

Whale that killed Dawn Brancheau dies at SeaWorld

■ World's most famous killer whale linked to three deaths over 36-year career

By Sally Rummel

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Tilikum, nicknamed Tilly, the most famous orca whale in the world, died Friday, Jan. 6 at SeaWorld in Orlando, Florida, following a lung infection that had plagued him since last spring.

Believed to be 36 years old, Tilikum's death followed a quarter-century of controversy about killer whales in captivity, especially after the violence of three deaths associated with his public performances at marine parks.

The latest tragedy on Feb. 24, 2010 shook the Fenton community when SeaWorld-Orlando's star trainer and spokesperson, Dawn Brancheau, 40, leaned over and was grabbed by Tilikum into his tank, causing her death.

Brancheau's in-laws, John and Terry Brancheau, reside in Fenton. Dawn and her husband Scott, had met at SeaWorld, where he was a professional water skier, and the couple married in September 1986. Terry said at the time that her daughter-in-law loved what she was doing and it had been a lifelong dream for her to work at SeaWorld.

After her death, SeaWorld was fined by the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and was

See **WHALE** on 18A



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Dawn Brancheau, an animal trainer with local ties, poses with a killer whale prior to her death in 2010. She was killed by Tilikum, a 12,000-pound killer whale. Tilikum recently died while in captivity.



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See why the world has fallen in love with France

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Record low U.S. birth rate

■ Declining population has a definite negative financial impact

By Vera Hogan

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With the U.S. birth rate hitting a record low, and a big drop in the number of immigrant women having babies — the question is how will this affect the economy.

According to usnews.com, if the trend persists, it could mean lower living standards for most Americans in the future.

It may seem obvious that a declining population is good for

See **BIRTH** on 16A



The decreasing birth rate in the United States is projected to hurt many aspects of the economy, especially school districts.

Ford GT wows crowds at Auto Show



NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW

During a media day this week at the North American International Auto Show (NAIAS), the Ford GT supercar was a big hit. The GT is projected to have more than 600 horsepower from a 3.5-liter EcoBoost engine. To learn more about the auto show, go to page 14A and to read about a locally built super car, go to page 3A.



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FILE PHOTO

Yakelin Burneau (front) and Claire Reynolds greet AGS Middle School students as they enter the building for the first day of school on Sept. 6, 2016.

Substitute teachers are disappearing

■ Significant decrease in people pursuing teaching certificates

By Hannah Ball

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Billboards with ads searching for substitute teachers have popped up in Michigan. Lake Fenton Superintendent Wayne Wright said, "If you ride down

1-69 you'll see this on a regular basis."

This is because Michigan is experiencing a substitute teacher shortage, which could be an indicator that fewer people are choosing education as a profession.

See **SUBSTITUTE** on 15A

“That’s a huge problem I see in the future.”

Eric Rettenmund
Fenton AGS Middle School
assistant principal

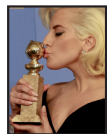
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“Definition of Golden Globes — A ceremony in which like-minded people who live in fantasy worlds give each other awards for being like-minded.”



“The arrogance and hypocrisy of the Hollywood hypocrites is astounding. Most campaign against guns yet are surrounded by armed security guards wherever they go. Others, like Leonardo DiCaprio, are apostles of ‘climate change,’ but fly on private jets and ride in SUVs.”



COMMENT
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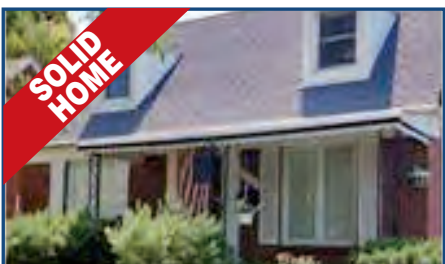
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Lamborghini, Ferrari...and Falcon F7?

■ Holly car revs up the crowds at MGM Grand exotic auto show in Detroit

By Tim Jagielo

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Holly — On Thursday, Jan. 5, Falcon Motorsports CEO Jeff Lemke and Kevin McLaughlin wiped down the 620-horsepower V-8 engine of a Falcon F7.

This “millennium red” beast is headed for the MGM Grand exotic car show in Detroit this weekend, and then onto its owner in Lansing.

Lemke, 45, has in the past been open about the number of cars his boutique company has built each year since beginning in 2012. The cars in the past have cost \$250,000 to nearly \$400,000, and he projected building 12 in 2014.

But this year, anything about what’s coming in 2017, or how many his small team produced in 2016, remains a secret.

See **FALCON** on 20A



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(Above left) Falcon CEO Jeff Lemke cleans one of his super cars prior to shipping it to the MGM Grand in Detroit. (Above right) Falcon Motorsports in Holly builds one machine — the F7. These cars are both custom-built for Michigan clients, one in Plymouth and one in Lansing. Last weekend Lemke rubbed shoulders with representatives of world famous manufacturers, such as Lamborghini, Ferrari and Rolls Royce.

State rep trying to get rid of public notices

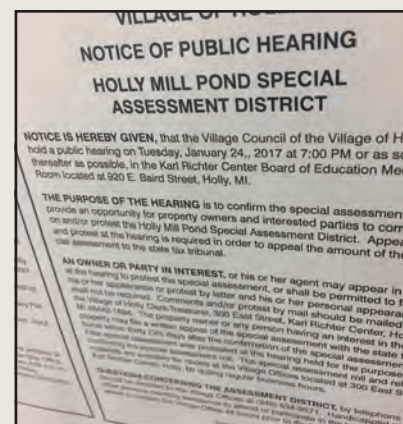
■ Proposing that notices be available only on government websites

Last week, the Michigan House of Representatives began its 99th session. A bill introduced by Representative Rob Verheulen (R-Walker) is a replica of the bill introduced in the last two sessions by former Representative Amanda Price (R-Clark Twp.) that would remove all public notices from newspapers.

These are notices that, by law, must be printed in a public newspaper in order to inform the public of changes being considered by their local government. When printed in a local newspaper they become available to all citizens, and are archived for historical purposes.

In this era of unscrupulous hacking by foreign entities it seems that depositing all the information about government activity including things like zoning, millage increases, and government takeover of personal property to the websites of the government themselves is risky at best and possibly unethical at worst.

