as follows:

A criminal conspiracy is a partnership in criminal purposes, under which two or more individuals voluntarily agree to effectuate the commission of a criminal offense. There must be a specific intent to combine in order to pursue the criminal objective, and the offense of conspiracy is complete when the agreement is formed. The intent, including knowledge of the intent, must be shared by the individuals. Thus, there must be proof showing that the parties specifically intended to further, promote, advance, or pursue an unlawful objective. Direct proof is not required, and instead, the proof may be derived from the circumstances of the case, as well as the acts or conduct of the parties. The defendant does not need to take an overt action to further the conspiracy, and since the crime is complete upon the conspirators' agreement, the prosecution need not prove that the purpose contemplated by the unlawful agreement was accomplished.

Federal law is very similar except there must also be an overt act committed by at least one of the conspirators.

Over the years, we have seen some interesting conspiracy claims in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy by Lee Harvey Oswald and the alleged governmental cover-up of space aliens and space ships in 'Area 51' in Nevada.

While these claims are dubious, other conspiracy claims have proven to be true such as Watergate in the 1970s and the conspiracy involving the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln by John Wilkes Booth in 1865.

The laws involving conspiracy have been with us since 13th century England and are now firmly established in the United States.

Winners and losers of 2016

■ Stocks, YouTube and sci-fi do well, exploding phones and ineffective apps crash and burn

By Hannah Ball

hball@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792

With every passing year, new trends and products are introduced, or in some cases re-introduced, to the world of consumerism and marketing. Here are the winners and losers of 2016.

WINNERS

Stocks

On Nov. 9, 2016, the day after the 2016 presidential election, the Dow spiked after it had tanked 800 points on election night, according to the guardian.com. Ever since Donald Trump won the election, the stock market has soared, almost hitting the 20,000 mark in mid December 2016.

YouTube

YouTube is the biggest online video sharing site, and it keeps getting bigger. More than 300 hours of content are uploaded on YouTube every minute, according to an Ericsson consumer insight summary report published last December.

According to the report, 20 percent of 16- to 19-year-olds watch more than three hours of YouTube daily, while 46 percent of teenagers spend an hour or more on YouTube daily.

Alexa

Amazon's Alexa Voice Service was a popular gift this Christmas season, with millions sold, according to Amazon. This hands-free device can be voice controlled to turn the lights on or off, play music, change the temperature of the house, and many other things.

Now, other companies like Whirlpool are developing devices that are compatible with Alexa, hoping to get in on the home companion business. In 2017, consumers will decide if Alexa is here to stay.

Audio books

Listening to books is becoming more and more popular. Audiobook sales increased 85 percent from 2012 to 2015, according to the Association of American Publishers. While 2016 numbers aren't available yet, their sales are expected to increase.

Star Wars

Even though "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" came out in 2015, the movie was the 10th highest grossing movie of 2016, bringing in more than \$2 billion worldwide. Couple that film's success with "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story," which came out late 2016 and has currently earned more than \$800 million worldwide, and both Lucasfilms have made the Star Wars franchise a huge winner in 2016.

LOSERS

Facebook

This past year, Facebook and creator Mark Zuckerberg were widely criticized for the widespread dissemination of fake news on the social media site. Many fake news stories about past presidential candidates Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton circulated around the web.

In a statement on his personal Facebook page, Zuckerberg claimed that the fake



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

Kmart was a business that lost out in 2016. The Fenton Kmart closed its doors in December, with rumors starting as early as 2015.

news did not influence the election, and said he and the social media site would work to stop the spread of fake news.

Samsung

The year 2016 was embarrassing for Samsung after reports came out that its Galaxy Note 7 phones were exploding. Samsung recalled 2.5 million Galaxy Note 7s. The technology company said they will release the cause of the explosions soon.

Kmart and Macy's

Sears announced last week that it would close 109 Kmart stores after poor performance in 2016. According to cnn.com, this comes after Sears closed 78 stores last year and more than 200 in 2015.

Many experts attribute this to the growing economy of online shopping, specifically Amazon.

Fitbits

What started as a huge trend in 2015 to help people track their weight loss has now almost backfired. In 2016, it was found that using fitness trackers don't necessarily help people lose weight. According to the guardian.com, a simple diet and exercise plan is more effective at helping people lose weight.

Pokemon Go

There was major potential and success when Pokemon Go was first released July 6. It was the first augmented reality game where users walked physical distances in order to play.

It became the top grossing app in the U.S. in 13 hours, according to Touchstone Research. However, by August, the game lost close to 15 million players in one month, according to Bloomberg.



In this moment . . .

It doesn't matter if you saved money in 15 minutes.

It doesn't matter if your neighbor has the same insurance you do.

What matters right now is the quality of your independent insurance agent and the company that stands behind them.

Auto-Owners Insurance is "Highest in Customer Satisfaction with the Auto Insurance Claims Experience, Five Years in a Row" according to J.D. Power and Associates.

BRAD HOFFMAN
INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.

"Serving the area for 45 years"

102 S. Leroy Street
Fenton, MI • 810-629-4991



Auto-Owners Insurance



Auto-Owners Insurance ranks highest among auto insurance providers in the J.D. Power and Associates 2016 Auto Claims Study. 2016 study based on 12,508 total responses, ranking 26 insurance providers. Excludes those with claims only for glass/windshield, theft/tow, roadside assistance or bodily injury claims. Proprietary results based on experiences and perceptions of consumers surveyed November 2015-September 2016. Your experiences may vary. Visit jdpower.com.

12793 (11-12)

NCG CINEMAS
www.NCGmovies.com
Online tickets and showtimes
www.NCGmovies.com
NCG TRILLIUM CINEMAS
SHOWTIMES: 810-695-5000
1 Mile N. of I-75 on Holly Rd. in Grand Blanc, MI
\$5.00 TICKETS EVERYDAY
Rate valid for most movies. All Day Tuesday • Mon, Wed and Thurs before 6 pm • Fri-Sun before noon.
\$5.00 rate not valid on Real D 3D, IMAX or 12:05am shows. Real D 3D films additional \$2.00.