See **PUBLIC NOTICE** on 10A



The loss of public notices in newspapers will give government more power.



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Random observations

Sorry, Trump doesn't get to get away with the same slight-of-tongue tricks he did during the election. He's going to be president in a few days. The bar is higher now. That means he doesn't get to call news he doesn't like 'fake news.' (The truth is we don't know yet whether the startling intelligence dossier on him regarding Russia is fake or real. But I do know this: If it was deemed credible enough by our intelligence services to share it with both Trump and Obama, that's damn well news, unsubstantiated or not.) He



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

also doesn't get to compare our intelligence services to the propaganda efforts of Nazi Germany, and accuse them — without any evidence — of leaking the dossier. We have to rely on these

people to keep the country safe, and he insults them at every turn. The Trump style, I think we've all noticed, is to say whatever pops into his head then walk it back if necessary. That's fine for a candidate, dangerous when you're President of the United States.

• **Trump doesn't take** office for another week but it seems like we've already had four years' worth of weirdness and controversy, doesn't it? It's like his administration is aging in dog years. I think I am, too.

• **Well, this is** a whole bunch of 'Your State Government in Action' fun. According to a Free Press report, a screwed up unemployment fraud detection computer program used by the state has falsely accused and fined as many as 50,000 Michiganders since 2007. And many of those people might not get their money back because of the statute of limitations. And it took Gov. Snyder a year to 'reassign' the head of the agency responsible for the error (that zippy, proactive pace will sound familiar to Flintoids). And this week he signed a law taking \$10 million from a fund to repay the falsely accused to help balance the state budget. But they now say future 'auto-adjudications' will require human verification, which is nice. Unless, of course, you're guilty, at which the com-

puter sends a guy named Vinny over to your house to auto-adjust your kneecaps until you pay up. (I'm joking about that, of course. I think.)

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• **Last Sunday** was No Pants Subway Ride day across the globe. Honest. It was. So there's at least one reason to be grateful Michigan doesn't have a true mass transit system.

• **C'mon, you didn't** really think the Lions were going to win a playoff game, did you? That would upset the normal order of the universe.

• **'Progress is impossible** without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.' — George Bernard Shaw



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OBAMA THE GREAT unifier? Yeah right, Ferguson, Baltimore, Milwaukee and now Chicago. He's been trying to divide this country for political gains. I can't wait to get rid of that treasonous divisive insult to America.

IF YOU DON'T like all of the wonderful new development in Fenton, please move to Linden, Holly, Davison or anywhere else. This city is becoming more diverse and changing for the best. Get over it.

WHEN GOVERNOR SNYDER wanted a new bridge to Canada, he got Canada to pay for it. Now, President Elect Trump says Americans will pay for a wall to Mexico and try to get a reimbursement. Shameful.

IN 1959, BETWEEN Christmas and New Year's, it was minus-40 degrees in Kotzebue, Alaska where I was stationed on the DEW Line. This recent Christmas it was 70 degrees warmer near the freezing point. I guess global warming has begun in the arctic.

WILL THE OWNER of the little brown and white pit bull puppy on Fifth Street start picking up your dog's messes? More than one neighbor has seen you watch your dog go in someone else's yard and then just walk away.

RECENTLY, GLOBALIST JOHN McCain said, on Fox News, that he opposes Putin because Putin is hurting the goal of the new world order (global government). McCain, with Clinton, the New York Times and the Washington Post, are all affiliated with the Globalist Council on Foreign

Relations. All Putin haters.

TO THE PERSON referring to wealthy people who don't stop being greedy, you must be referring to Hillary Clinton. I understand they want her to run for mayor of NYC and her husband is begging for donations for their foundation.

WHO ARE WE kidding? We are accusing Russia of interfering in our election. Kennedy approved the overthrow of the Vietnam government. We financed the overthrow of the elected Ukraine government. We contributed to the opposition party in Israel to defeat Netanyahu. We tried to assassinate Castro. What hypocrisy.

EIGHTY-MILLION DOLLARS for eight years of security for the Obamas on vacation — approximately \$10 million a year. Our non-functioning new first lady is costing taxpayers \$10 million for less than two weeks in the Trump Tower penthouse. That's \$1 million a day.

LESS FREE? AMERICANS lost more freedoms in the eight years of Bush than during the Obama years. Less prosperous? Record company profits and record riches for top management, record stock market, and debt went up less percent under Obama than Reagan or the Bushes. Get real and try some research.

USING THE LAST election, how many news outlets (media) reported the facts that led to the winner's outcome? One. Hence, the problem with media.

OBAMA'S ADMINISTRATION IS penultimate finally.

A WELL-WRITTEN article by Ms. Hannah Ball in Sunday's TCT — 'Make America Great Again?' Thank you.

WELL, IT'S FINALLY happened. The White House is sold to the highest bidder. 'We the people' no longer have a voice. Both parties make me sick, they no longer care about us.

JUST SAW THE Geoffrey Fieger commercial about Donald Trump. He's just catering to the lowest part of society because those are the scumbags that keep lawyers in business.

MERYL STREEP SEEMS to believe her political views matter. Pretty soon there will only be a few actors left not alienated by the folks that live in the real world.

WHEN YOU SAY the wealthy will lie, cheat and steal — you describe all the Clintons perfectly.

SOMEONE NEEDS TO start a reward fund for Ally Brueger. Let's increase the reward to help catch this monster.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

What is your dream car?

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

street talk



"A '79 Chevelle. It was my papa's car."

Kendall Kidwell
Holly



"McLaren F1. I like it because it's fast. Any year, they're all fast."

Nathan Franks
Linden



"Probably a Charger. I just like the way it looks."

Stella Cook
Holly



"A racecar. Blue. Because they're super fast."