Griffins' offense takes off with strong weekend results

By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789

The 2016 portion of the Metro League Griffins' hockey season was a tough one, but it looks like the 2017 portion may be a bit better.

The Fenton and Linden co-op hockey team had a strong weekend, capturing a 9-2

victory against the Swartz Creek co-op on Saturday and earning a come-from-behind 6-6 tie against West Bloomfield on Friday.

In the tie against West Bloomfield, the Griffins trailed by as many as three goals and by two goals late in the third period. However, a goal by Brandon Diener cut the gap to 6-5. Then with 2:26 left, Dylan

Miesch scored on an assist from Brendan Buerkel, tying the contest up. The Griffins' day wasn't done yet. They faced a 5-on-3 shorthanded situation late and battled into overtime before the teams settled for the tie.

**CONTINUED ONLINE
AT TCTIMES.COM**



photo by
Mark Bolen

Sports Times

BRENDAN BUERKEL

Buerkel was one of many Metro League Griffins who had big offensive weekends.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11 | PAGE 8 | WWW.TCTIMES.COM/SPORTS



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | MARK BOLEN

Lake Fenton's Isaac Golson (right) drives to the bucket in the Blue Devils' victory against Mt. Morris Friday night.

Devils blow out Mt. Morris, 68-51

By Dale M. Smith

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789

Lake Fenton — Led by senior stand-outs Isaac Golson and Jalen Miller, the Lake Fenton Blue Devils overcame a sluggish start to blow by Mt. Morris, 68-51.

The Panthers came out strong and only trailed 18-17 at the end of the first quarter. Mt. Morris senior Cameron Pratt scored seven of those first nine Panther points but when he picked up his third foul with 4:15 left in the second period the Devils took advantage of his absence and never looked back.

CONTINUED ONLINE AT
➤ **TCTIMES.COM**

Fenton's offense good enough vs. Kearsley

■ Tigers shoot a high percentage in 56-45 win

By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789

Fenton — Fenton's offense was a good news and bad news type of thing on Friday night.

The Fenton varsity boys basketball team turned the ball over 31 times. That's the bad news. Actually that's horrible news.

However, here comes the good news. When the Tigers didn't turn the ball over against Kearsley, Fenton worked the ball for good shots, resulting in 50 percent shooting from the field, and an eventual 56-45 Metro League victory at Fenton High School.

"We have to work on cutting our turnovers," Fenton post player Nick Wyrick said.

"We are a sharing team (and did well sharing the ball). We don't hog it or have a single player who has to take on all of the points.

"When we got back into practicing, we worked hard and we were told it would be tough getting back in a Friday night game with the loud crowd and everything. We had to work hard. We had a lot of effort and I thought we did well."

"That's way too many turnovers obviously, but the bottom line is that's the first time we've played competitively except against ourselves in almost three weeks," Fenton varsity boys basketball coach John Gilbert said.

CONTINUED ONLINE AT TCTIMES.COM

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SCOTT SCHUPBACH Fenton's Nick Wyrick scored 13 points in the Tigers' 56-45 victory against Kearsley Friday night.



After slow start, Tigers figuring it out, beat Hornets

By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789

Fenton — It's been a slow process getting everything coordinated for the Fenton varsity girls basketball team so far this season.

The reason is obvious. The varsity volleyball season extended deep into the girls basketball preseason. While it meant great things for the volleyball program, the girls basketball squad is taking some

time to get its feet under themselves.

Now that the winter break has come and gone, the Tigers hope to have most of those issues addressed as they prepare for their final 15 regular season contests.

One game into the second portion of the season, it looks like the Tigers are starting to turn the page. Fenton had to overcome foul troubles and a young but talented Kearsley

squad to capture a 57-51 Metro League victory against the Lady Hornets at Fenton High School Friday night.

"We are a little bit more organized and it's something we knew would eventually come," Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Rebecca Moore said.

CONTINUED ONLINE



Fenton's Aly Lenz scored 12 points against Kearsley.

photo by
Scott Schupbach

MEET Bijou

I'm a very sweet boy that is looking for a quiet place to call home!



SPONSORED BY:

Fenton Veterinary Clinic

14115 N. Fenton Rd. • Fenton • 810-629-1564



Who will take us HOME?

TO ADOPT THESE ANIMALS PLEASE CALL:
810-629-0723



Adopt-A-Pet

A Friend for Life!

13575 Fenton Rd • Fenton • www.adoptapetfenton.com

NEW HOURS

Closed Monday • Tuesday 12-5 • Closed Wednesday
Thursday 12-7 • Friday 12-5 • Saturday 12-5 • Sunday 1-4



MEET Brandi

I'm a little, young girl looking for someone to love.

SPONSORED BY:

Barbichon
GROOMING SALON

204 E. Broad St., Linden
810.735.5169

Hillger's quick pins highlights LF's strong tourney

By David Troppens
dtroppens@tctimes.com

Saturday was a great day for the Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team, especially for its most recognizable wrestler, Trent Hillger.

The Blue Devils advanced to the championship match at the South Lyon Invitational, only losing to second-ranked DeWitt 39-26 in the finals. Lake Fenton defeated Southview Ohio 72-0, Walled Lake Western 66-12, Brighton's 'B' team 56-12 and Chelsea 46-24 in other matches.

The Blue Devils had six wrestlers go 5-0 on the day, but out of those five one stood out. Hillger (285) captured a state record with a three-second pinfall victory. He also recorded a five-second pinfall at another point in the tournament.