Aalyah Cook
Holly



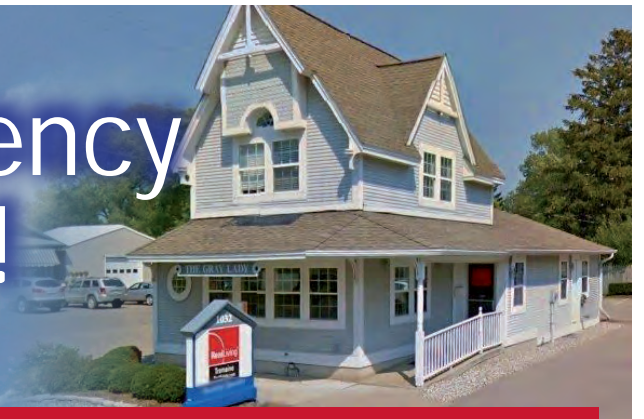
"A '66 Bonneville convertible. It's a luxury car. My mom and dad had one."

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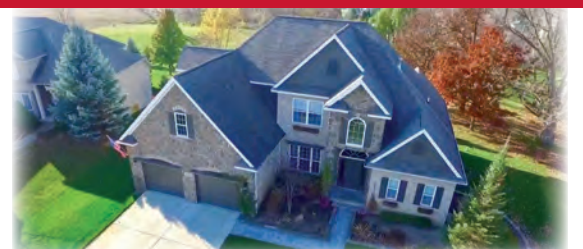
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- Terry

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School leaders anxious over budgets

■ Though stable, revenue, expenses, enrollment are always fluctuating

By Tim Jagielo

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Each year, school district administrators draft long, intricate budgets that represent their best estimate at the financial picture for the following year.

“I think the school district’s health has a lot to do with property values in the district,” said Lake Fenton Community Schools Superintendent Wayne Wright.

That budget determines staff levels, programs and building maintenance. Between Fenton, Holly, Lake Fenton and Linden schools, the quality of the education offered locally reflects the quality of life over the entire tri-county area.

Declining birthrates directly affect school district budgets, to the tune of at least \$7,511 per student. Local districts will make cuts, or hires, based on their

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Adam Hartley

Superintendent,
Fenton Area Public Schools

best projections. For every student they lose, or gain, they will lose, or receive \$7,511 as a minimum, from the state. Some districts receive slightly more from the state.

Fenton Area Public Schools Superintendent Adam Hartley said that per-pupil funding has increased in small increments, but does not keep up with rising costs.

While the charge to keep a balanced budget has been the same over the past decade, laws at state level affect how easy or difficult that is for administrators.

Mike Engelter, assistant superintendent for Linden Community Schools (LCS) said that retirement

pension and healthcare caps have both changed in the past several years, making it easier to budget.

Here is a snapshot of each district in the tri-county area.

Holly Area Schools

2016 student count: **3,280**

Holly Area Schools has the second largest student population, and by far the largest geographical spread, and therefore, the biggest budget. While the district lost 48 students in 2016, it gained students in 2015.

Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services Steve Lenar said that the district has struggled over the past five years to maintain an adequate fund balance.

“We hit a fund balance low of \$2,000 after the 2013-2014 school year,” he said via email. He said they worked hard to build up to a \$2 million fund balance this year.

Holly has managed to enhance its Young 5s programs through budget struggles, and Holly Middle School became the first Michigan middle school to receive the Lighthouse School designation as a “Leader In Me” school.

Projected 2016-2017 budget

Revenues: \$36,573,268
Expenses: \$36,112,159
Fund balance: \$2,010,271

2015-2016

Revenues: \$36,726,246
Expenses: \$35,621,608
Fund balance: \$1,549,162

2014-2015

Revenues: \$35,854,519
Expenses: \$35,440,103
Fund balance: \$444,425

Fenton Area Public Schools

2016 Student Count: **3,397**

Nestled in the center of the tri-county area, Fenton has the second largest budget and the most students. The October 2016 student count showed Fenton had gained 15 students. While the most populous district, Fenton has a slim fund balance of \$951,107.

The fund balance represents the rainy day fund, or savings account for the district, and is another measure of a district’s health.

Hartley said the district has adjusted staff and programs to stay on-budget for

the school year. He’s concerned about state funding, the only source of revenue for public schools.

“We are looking to Lansing for that sense of stability to keep the State School Aid fund specifically for what it was intended to do, fund Michigan K-12 public schools,” he said via email.

Projected as of June 30, 2017

Revenue: \$32,393,062
Expenses: \$32,242,807
Fund Balance: \$951,107

2015-16

Revenue: \$31,798,583
Expenses: \$31,270,695
Fund Balance: \$800,851

2014-15

Revenue: \$31,468,858
Expenses: \$31,917,270
Fund Balance: \$272,965

Linden Community Schools

2016 student count: **2,829**

Assistant Superintendent Mike Engelter said the district is doing well compared to others in the state. LCS maintains a 9- to 10-percent fund balance, which they can feel comfortable in. LCS projected a loss of 253 students over a three-year period, which would have sapped \$1.9 million from the district over that time.

In 2016, the district rearranged three schools, which led to cutting eight teacher positions, saving the district approximately \$520,000 annually. LCS saw 21 fewer students this year, for a total of 2,808 students. This adds up to a \$157,731 loss.

In May of 2016, the community voted to renew the sinking fund, which will generate \$761,353 annually. The rate of 1.3107 will be assessed until 2026.

Projected 2016-2017 budget

Projected revenue: \$25,185,073
Expenses: \$25,679,886
Fund balance: \$1,712,021

2015-2016

Revenues: \$25,733,839
Expenditures: \$26,007,107
Fund Balance: \$2,299,972

2014-2015

Revenues: \$25,389,302
Expenditures: \$25,719,777
Fund Balance: \$2,573,240

Lake Fenton Community Schools

2016 student count: **2,083**

Lake Fenton Community Schools (LFCS) has historically been the healthiest local district in terms of finances. This is made possible by gaining students every school year, with the exception of the 2014-2015 school year. Instead of cutting staff in the 2016-2017 school year, Wright said they added three teachers this year. “We’ve been fortunate to have a continuous increase in students,” he said.

LFCS consistently maintains the recommended fund balance of 15 percent each year, rarely having to dip into it.

Projected 2016-2017 budget

Revenues: \$19,341,355
Expenses: \$19,045,717

2015-2016

Revenues: \$18,465,413
Expenses: \$18,228,083
Fund balance: \$3,171,255

2014-2015

Revenues: \$18,056,980
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Don Winglemire dies at 91

■ Holly icon served village in many capacities

By Vera Hogan

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The village of Holly is mourning the loss of Donald "Don" Winglemire, who died on Wednesday, Jan. 11 at the age of 91.