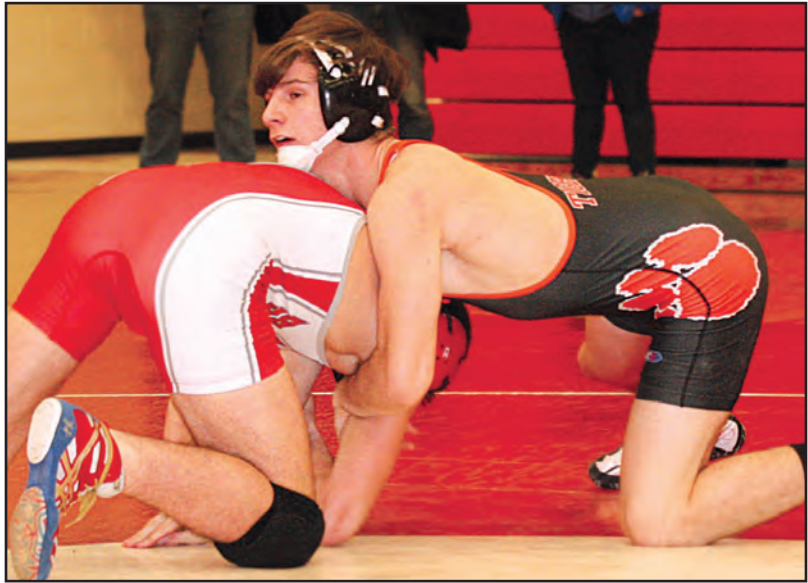
"He blast double-legged the kid off the whistle, and it was a 270-pound kid," Lake Fenton varsity wrestling coach Vance Corcoran said.

CONTINUED ONLINE AT
➤ **TCTIMES.COM**



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPENS

Lake Fenton's Trent Hillger (top) works on a pinfall victory in a recent match.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPENS

Fenton's Tommy Adams (right) won a weight class championship at the Wyandotte Invitational on Saturday.

Fenton wrestlers place fourth at Wyandotte Invitational

By David Troppens
dtroppens@tctimes.com

Fenton's varsity wrestling team keeps showing improvement under first-year coach Brad Beverly.

The Tigers took 13 wrestlers to the Wyandotte Invitational, placed seven and finished fourth place at the tourney.

No one had a bigger day than Tommy Adams. The senior 145-pounder went 4-0 with three pins. His

only non-pin victory was a major decision win against a state-ranked wrestler. Adams is 18-1 and ranked sixth in Division 2.

Two other Tigers placed third. Brady Triola (119) went 3-1 with two technical fall victories while Jayden Rittenbury (125) also went 3-1. All three of his wins were by pinfall.

CONTINUED ONLINE
AT **TCTIMES.COM**

PREP REPORT

COMPETITIVE CHEER

► **Fenton at Frankenmuth Invitational:** The Tigers captured first place in the Division 1 portion of the event with a team score of 666.98, beating second-place Bay City Western by about 26 points. Fenton scored a 212.90 during round one and a 174.58 during round two. They had a score of 279.50 during round three.

► **Holly at Troy Athens Invitational:** The Bronchos placed second in Division 2 action with a team score of 620.88. The squad scored 205 points in the first round, 184.08 in the second round and 239.80 points in the third round.

GYMNASTICS

► **LFLF defeats Holt:** The Lake Fenton, Linden and Fenton co-op gymnastics team scored 138.825 points in a recent win against Holt. The team's top contributors were Blake Hutchings, Miranda Stephens, Sabra Robinson, Jordan Sawson, Macy Mitchell and Nicole Haberkamp.

HOCKEY

► **Airport/Flat Rock/Summit Academy 6, KBH United 1:** The Holly, Lake Fenton, Kearsley and Brandon co-op hockey squad's only goal was a first-period goal by Aidan Fick, assisted by Drew Hobson. Conner Martin made 26 saves in net.

BOYS BASKETBALL

► **Swartz Creek 63, Holly 55:** The Bronchos were paced by Noah Baylis who scored 18 points, dished six assists and collected five rebounds. Swartz Creek's Jaylin Price-Rose led all scorers with 21 points.

► **Linden JV 41, Clio 27:** Max James led the Eagles (3-1) with 18 points. Seeger DeGayner had 15 points.

Online Exclusives

STORIES ONLINE AT
TCTIMES.COM

■ Fugate has big night in Bronchos' 61-41 victory

Temperatures may have been below zero with the wind chill on Friday night, but Rebecca Fugate would've never known it.

The Holly sophomore guard was on fire against Swartz Creek at Swartz Creek's home gym.

Fugate scored a game-high 24 points, with 12 of those points coming from behind the 3-point arc, leading the Bronchos to a 61-41 victory against the Dragons.

"She played phenomenal," Holly varsity girls basketball coach David Hall said. "She hit outside shots and got to the basket as well. She only had two free throws. She was in a groove and couldn't do anything wrong."

■ Third quarter struggles cost Lake Fenton, 59-47

One quarter cost the Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team from getting a victory against Mt. Morris on Friday.

Mt. Morris scored 22 third-quarter points, helping lead the Panthers to a 59-47 victory against the Blue Devils at Lake Fenton High School.

The Blue Devils were tied 20-all at the half until Mt. Morris scored all of those third-quarter points. From that point on, Lake Fenton was forced to play catch-up, but were unable to do so.

■ Eagles let one sneak by, lose to Mustangs

The Linden varsity boys basketball team had its chances, but fell a bit short at Clio High School on Friday.

The Eagles (2-1, 3-2) led 30-24 at halftime, but Clio answered with a strong third quarter, eventually earning a 59-55 victory in a matchup of two Metro League undefeateds.

"We led by as many as eight in the second quarter, but we couldn't put them away," Linden varsity boys basketball coach Chris Root said. "We didn't get the stops when we needed them on defense, we couldn't get a rebound when we needed one and we couldn't get a bucket when we needed one on offense. We definitely let one slip through our fingers."

■ DeGayner's 23 points not enough for Linden

Linden's Sterling DeGayner had a big night for the Lady Eagles' basketball squad.

DeGayner scored 23 points but the Linden varsity girls basketball team couldn't find anyone to compliment her offensive performance, resulting in a 52-39 road loss to Clio on Friday night.

Linden (1-6) trailed 11-7 after one quarter, and gradually fell a bit further behind as the game continued. The Clio lead was 26-14 at halftime and 42-27 after three quarters.