Winglemire served on the Holly Village Council for 26 years and the Downtown Development Authority. He served on the Holly Township Board of Trustees, and was the township Zoning Board chairman for 20 years. He also served on the Holly Park Authority, the Holly Veterans Memorial Association, Holly Kiwanis Club, Holly American Legion, Holly Royal order of the Moose, Holly Veterans of Foreign Wars, serving as commander for many years. He also served the Holly Masons Lodge, Holly Chamber of Commerce, Holly Historical Commission, Holly Community Fund, Military Order of the Cootie, and Boys Scouts, where he achieved Eagle Scout status.

Upon leaving office in 2012, the Holly Village Council proclaimed Nov. 20, 2012 as Donald R. Winglemire Day in the Village.

A veteran of World War II in the U.S. Navy, he served on the cruiser USS Atlanta and was in the battle of Okinawa.

Winglemire's claim to fame, according to his son, was that his dad was one of the first photographers in Nagasaki and took pictures following the atomic bomb devastation.

Former Holly Village President Pete Clemens remembers Winglemire with great fondness.

"Don was both a mentor and friend to me during my time in office," said Clemens. "A wealth of information about people and places in Holly, Don could recount in detail the colorful history of our area. I will miss both his counsel and his wit. His passing is a great loss to our community."

Holly Village Manager Jerry Walker said, "Don was someone I could always



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go back to for historical data. His experience and historical knowledge was invaluable to me when I came back to Holly over six years ago."

Winglemire was also the patriarch and fourth generation owner of Winglemire Furniture in downtown Holly.

Founded in 1858, Winglemire Furniture was just a few years older than the village of Holly itself. This downtown anchor retail store is the oldest family owned retailer in Michigan.

"We embrace Holly as the community has embraced us since 1858," said Don Winglemire, in an August 2015 interview.

Until a recent illness, Winglemire still came into the store every day, but had since turned the reigns of management over to his sons and daughters, now the

store's fifth generation of leaders.

Winglemire's wife, Hazel Jean, preceded him in death on Jan. 12, 2007.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, Jan. 15 and Monday, Jan. 16, from 2 to 9 p.m. at Dryer Funeral Home, 101 First St., Holly. The funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 17. Burial and military honors will be at Lakeside Cemetery in Holly.

"He was a great father and we are going to miss him very much," said John.

"A wealth of information about people and places in Holly, Don could recount in detail the colorful history of our area. I will miss both his counsel and his wit. His passing is a great loss to our community."

Peter Clemens

Former Holly Village president

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LILLIAN 'MIKE' KATEMAN

- Equestrian
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By Vera Hogan

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Lillian "Mike" Kateman, 85, is probably best known in the community for raising miniature horses. She has been seen year after year in the Fenton Freedom Festival Fourth of July parades with her little horses. Parade-goers know her as the tiny lady with the short white hair and snappy red hat.

Tell us about your family.

My husband Howard and I celebrated our 50th anniversary on Dec. 17, 2016. We've known each other for 56 years. We have two adult daughters, Paula and Jacalyn.

How long have you lived in Fenton?

We moved here in 1966 and lived on Lake Fenton. When Howard retired, we moved to North Carolina for eight years. We moved back in 1996 and have lived in the city of Fenton ever since.

Have you ever worked outside of the home?

Yes, I worked at AC Spark Plug, General Motors, for 19 years. I did inspections and worked in production. I also worked for McConnell Funeral Home (now Temrowski) for two years. Mary-Ann was just so nice to work for, she was a joy.

What is your secret to a long, happy marriage?

Working at it! Howard is more of an introvert and I'm an extrovert. I really like talking with people. We just try to get along.

Are you still working with miniature horses?

Yes. In addition to walking with my miniature horses in the Fenton parades, I also rode in the parades when I had my riding horses. I'm still showing miniature



"My siblings say I got the good genes. I never smoked."

Mike Kateman
Former belly dancer

horses. I got my first horse in 1950. I was working at Bell Telephone at that time. There was a riding stable on Longway Boulevard. Hill Road was dirt. I got off the bus at 7:45 a.m. and there was a group that had horses. We used to go riding at night. From there I got involved with Arabians and Pasa Finos and rode in a lot of parades, including Hartland's Fourth of July parade for three years. When we moved south I did a lot of parading and won lot of trophies. I've had a national champion driving horse. Last year I bought a halter horse and he's been a champion.

How long do you think you'll be working with horses?

As long as I can walk and stay healthy, I will never quit.

To what do you attribute your stamina and good health?

I'm 85 and Howard is 88. His heart is good. We have been so fortunate and blessed. I still don't take any medicines. My mother was over-medicated and so was Howard's dad. I've been really fortunate. I get a lot of exercise going to and working in the barn and working on our fish pond. We mow all this property and I like to work in my flower garden. I love to mow. I like to keep things neat.

Besides your horses, what do you like to do in your spare time?

You've gotta have purpose in life, you can't sit. I am now working on a quilt with big squares. I'm working on finishing that. I'm a self-taught sewer. I made my daughter's wedding dress and the dresses for the three young ladies in her wedding, and decorated her hat.

Do you think the foods you eat help with staying healthy?

I grew up the first born of two im-

migrants. My mother was Hungarian and loved to cook. She loved to eat so she loved to cook. Nothing was measured. There was no measuring. Always a pinch of this and pinch of that. I grew up on good food. Howard and I eat lot of vegetables and try to eat healthy. I don't know if it's good genes or what. My siblings say I got the good genes. I never smoked.

Do you still wear hats?

Yes, I wear this blue one around Fenton and if a man or woman don't stop me and compliment me on my hat, it's unusual.

Do you have any pets?

We recently lost a little Jack Russell

Police&Fire
report**LINDEN MAN ARRESTED FOR POSSESSION OF POT**

At 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 12, a Fenton police officer was sent to investigate a parked vehicle at the dead-end of N. Lemen St. Upon arrival, the officer made contact with the four occupants of a Jeep. The officer detected a strong odor of marijuana and asked whom it belonged to. A 20-year-old Linden man, who was a passenger, admitted owning the pot. A sandwich bag containing marijuana was recovered. The Linden man was arrested, taken to the police station for processing and released with a March 13 court date for possession of marijuana. The other occupants were released.

and I was fortunate to adopt a rat terrier. She is a smart, sweet little dog. She doesn't bother cats and loves to go to the barn. She's just really really a sweet sweet dog. All of our last four dogs have been adopted.

How did you get the nickname "Mike?"

When I was going to a religious class at St. Mary's in Flint, the priest couldn't pronounce my last name, which starts out sounding like Mike. He started calling me Mike and it stuck. I've had it longer than Lillian. I don't want people to call me Lil or Lillian.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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The founding fathers were so concerned and distrustful of government power that they took extraordinary measures to ensure transparency and accountability. The checks and balances provided for in the Constitution are one such measure.

A second and equally important measure is the three-legged stool of governmental accountability, the first leg of which is the proper notice of upcoming government meetings and actions. The second leg is the requirement that governments hold open meetings so that officials can be held accountable for their actions.

The third leg is the Freedom of Information Act so that all people have access to government records.

These three “legs” of transparency and accountability are critical to the health of an informed democracy, and the first “leg” is under attack by some misguided government officials.

Good public notice must be provided in a forum independent of the agency required to give the public notice. If not, unscrupulous officials can hide or confuse actions from the public.

These notices need to be accessible to all members of the community regardless of financial status or technical abilities.

And they also must be archived in a permanent format to prevent revisions to the historical record.

Notices placed on a government website fail all these requirements.

Does the entire community have access and the skills to know how and where to find this information on the internet? No, it's highly unlikely even in the most affluent communities.

Would placing these notices on a government website save money? Very unlikely if all aspects are accounted for because the process requires staff to upload and maintain the records; websites require regular maintenance; and security is questionable at best. These failings are further compounded by a lack of independent oversight.

Citizens are urged to contact their local representative and urge them to vote no on this bill.

Representative Joe Graves (District 51) represents citizens locally in Argentine and Fenton townships, and the cities of Fenton and Linden. His phone is (517) 373-1780. Email him at Josephgraves@house.mi.gov.

Representative Hank Vaupel (District 47) represents citizens locally in Tyrone Township and part of the city of Fenton. His phone is (517) 373-8835. Email him at hankvaupel@house.mi.gov.

Three days of treacherous winter weather shuts down schools

■ Snow, rain and ice makes traveling near impossible

By Vera Hogan

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“Slip Slidin’ Away” might be a cool tune by Simon & Garfunkel—but it’s not much fun when you’re literally trying to walk or drive a car.

The past week the tri-county area has been very treacherous when it comes to trying to plow through nature’s gifts. The inclement weather resulted in students having two days off from school.

It all started Tuesday, when we woke up to 3-1/2 to 4 inches of heavy, wet snow. To make matters worse, the temperatures warmed up causing the snow to melt. But when it cooled back down, the melted snow turned to ice ... and that’s how it went for the next two days.

Shortly after 10 a.m. on Thursday, the freezing rain started falling in earnest, making roadways, sidewalks and parking lots very dangerous.

The Fenton Department of Public Works (DPW) has been working overtime to keep up with the effort to keep streets safe.

On Thursday, DPW Director Dan Czarnecki said, “Between Monday and today, the eight guys I have available to maintain the streets have put in about 105 overtime hours.”

They spent about 52 hours plowing on Monday, he added. On Tuesday, they spent 47 hours of plowing and then hauling snow from the downtown. On Thursday, three of the guys came in early to salt putting in six hours of overtime.

“We have spread about 100 tons of road salt on the streets between Monday and mid-day today,” said Czarnecki on Thursday.

Fenton schools Superintendent Adam Hartley said the two school closings this week make three total for the school year. “We get six before we have to make up the days or hours,” he said.

“Many factors go into closing schools and it is never taken lightly,” Hartley said. “It is important for our students to be in school in front of our quality teachers and learning. Weather, however, does play a role throughout the winter months.

“We determine whether or not to close based on the current conditions of the roads and the forecast for the remainder of the day,” Hartley said. “If snow has accumulated or ice has formed to the point where our buses and families may not be able to travel, we will close school.

“Living in Michigan is full of surprises and the weather can change within a blink



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Police respond to an incident on the icy exit 80 ramp on U.S. 23 in Fenton at approximately 10 a.m. Thursday. Sleet, rain and freezing temperatures made many local roads dangerously slick, prompting earlier school closures at all four area districts.

of an eye,” said Hartley.

Lake Fenton Superintendent Wayne Wright and Linden Superintendent Ed Koledo agreed with Hartley and said, “We are looking at safety. When we canceled for ice at the last minute on Jan. 12, the conditions went from wet roads to roads with black ice is less than 15 minutes. We were very concerned with individuals getting to school safely.”

Area police report a few accidents this week. Holly Police Chief Mike Story said they had two accidents on private property.

The city of Linden had one accident on Tuesday. According to Police Chief Scott Sutter, “The driver was driving too fast for the road conditions and was issued a citation for careless driving.”

In the city of Fenton, there were seven accidents between Monday, Jan. 9 and Friday morning, Jan. 13. One was a “slide off” and the others were fender benders, no injuries.

On Thursday, there were three accidents on U.S. 23 in the same area. Lt. Jason Slater said it amazes him that even when drivers see three police cruisers in a row, obviously working accident scenes, they continue to fly by like nothing is happening. “People need to use a little common sense,” Slater said.

Story, Sutter and Slater offer the same tips — slow down, put more distance between you and the vehicle in front of you.

And when you see a problem on the road, “Don’t dynamite the brakes,” said Slater. “Brake easy, start easy and do everything more cautiously.”

Sutter added, “... stay home if possible.”

“We have had only four accidents during these last few days and I am grateful for that. The Fenton DPW and the Genesee County Road Commission have done a nice job keeping the roads and expressways clear and salted.

“Whenever someone is involved in an accident, regardless of the severity, use caution where you park, pull over or walk. Remember, if you just crashed or witnessed a crash, chances are others may also fall victim to the same conditions and that’s what causes pile ups.

“I would suggest drivers stay in their vehicle if the area is safe and their exhaust can easily vent. If it is on the expressway and you must get out, go far from the flow of traffic, watch your surroundings and if you can find a guardrail, use it to your advantage.”