COMPLETE AUTO REPAIR

FOREIGN
DOMESTIC
MOTOR HOMES



WHY PAY MORE FOR THE SAME SERVICE?

At Muffler & Go... we offer you complete car care services at affordable prices. With our 28 years of experience, we know more than just mufflers, we know vehicles inside and out. We service all makes and models. Come see us today.

24 Hour Emergency Service • 24 Hour Towing, Shuttle & Car Rental



MUFFLER & GO
810-629-1066

DRIVE-IN OR BY APPOINTMENT: MONDAY - FRIDAY 8AM-6PM, SATURDAY 8AM-3PM

1478 N. LeRoy St. | Fenton | www.mufflerandgo.com

FREE

VEHICLE
CHECK-UP

Call for details.

MUFFLER & GO

EXPIRES 1/31/17

FREE

ENGINE LIGHT
SCAN/DIAGNOSIS

Must present
coupon.

MUFFLER & GO

EXPIRES 1/31/17

**10%
OFF**

ALL SERVICES
Must present coupon.
See store for details

MUFFLER & GO

EXPIRES 1/31/17

\$16.95

FULL SERVICE
OIL CHANGE

Must present coupon.
Offer good on up to
5 quarts of oil.

MUFFLER & GO

EXPIRES 1/31/17

Get fit this winter!

SLPR offers Pilates with certified instructors to bring Joseph Pilates' principals of movement with the most innovative tools for a contemporary approach to this mind-body method. Classes can be modified for all fitness levels.

with

SLPR
SOUTHERN LAKES
PARKS & RECREATION

Starting THIS week:

■ On the Ball Core Fitness

PUT THE BOUNCE BACK IN YOUR STEP!

In this class the stability ball is used to improve balance, rotation, flexibility and core strength. Classes held at the Lake Fenton Middle School Dance room.

Thursdays at 6:00pm • Jan 12 - Feb 16

Saturdays at 9:00am • Jan 14 - Feb 18



Starting NEXT week:

■ 30 Minute Abs

Just a half hour of Pilates core exercises and you'll be good to go. Fit a quick work out into your busy schedule. Classes held at the Fenton Community Center

Tuesdays at 4:45 pm • Jan 17- Feb 21

■ Hatha Yoga

Mindful approach to Hatha Yoga for proper body alignment and refreshingly long holds. Classes held at the Fenton Community Center

Thursdays at 7:00pm • Jan 19 - Mar 9



■ Pound



CHANNEL YOUR INNER ROCKSTAR WITH THIS FULL BODY CARDIO JAM SESSION.

Using lightly weighted drumsticks you will torch calories. Classes held at the Fenton Community Center

Tuesdays at 5:30pm • Jan 17 - Feb 21

**Register
today!**
WWW.SLPR.NET

In progress: (but registration can be prorated)

■ Pilates with Props

DON'T JUST 'DO' PILATES, LEARN PILATES AND GET THE BENEFIT OF CORRECT POSITIONING AND MUSCLE FOCUS.

This class uses the fitness circle, foam roller, bands and weights to improve muscle elasticity, joint mobility, enhance balance, and develop opposing muscles. Classes held at the Fenton Community Center

Mondays and/or Wednesdays at 6:00pm • Jan.9 - Feb. 13

■ Zumba

Take the 'work' out of work out with this calorie burning, dance fitness party. Classes held at the Fenton Community Center

Mondays and/or Wednesdays at 7:15pm



Holly boy, 7, diagnosed with bone cancer

■ Grandfather reaches out to community for support

By Sharon Stone

sstone@tctimes.com; 810-433-6786

A local grandfather is reaching out to the community after his 7-year-old grandson, who attends Holly Elementary, was diagnosed with osteosarcoma, a form of bone cancer, on Jan. 1.

Robert Hadley of Holly said his grandson, Ben Atkins, is the son of Keith and Georgianna Atkins. Ben is one of five children of Keith and Georgianna Atkins ranging in age from 2 to 14. The Hadleys and Atkins have homes in Groveland Manor Mobile Home Park, east of Holly.

Hadley said Ben complained of pain in his leg on New Year's Eve and his parents took him to Genesys Health Park where tests were done. Ben was then transferred to C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor for further testing. The family learned the

next day that Ben had bone cancer.

Ben has already gone through one of multiple rounds of chemotherapy and is back recuperating at home. Hadley said the family was told that the cancer was caught early and does not appear to have spread.



Benjamin Atkins

Hadley said Keith, who is a welder and Georgianna, who works at River Rock restaurant are now juggling their jobs and caring for Ben, who will have a weakened immune system due to chemotherapy.

Hadley said his son's family needs the community's prayers and support. Now in a wheelchair, Ben, also needs a wheelchair ramp to his home. Unable to attend school, Ben's grandfather said a teacher will be bringing Ben classroom assignments so that he can keep up with his schooling.

For details on how to help the Atkins, visit their gofundme.com page, Fight for Benjamin, created by Ben's aunt, Charlene Thayer. www.gofundme.com/36mrl5s

BLAZE

Continued from Front Page

Cairnduff said four people were in the home, three of whom were treated at the hospital. One was treated and released, while two were treated for smoke inhalation and cuts.

According to Tyrone Township public records, the owners of the home are Kenneth and Earline Lee. They were living in the house with their adult son and his girlfriend.

The family's seven dogs were lost in the tragedy. According to Cairnduff, the family lost everything.

While fire officials continue to investigate the cause of the blaze, a gofundme account has been set up for the family at "Lee Family House Fire."

According to that gofundme account, "In the early morning hours of January 7th, a bedroom lamp had fallen over



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Four people escaped serious injury when this Fuller Drive home was gutted with fire during the early morning hours of Jan. 7.

this family start to restore their lives after this devastating loss."

In order to help, go to www.gofundme.com and look up Lee Family House Fire.