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JAN. 15

2009: A potential disaster turned into a heroic display of skill and composure when Captain Chesley Burnett Sullenberger III safely landed the plane he was piloting on New York City’s Hudson River after a bird strike caused its engines to fail. David Paterson, governor of New York at the time, dubbed the incident the “miracle on the Hudson.” A movie about the incident, starring Tom Hanks as Sully, is currently a box office hit.

JAN. 16

1997: Comedian and TV star Bill Cosby’s 27-year-old son Ennis Cosby is murdered after he stops to fix a flat tire along California’s Interstate 405 in Los Angeles. The 405, which runs some 70 miles from Irvine to San Fernando, is known as one of the planet’s busiest and most congested roadways. Construction began on Interstate 405 in the late 1950s, with the first section opening in the early 1960s.

JAN. 17

1950: A team of 11 thieves, in a precisely timed and choreographed strike, steals more than \$2 million from the Brinks Armored Car depot in Boston, Massachusetts. The Great Brinks Robbery, as it quickly became known, was the almost perfect crime. Only days before the statute of limitations was set to expire on the crime, the culprits were finally caught.

JAN. 18

1975: Barry Manilow’s scores his first number one single with “Mandy.” He would go on to sell more than 75 million records over the course of his career.

JAN. 19

1993: The band Fleetwood Mac reunites to perform at the recently elected U.S. President Bill Clinton’s first inaugural gala. Fleetwood Mac had faced much intra-band squabbling since their 1970s heyday, and why they released one of the biggest albums of all time — Rumours — and a string of decade-defining hits like “Landslide,” “Rhiannon,” “Say You Love Me” and “Go Your Own Way.” And then, of course, there was “Don’t Stop” (as in “thinking about tomorrow”), which was candidate Bill Clinton’s unofficial theme song during the 1992 presidential campaign.

JAN. 20

1961: On the newly renovated east front of the United States Capitol, John Fitzgerald Kennedy is inaugurated as the 35th president of the United States. The youngest candidate ever elected to the presidency and the country’s first Catholic president, declared that “the torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans” and appealed to Americans to “ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.”

JAN. 21

1957: Patsy Cline, one of the most important figures in country music history, first gains national attention with her winning appearance on Arthur Godfrey’s Talent Scouts. Widely admired for her incredible voice, Cline also stood out for her trailblazing independence as a female star in an era very much dominated by men. As many classic recordings as she left behind, her career was hampered for many years by a terrible recording contract and cut short by her tragic death in an airplane crash en route to Nashville from Kansas City in March 1963.

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MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following is what you missed in the **Wednesday, Jan. 11, Midweek Edition** of the Tri-County Times. To subscribe and receive both the Sunday Weekend and Wednesday Midweek editions, please call (810) 629-8282

Pipes burst in Cornerstone for second time this year

The Fenton Fire Department responded to another burst water pipe at the Cornerstone building on Sunday, Jan. 8.




Fenton 911 dispatch to benefit from surcharge increase

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

I FOR ONE, wish the ultra rich Hollywood actors, who have no idea what it is like to provide for a family of four on \$70,000 a year, would just keep their political views to themselves. They are so out of touch with reality and would never even feel tax increases that Democrats keep insisting on.

YOU NEED TO get a clue. Drug use among welfare recipients is rampant. I work in that arena where I come into contact with welfare recipients and yes, many of them are using drugs. It will continue unless we as a society report it. And yes, I do call them into CPS. As taxpayers, we should all report them especially if they have children.

WAS OBAMA PERFECT? No. But if you can’t see the obvious twisted deformity that is Donald Trump, you’re a special combination of blind faith and ignorance.

TO THE POSTER that said to get rid of ‘California’s electoral votes because they’re irrelevant,’ California has the second biggest economy in the U.S. other than the country itself. The only thing irrelevant is your misinformed comment.

THE CONDEMNED HOUSE that was destroyed by a fire at the corner of Eddy Lake Road and Main Street is just the eyesore that ‘modern Fenton’ needs as visitors enter the city from the East. I was told it was owned by city.

TRUMP SUPPORTERS ARE getting duped more and more every day. If you get a wall you will pay for it. You voted for a mad man.



TEN PERCENT OF the population of the U.S. lives in California, and you think they are irrelevant. You’re a little full of yourself it would seem.

SOMEONE STATED THEY can’t wait for an adult to retake the White House. I think this person was talking about Trump. No it can’t be. No intelligent person would think an adult would call people names, mock the handicapped or thinks he knows better than experts. This is the behavior of a petulant teenager.

NOW THAT THE new year is here, the price of gas immediately goes up and it costs us 20 percent more to register our vehicles. All thanks to the ‘no-tax party’ in Lansing.

THIS MESSAGE IS for Hannah Ball. I’m wondering — you said hate crimes are being committed because of that loose cannon. I’m assuming you mean Donald Trump. I haven’t seen any hate crimes committed because of Trump. What I have seen are hate crimes committed by the left, that they try to blame on Trump.

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4130 WATERLAND DR, METAMORA

LAKE LAPEER \$744,999
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16207 HILLTOP DR, LINDEN

ACREAGE \$209,999
2+ acres, 1900 SF, 3 BDR and 2 BA. Great room features natural light, brick fireplace & soaring ceilings. Bonus room can be used as a family, game room or office. 2 car attached garage and whole house generator included!



1500 TRIPLE OAK DR, FENTON

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6208 CANTER CREEK TRL, GRAND BLANC

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4273 W FOUR LAKES DR, LINDEN

LAKE PONEMAH \$675,000
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6239 CANTER CREEK TRL, GRAND BLANC

PINE HOLLOW ESTATES \$1,199,000
Stunning Pine Hollow Manor 7900+ SF w/ Finished Walkout. Built 2002 @ a cost of 2.5+ Million, 5 BDR 7 BA home boasts luxury! Nestled on lavish grounds providing pure privacy. Marble floors, granite, cherry, Swarovski Crystal, Enkeboll trim, 24k Gold Fixtures.



9351 THREAD RIVER DR, GOODRICH

ACREAGE \$349,999
10+ acres on the Thread River. 3765 SF, 4 BDR and 4 BA. Open floor plan with large kitchen featuring hardwood floors, breakfast nook, snack bar and pantry. Family room with fireplace, exposed beams and great natural light.



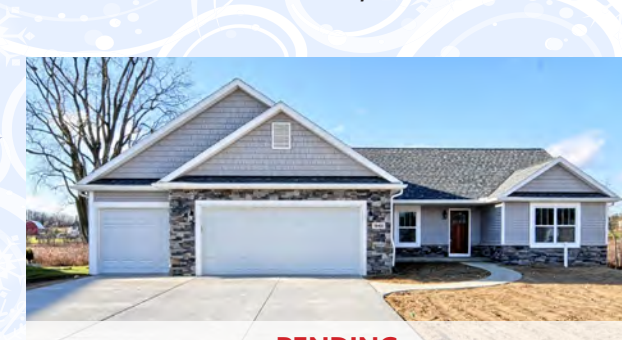
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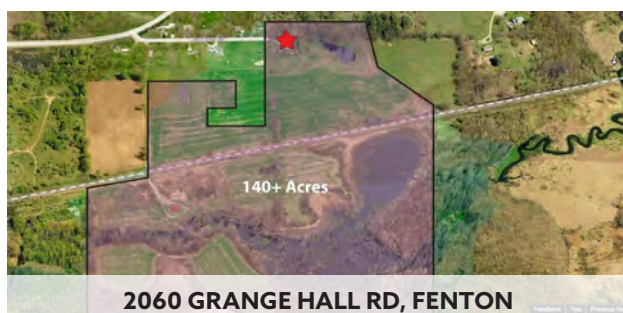
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Detroit Auto Show opens Saturday

■ Big Three automakers plus Ferrari, Lamborghini, and Porsche to make appearances

By Hannah Ball

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The North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) is open to the public starting Saturday, Jan. 14, at the Cobo Center in Detroit.

The public has until Jan. 22 to buy tickets and gaze upon the new automobiles, features, and models that will grace the roads in the coming years.

In addition to all of the U.S. brands, big names like Aston Martin, Bentley, Ferrari, Lamborghini, Porsche, and Rolls Royce will be on display with representatives to answer questions by visitors.

The vehicles and technology will be available to see up close.

The doors open at 9 a.m. for the public and close at 10 p.m. from Saturday, Jan. 14 to Jan. 21. There will be no admittance after 9 p.m.

Doors will open on Sunday, Jan. 22 at 9 a.m. and be open until 7 p.m., with no admittance after 6 p.m.

Activities and themes change daily.

Tickets are \$13 per adult, \$7 per senior, and \$7 per children 7 to 12 years old. Children 6 and under receive free admittance with a parent or guardian.

Military Day is Jan. 17. Military personnel and veterans will receive a discount on tickets after providing ID.

Education Day is back for the 13th year. On Wednesday, Jan. 18, the NAIAS welcomes school groups of all ages to take part in pre-



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Crowds explore the 2016 North American International Auto Show (NAIAS). The public show starts this weekend. Go to NAIAS.com for more information.

and post-show lesson plans, brief tours hosted by experts in their fields of interest, take part in hands on activities, and attend presentations, according to the NAIAS.

The event is also hosting two competitions: a poster contest for Michigan students in grades 10 through 12, and a Courageous Persuaders Video Contest, which allows students a chance to win a scholarship.

Family Day is Friday, Jan. 20. Parents and kids can watch musical performances, win giveaways, and have a chance to meet on-air personalities from Channel 7 Action News.

The car parade will take place from Jan.

14 to Jan. 22, from 3 to 7 p.m. every day, featuring ultra-luxury automobiles, local television, radio, and sports personalities, and a few clowns.

The entire event features six different shows: The gallery, which is described as the "ultra-luxury automotive event," according to the NAIAS; AutoMobili-D, which offers an inside look at future mobility platforms; the nine-day public show, and then the three previews for press, industry professionals, and charity organizations.

Last year, the event featured 61 vehicle introductions.

Source: naias.com

HOT LINE CONTINUED

BILL O'RIELLY WAS once asked in an interview why he won't run for president. He said he couldn't deal with the pay cut. My man, Bill.

■■■
I AM NOT a Democrat, I am not a Republican, I am neither one. Eight years ago, there were no jobs in Michigan. There are now. Do the math.

■■■
MY THANKS TO the workers who are keeping our roads plowed from snow and ice. Keep up the good work. We appreciate you.

■■■
THANKS TO DON Horning for shoveling out an 80-year-old man.

■■■
NO BARACK OBAMA, this country has never been the defender of homosexuality. It's never been the defender of Muslimism, of false gods. It's always been the defender of Christianity and one god.

■■■
WELL, I MUST have struck a chord with the Obama lover idiot who lives with his mom based on the Wednesdays Hot lines. If nothing else, he's certainly predictable.

■■■
YEAH, FOSTER, YOU'RE still showing you're a moron. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Not do unto others any way you feel like doing.

■■■
THE TAX-THE-middle-class-more-and-give-the-rich-a-tax-break Republicans are the ones who brought you the gas price increase and the registration increase on your automobiles. You can thank them for that.

■■■
PEOPLE KILLING EACH other is a form of population control. Chicago's population is fine. They can afford to lose a few gunslingers. Live by the gun, die by the gun.

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The lottery, if necessary, is scheduled to occur on Friday, March 10, 2017 at 9:00am.

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SUBSTITUTE

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“This year I’ve seen more of a problem than we’ve had in past years,” Wright said. On Jan. 9 only, the district had five unfilled posts.

“Part of the problem is the economic conditions change. People get full-time jobs,” Wright said, adding that the schools are less likely to find substitute teachers because of it.

When they can’t find a substitute teacher, Lake Fenton uses teachers on their conference hours to fill in.

According to freep.com, in excess of 40 billboards were put up by EDUStaff, an organization that provides staffing, substitute teachers, and more to more than 300 school districts in Michigan.

According to EDUStaff, the fill rate has declined from 95 percent in 2012 to approximately 85 percent in 2016. This

means 15 percent of classes with an unfilled position will not have a substitute teacher.

At Fenton AGS Middle School, Assistant Principal Eric Rettenmund said the shortage of substitute teachers is definitely a problem.