Cairnduff said the cause of the blaze does not look suspicious.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WE NOW HAVE a president who tweets and doesn't even consider his stupid statements when he does. His thin skin is directing what he views is right as he responds to negative responses to him. He is so wrong about so many things that it is scary for Americans as we try to move forward.

A TIDBIT FOR the fact-fudger, regarding a new and appalling record for murders in Chicago — 762 in 2016, 970 in 1974. You had better check your source.

IF THOSE FOUR animals in Chicago were white and the handicapped kid was black, Chicago would be on fire right now, but because it's the other way around it's not that big of a deal. Those thugs need to be punished to the maximum extent of the law.

LIBERALS USE THE term 'hate speech' to try to suppress our first amendment rights. Don't give into it. Speak what you know is right even if it might not be politically correct. After all that's what the first amendment is all about.

PIPES BURST

Continued from Front Page

This is the second time in the past three weeks that the fire department has responded to the Cornerstone building for a burst pipe.

The building was completed in November 2015. Less than a month ago, the first pipe burst in the Cornerstone building — a sprinkler head line for the third-floor condominium's fire suppression system.

The ensuing flood severely damaged the third-floor condo, and the condo below it. Sagano Japanese Bistro and Steakhouse had to close for clean-up, and neither condo owner could move back into their homes until the units were restored.

Piper Property Management was unable to comment by press time.

While freezing sprinkler lines aren't common, they also aren't totally uncommon either.

"Every new building is going to have some bugs," said Kelly Zeisloft, regional manager for Piper Management.

She said that she will be meeting with engineers this week to figure out how to prevent this from happening again.

The two damaged condos are still under repair, and the owners probably won't be able to go home for another six to eight weeks. She estimates the repairs could cost \$100,000.

Web editor Vera Hogan contributed to this report.

Why virtual bariatric surgery is better

This is the best long term weight loss option

Bariatric surgery seems like the perfect solution. And it might be, if it weren't for the failure rate. Importantly, according to an NIH study, lap-band surgery only has a 65 percent success rate.

Side effects are the problem. According to Pharmacy Times, approximately 40 percent of bariatric patients develop "Dumping Syndrome." During or immediately after a meal, patients report nausea, bloating, cramping, diarrhea, dizziness and then vomiting.

Other problems include fecal incon-

tinence. More than a third develop gallstones. Alarming, according to the New York Times, one study calculated suicide rates for patients at five times more than normal.

Virtual Bariatric Surgery, is different. Clients go into hypnotic trance and have imaginary bariatric surgery. Once out of trance, they eat like they've had the surgery, but with zero side effects. And the cost is tiny by comparison to the real surgery. But insurance does not cover it. The great news is this: It has a 74 percent success rate.

Dr. Tomlinson, certified in the procedure, believes hypnosis allows clients to do more. Weight problems are psychological. As such, his eight-week program helps clients with the deep-seated issues that keep clients from losing weight.

Diets fail due to defiance. If we're told we have to - we don't want to. If told we can't, we want it more. Tomlinson Medical Hypnotherapy does it differently: Biochemically, bodies make extra fat four ways. When clients stop, they can easily lose 1-2 pounds per week.



Trim Down Forever! VIRTUAL Bariatric Surgery

Using revolutionary Virtual Gastric Surgery, our eight-week program helps you trim down and get mentally, physically and spiritually healthy so as to promote permanent weight reduction.

Diets only work on the outside. But all the scientific research shows that what goes on in your mind is far more determinate in your ultimate success than what you eat. Remember, it's much easier to change your mind and have that change your body than to try and change your body and hope that it changes your mind.

This is the BEST long term weight loss program available!

Hypnotherapy is perfect for Stop Smoking, Anxiety, Sports and Business Performance and more.

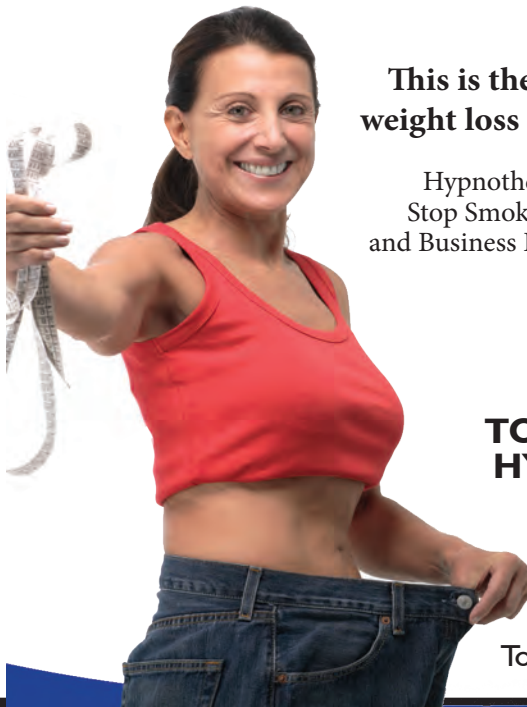


**TOMLINSON MEDICAL
HYPNOTHERAPY, LLC**

8382 Holly Road, Suite 2
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

810.771.7105

TomlinsonHypnotherapy.com



911

Continued from Front Page

county level have prompted Genesee Central to consider requesting an increase in the surcharge fee from \$1.24 to \$1.86.

Fenton has its own 911 dispatch center. Its 911 dispatch operational cost in 2015 was \$278,989, according to Aro. The sum of \$135,196 was received in surcharge revenue and the balance of \$141,800 was funded through the city's general fund.

The proposed surcharge increase would result in \$67,000 more in 911 surcharge revenue for the city.

Once all approvals are obtained, there are three election options:

The first option is to place the surcharge increase for November 2017 through December 2021 (sunset date of Dec. 31, 2021) on the May 2 ballot and collecting the funding starting in November.

The second options is to wait and place the surcharge increase on the August ballot and start collecting the funding in November of 2018.

The third option, if the local surcharge increase does not pass on May 2, is to try again in August. If still not successful, try again in the November election, in which case funding would not start being col-

lected until November 2018.

Although the Genesee County Board of Commissioners have the final say on the election date, the resolution passed by the Fenton City Council on Monday supports a May 2 election date, as recommended by the Genesee County 911 consortium.

About the surcharge

The Genesee County Board of Commissioners, by voter approval and state law, can vote to raise the local 911 surcharge to \$3 per device per month. Emergency dispatch centers in Michigan are funded by a surcharge paid by cell phone users for each device, which is collected by cell phone providers. The surcharge is then returned to the emergency dispatch centers of each user on a county to county basis. The surcharge from Genesee County cell phone users is returned to Genesee County. That revenue is then divided proportionally, based on population, between the Genesee Central Communication Consortium and Fenton. Fenton receives 2.76 percent of the Genesee County 911 surcharge revenue collected.

PLASTIC

Continued from Front Page

Sen. Jim Stamas (R-Midland), who introduced the bill, said the primary goal was to provide consistency across the state.

"It's regulations to ensure our businesses and consumers are not fighting different regulations across the state," he said. "If a business chooses to do without plastic, they can still do that. If a consumer wants to go to a place that doesn't offer plastic, they can still do that."

The Republican-controlled senate voted for the legislation citing the burden not allowing plastic bags would put on retailers. The Michigan Senate passed this bill in May 2016 and passed the House Dec. 1, 2016. One amendment that would still allow local voters to ban plastic grocery bags failed.

This act cannot be construed to prohibit or restrict a curbside recycling program, a designated residential or commercial recycling location, or a commercial recycling program.

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) and Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) voted in favor of the bill.

Vaupel said, "I think businesses should have the right to make the decision themselves. I think there should be an individual responsibility in people that do use the plastic bags as to handling them responsibly. They still can be recycled. Walmart has recycling bins."

Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Dist. 14) voted in favor while Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 47) and Sen. Rep. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) voted against the bill.

"I supported the bill because I think for many developers from a job creation standpoint, I don't think the grocers and retailers should be subject to local units of government banning plastic bags for their use. For them to have to be subjected to a

More plastic bag bills

Another bill introduced Oct. 19 2016, House Bill 5962, would ban businesses from giving plastic bags to customers. Patrons would still be able to bring them to stores. The bill does not include reusable bags and bags without handles. Stores violating the bill would face a fine of up to \$300. House Bill 5962 was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Trade the day it was introduced, but hasn't seen any action since.

ban on the use of plastic bags by a city or township is a prescription for a lot problems," Robertson said. "Are you supposed to keep track of every ordinance in every municipality you want to do business in?"

A spokesperson for Ananich said, "Senator Ananich has consistently been opposed to efforts to reduce local control. He felt like this was another infringement on those rights when decisions like this would be better left for individual communities to debate and decide."

Plastic bags are a non-recyclable item, and opponents of the bill cited the costs associated with having to clean up plastic bags and remove them from recycling machinery.

Republic Services, the waste pickup company used by Fenton, Fenton Township, Linden, and Holly, does not accept plastic bags as a recyclable item.

In an update to the Fenton Township Board of Trustees last year, Gary Hicks, municipality manager for Republic Services, said plastic bags waste a tremendous amount of money and maintenance in the recycling facility so they stopped accepting them.

DEVICE

Continued from Page 3

Apple gave the new device a version of the available desktop platform, Mac OSX.

The iPhone was fast, with "desktop-class applications and networking," according to Jobs, at the 2007 announcement.

Physically, the biggest change in smartphones came from losing the actual keyboard.

Apple didn't do away with it for looks, or a bigger screen for viewing websites.

With virtual keys, the various applications for everything from texting, writing or scribbling, can have the buttons it needs, with none that it doesn't.

As new applications came out, the same phone could support them because it wasn't limited by plastic keys.

With no physical keyboard, Apple introduced the "multi-touch" interface. This is the very concept of using your finger as a stylus, and being able to use both thumbs to type on the surface.

Fenton Lakes Sportman's Club

Serving our community by
protecting natural resources and
supporting fellow sportsmen
since 1953.

Sport - Training - Competition - Practice
Archery - Pistol - Rifle - Shotgun



ESCAPE

Continued from Page 3

lines at the theme park than spring break, and Florida "hot spots" continue to be well-traveled because of their easy accessibility.

"Disney in Orlando and Key West continue to be popular Florida destinations," said Randy Church of Travel Brokers in Fenton. "There's also been an upturn in the popularity of cruises, especially to the Caribbean."

Warm weather and sun await travelers this year in popular Caribbean all-inclusives, including Jamaica, Aruba, Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic, the Mexican Riviera, Puerto Vallarta and St. Thomas.

For travelers who have already done the Caribbean and the Mexican Riviera, Costa Rica is a good choice, according to Church. "It's a little more unique," he said. "Also, Panama is becoming increasingly popular as a destination."

Panama is the gateway between North America and South America, and while everyone goes there to see the Panama Canal, its tropical climate, beaches, mountains and nightlife make it an unforgettable getaway.

Hawaii has always been a popular four-season destination, but more people are discovering it this year as a winter travel hot spot.

"There's been a shift toward more travel to Hawaii this winter," said Roberts at Superior Travel. "Maui is the most

popular island destination in Hawaii, but there are also a lot of people taking cruises that start in Honolulu, then cruise to all the islands."

If you haven't yet made plans for a warm weather getaway this year, it's not too late.

"There are deals out there, especially if you're flexible with your travel dates," said Church of Travel Brokers. "Even for late January and early February, you can still get deals for destinations trying to fill light booking schedules. For example, there's a Jan. 22 five-night trip to Jamaica for \$984 per person, including air and hotel."

Maybe there's still time to pack your bags and leave winter behind for just a little while.

Most popular winter travel destinations

1. San Juan, Puerto Rico
2. Honolulu, Hawaii
3. Phoenix/Scottsdale, Arizona
4. New Orleans, Louisiana
5. Houston, Texas
6. San Diego, California
7. Miami, Florida
8. Salt Lake City, Utah
9. Savannah, Georgia
10. Santa Fe, New Mexico

Source: Travelandleisure.com

View stories at
tctimes.com



HOROSCOPES

Answer in this Sunday's edition of the Tri-County Times
©2017 King Features Synd., Inc.

Classifieds

REAL ESTATE | GARAGE SALES
JOB OPENINGS | SERVICE DIRECTORY
PUZZLES | OBITUARIES

Times

CLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT: 810-629-8194

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2017

PAGE 14

Personal Notices

DANCE -

Adult ballet Mondays 7:30 pm.
Some ballet experience.
Join us at Linden
Dance Academy www.
lindendanceacademy.com.

Do not let your
hearts be troubled.
Believe in God,
believe also in me.

John 14:1

Trucks for Sale

2000 S10 EXT. CAB

4 cyl. auto. Bad motor,
fresh rebuilt transmission.
Possible hot rod chassis?
\$450 or B.O. 810-629-7710.

Miscellaneous for Sale

MAYTAG GAS RANGE

with overhead microwave,
white \$225. Whirlpool
refrigerator side-by-side, white
with ice maker \$700 or best
offer, 734-260-7053.

Boats/Motors

ICE BOAT-DN #1472.

In storage for many years,
immaculate condition.
Ready to go. \$1,095 OBO.
Call 810-845-8888.

Real Estate

Apartments for Rent

**Brand new 2 & 3
bedroom, 2 bath
homes including
all appliances**

**\$299 moves
you in PLUS
FREE RENT UNTIL
March 1st, 2017**



GROVELAND MANOR

13318 Dixie Highway
Holly, Michigan 48442
248-534-1049
meritusmhc.com

*WAC, select community
owned homes. 15 mo lease.
Expires 1-31-2017

Real Estate for Rent

FENTON 3 BEDROOM

1 bath, full basement, large
fenced yard, appliances.
No pets, non-smoking,
references. Deposit \$1,000,
\$1,200 monthly.
Call 810-444-0545.

NOTICE OF ERROR

It is the responsibility
of the advertiser to
check the correctness
of each insertion of an
advertisement.
The Tri-County Times will
not be responsible for more
than one incorrect insertion
and for only that portion that
may have been rendered
valueless by an error.

To advertise your
**REAL ESTATE
PROPERTY**
call 810-629-8282

Job Openings

Times

Help Wanted

PRINTING AND MAILING

Company, based in
Fenton, MI, is looking for
an experienced
Sales Executive.

Ideal candidates must
possess a broad overview
of sales, preferably, but
not necessary, print and
direct mail solutions,
and demonstrate a solid
background of successful
sales experience.

Candidate must be able to
work independently, while
fostering relationships
with clients and other
team members.

Candidates must be
comfortable engaging
clients in consultative
conversations about the
needs of their business
and how printing/
mailing can help them
achieve their business
goals. Company offers a
competitive salary
and benefits.

Please email
hr@alliedmedia.net
if you are interested in
pursuing this opportunity.

Help Wanted

COMPUTER GEEK

data management for
woodworking parts and
machinery, brick and online
dealer. Phone sales included.
Send resume to
jim@renovoparts.com.

DELIVERY DRIVER

warehouse worker needed.
Apply at 1480 N. Leroy.
810-714-5865. Background
and driving record checked.

DIRECT CARE STAFF

needed in Holly, Ortonville,
Waterford and White Lake
areas. Starting rate \$9.25 per
hour. Can earn up to \$9.50
once fully trained.
248-534-5141.

To advertise your
**JOB
OPENING**
call
810-629-8282

www.tctimes.com

Help Wanted

DRIVERS: HOME DAILY!

Dedicated Round Trip,
average \$180-\$200 per day!
CDL-A, 6 months OTR, good
background, www.mtstrans.
com. 800-748-0192.

HOME CARE GIVER

Part-time, Fenton area,
references 810-629-8359.

SIGN UP

for Text blasts to receive
local help wanted listings.
Text **JOBS** to **810-475-2030**.

PART-TIME CUSTOMER SERVICE

Representative needed
for a leader in the water
conditioning industry at
their Fenton location.
Ideal candidate must
be customer oriented,
reliable, punctual, and
have some computer
skills. \$10 - \$13 per hour
for the right person. Some
Saturdays required.
Apply in person at
Douglas Water
Conditioning,
1000 N. Leroy, Fenton.

PLANNING COMMISSION CITY OF FENTON GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR SPECIAL LAND USE REVIEW

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017

Notice is hereby given that the City of Fenton Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on Thursday, January 26, 2017, for the purpose of considering a special land use request to allow a restaurant drive-through for McDonald's at 3216 Owen Road, Tax ID #53-34-526-009. The property is located on the north side of Owen Road, east of U.S. 23, and is zoned GBD, General Business District, where restaurants with drive-through windows are special land uses.

The public hearing will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers, 301 South Leroy Street. The purpose of the public hearing is to describe the proposed special land use request and receive public comment on the proposal. All interested parties are welcome to attend and present their comments.

A copy of the special land use request is available for public inspection at the City of Fenton offices, 301 South Leroy Street, during regular business hours. Written comments concerning the special land use may be submitted at the above address prior to the hearing and will be made part of the official record. All minutes of meetings are available on line at cityoffenton.org or at the City Clerk's office.

Comments and questions may be directed to the City of Fenton Zoning and Building Administrator, Michael Reilly, at 810-629-2261.

**PLEASE CONTACT THE FENTON CITY CLERK'S OFFICE IF ANY
ACCOMMODATIONS ARE NEEDED DUE TO A DISABILITY.**

LOSE SOMETHING? FIND SOMETHING?



**POST IT ON
TRI-COUNTY'S
LOST AND FOUND
FACEBOOK PAGE**

A page devoted
exclusively to the
recovery of pets and
personal property.



Times facebook

www.facebook.com/tricountylostfound

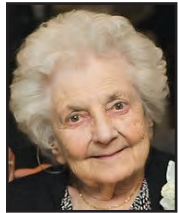
Obituaries

Times

Audrey Louise Winters

1926-2017

Audrey Louise Winters - age 90, of Linden, formerly of Holly, died Friday, January 6, 2017. Funeral services will be held 1 PM Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at Sharp Funeral



Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 East Broad Street, Linden. Burial will follow in Rose

Center Cemetery. Visitation will be held 10 AM until the time of service. Those desiring may make contributions to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation. Audrey was born May 21, 1926 in Pontiac, the daughter of Albert P. and Huldah Mae (Skinner) Hudson. She married Walter W. Winters on November 22, 1946 and he preceded her in death on September 26, 1989. She worked as a Michigan Bell telephone operator and retired as an EKG tech from Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital. Audrey loved wildlife. She also loved traveling and was always ready for new travel adventures. Audrey is survived by her four children, Lavona Kelly of Ann Arbor, Nancy (Dennis) Koenig of Traverse City, Kathleen (Dale) Plummer of Linden and John Winters of South Rockwood; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; four siblings, Ed (Dorine) Hudson, Betty Hagadone, Alberta Clement and Aaron Hudson; sisters-in-law, Cathy Hudson, Arlene Helvie, Virginia Covert and Joy Stevens; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; son-in-law, Kerry Kelly; siblings, Evelyn and Leon Hudson. Tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Judith (Judy) Ann Goff

1938-2017

Judith (Judy) Ann Goff - age 78, of Fenton, passed away on Sunday, January 8, 2017 surrounded by her daughters. A lover of all things music and theater, Judy spent many years



involved in local theater groups, doing everything from set design and costumes,

to acting, directing and producing. She directed a local youth choir and enjoyed singing and leading worship at her church. She was the beloved mother of Lorianne (Steve) Gallagher, Margie (John) Doherty, and Karen Byrne; grandmother of Chris, James, and Alison (Chad); and great grandmother of Norah Jane; aunt of many nieces; nephews; and their families; and a friend to many at her residence in Millpond Manor in Fenton. She joins her parents and siblings for a great heavenly reunion. A gathering in Judy's honor will be held Saturday, January 14, 2017 from 10 AM until noon, followed by a Celebration of Life service at noon at Fenton Church of the Nazarene, 11075 Runyan Lake Road, Fenton, MI 48430. Instead of flowers the family encourages donations in Judy Goff's name to Ennis Center for Children in Flint, MI. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.

Temrowski
Family Funeral Home &
Cremation Services
500 Main St. • Fenton • 810-629-2533

Russell G. Aussicker

1984-2017

Russell G. Aussicker - age 32, of Holly, passed away Saturday, January 7, 2017. Funeral Services will be 1 PM, Friday, January 13, 2017 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Interment will follow in Highland Cemetery. Visitation will be 2-8 PM Thursday at the funeral home. Those desiring may make contributions to Eastwood Clinic, 7220 Chicago Rd., Warren, MI 48092. Russell was born September 12, 1984 in Pontiac, the son of David Brian and Darcy Rae (Hoffman) Aussicker. He was a tree climber for many tree trimming services. Russell enjoyed the outdoors, including hunting and fishing. He had such a love for life. Surviving are: his parents, David and Darcy Aussicker of Holly; siblings, Kirsten Aussicker and Eric Aussicker both of Fenton; nephew, Curtis Aussicker; grandmother, Ellen Swathout of Fenton; many aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was preceded in death by: his grandparents, Ralph and Lavonne Aussicker. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



view
OBITUARIES
online

Obituaries updated daily online!

tctimes.com

Service Directory

Times

Handyman

HANDYMAN MIKE
All types of home improvements
Give me a call, I do it all!
810-964-9559

HANDYMAN
Plumbing, Painting, Drywall, Roofing and Siding Repair.
Call **810-618-5240** or **810-629-6729**

Home Improvement

PROTECT YOUR HOME INVESTMENT
FENCE REPAIRS
VINYL • WOOD • CHAIN LINK
FENTON FENCE Company
810-735-7967

Painting/Wallpapering

FULL SERVICE PAINTING
All Size Jobs
Call Back Guarantee
25 Years Experience
LAURICELLA PAINTING
Based in Fenton
248-210-8392
lauricellapaintinginc@yahoo.com

SCOTT'S PAINTING

Interior/Exterior | Drywall Repair
Wallpaper Removal | Decks
Power Washing
248-795-4303

ADVERTISE IN THE
TRI-COUNTY TIMES SERVICE DIRECTORY
Call Kathleen at 810-433-6787

Snow Plowing/Removal

TREE REMOVAL & SNOW REMOVAL

• Landscaping • Tree Work
• Brush Removal • Edging
• Hedge Trimming
• Yard Cleanup
FREE ESTIMATES
Available 7 days a week
CODY'S OUTDOOR ESSENTIALS & SERVICES
Licensed & Insured
Call Cody **810-625-4034**

Stump Grinding

DS STUMP GRINDING
SMALL YARD ACCESSIBLE
FREE ESTIMATES
INSURED
(810) 730-7262
(810) 629-9215



Improve Your Online Business.

PROFESSIONALLY-DESIGNED
WEBSITES
AS LOW AS \$2,764

810-629-8282

Times

EZREAD

VIEW FULL COLOR, DIGITAL VERSIONS OF
THE PAPER AT TCTIMES.COM



tctimes.com

WINTER IS HERE!

**COME
SEE US!**

we will make sure
you have the
correct filter for
your system.

is your furnace ready?

Make sure your furnace is running at its best with a clean filter. We have all makes & models including April Air and Spaceguard.

Recipient of the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce
2016 ENTERPRISE OF THE YEAR AWARD



COMFORT COMES NATURALLY

Dave Lamb

HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING, INC.

Providing Quality Products & Service You Can Trust Since 1969

Amana
Heating & Air Conditioning
LASTS AND LASTS AND LASTS.

810-629-4946

409 E. Caroline • Fenton • www.davelambheating.com