“We’re lucky at the middle school. We can use teachers on their planning hour to sub and they’re compensated,” he said.

While Michigan law requires substitute teachers to have completed 90 college credit hours, many districts take on people with a teaching certificate. However, the number of people pursuing teaching certificates is decreasing. According to the Michigan Department of Education, 6,058 people were going after a certificate in the 2009-2010 school year, but that has dropped to 4,559 in the 2016-2017 school year.

There are also fewer people pursuing education as a career in general. According to freep.com, there was a 38-percent decline in the number of people enrolled in teacher preparation programs from

2008-09 to 2012-13.

According to a 2014 New Teacher Center report, 40 to 50 percent of new teachers leave the profession in their first five years, and approximately 13 percent of the nation’s teachers leave every year.

Wright said while they don’t have any issues filling vacant teaching positions, he’s talked with other districts, and said they struggle to fill vacant positions because they are hardly getting any applications from qualified candidates.

He said fewer people are choosing to study education in college and anticipates it will be a problem in the future.

Rettenmund said fewer people might be choosing education as a profession because of the salary and benefits.

“That’s my biggest concern for education and the future of education is keeping new teachers in the profession, and then keeping quality people who have a passion for education. That’s a huge problem I see in the future,” he said.

Tri-county fundraisers

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Fenton Boy Scout Troop 219 is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28 at the Fenton First Presbyterian Church, 503 S. LeRoy St., Fenton. The church is located next to Fenton House restaurant. The dinner is all you can eat. Adults (11 and up) are \$10 each, seniors (60 and up) and kids (4-10) are \$8 each. Kids under 4 are free. Enter through the back door of the church.

Upcoming Meetings

Fenton Downtown Development Authority will hold a regular meeting on **Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 6 p.m.** at Fenton City Hall.

The **Tyrone Township Board of Trustees** will hold a workshop on **Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 6 p.m.** at the township hall.

The **Holly Township Board of Trustees** will hold a regular meeting on **Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Holly Township Hall.

Linden Downtown Development Authority will hold a regular meeting on **Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 8:30 a.m.** in Council Chambers.

SUMMARY

■ Michigan schools are dealing with a substitute teaching crisis, which could be an indicator of a bigger problem. Enrollment in education programs has decreased since 2008 in the state.



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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.

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Did You KNOW?

Walter and Betty Roberts, a young couple in Atlanta, Georgia, gave drama lessons to the children of Coretta Scott and Martin Luther King, Jr. in the 1960s. Even though the Roberts family was white, they welcomed black children into their home during those racially charged times. In October 1967, upon hearing the news that Betty Roberts had to go to the hospital to deliver her third child, Mrs. King paid all of the hospital bills as a gesture of thanks. That child was Julia Roberts.

Julia Roberts is said to have been very touched and surprised when she found out. Coretta Scott King is one of the reasons Julia uses her millions to help charities working with young children and projects to save the environment.



Source: contactmusic.com

Change your mind first with hypnosis

■ Your body, your life,
your world will then follow

By Sally Rummel

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If you have a habit in your life that you want to change, whether it's smoking or unhealthy eating, you need to go "head first" into making that change.

In other words, people have to make a commitment to change in their mind, before they can be successful in changing their behavior, according to John Tomlinson, Ph.D., CMHt, owner of Tomlinson Medical Hypnotherapy in Grand Blanc.

"They also have to choose a process that works, to determine the best results," he added.

In the journal, "Psychotherapy: Theory and Practice," an article entitled "Hypnotherapy, a Reappraisal," Dr. Alfred Barrios, Jr. details his study of 2,400 psychology journals for published recovery rates of all different therapeutic modalities in use.



Tomlinson Medical Hypnotherapy in Grand Blanc begins its second decade in business, helping people change their behavior by engaging their mind first in the process.

He found that hypnotherapy, with a 93-percent success rate after just six sessions, topped other therapies, including psychotherapy (38-percent

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BIRTH

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the economy, especially when you think about starving children in poor parts of the world where there's not enough food for everybody.

In countries where resources are severely limited, and economic policies are dysfunctional, it may be true that a growing population is a bad thing.

That's not the situation in America, which has a dynamic economy that creates wealth and more than enough resources for all of its citizens.

A growing population is good for the economy when rising productivity continually reduces the amount of resources required to produce a given amount of output.

Even when the U.S. economy was in a rut and too many people were out of work, productivity still rose, which meant a larger population would generate more wealth per person than a smaller one.

Birth rates also tend to rise and fall based on how optimistic or pessimistic people feel. The U.S. birth rate peaked in 1957 (the "baby boom" generation), when the economy was booming and the unemployment rate was about 4.5

percent.

It sagged in the 1970s, when inflation and other problems plagued U.S. workers. The birth rate stabilized in the 1980s and stayed more or less level, until starting to dip again in 2008.

Since then, younger Americans have been waiting longer to get married, often because of economic difficulties. Married couples may be waiting longer to have kids, or having fewer kids, for the same reason.

These types of demographic trends get the attention of economists when big changes might raise or lower the economy's capacity to grow — which could be happening now. Fewer marriages and fewer children lower the rate of household formation, which means people spend less on everything from appliances to clothing.

Fewer births mean fewer children entering kindergarten. To school districts, a declining population has a definite negative financial impact.

That trend could reverse itself, however, if the economy continues to pick up for good and Americans become convinced that happier days lie ahead.

Source: usnews.com

U.S. fertility rate at its lowest

The U.S. fertility rate fell to the lowest point since record keeping started more than a century ago, according to statistics released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

In 1909, the government began keeping track of the fertility rate. The general fertility rate is the number of births out of 1,000 women between the ages of 15 to 44.

In the first three months of 2016, the fertility rate in the U.S. fell to the lowest level. The rate was 59.8 births per 1,000 women.

The first quarter of 2015 had seen similarly low rates at 60 births per 1,000 women.

The U.S. fertility rate has been in a steady decline since the post-World War II baby boom. Back at its height in 1957, the fertility rate was 122.9 births per 1,000 women.

The latest quarterly CDC data also indicate the larger pattern of women having babies later in life.

As birth rates increased among women in their 30s and 40s, the rate among teenagers and women in their 20s dropped.

Another report by the CDC found that the age of mothers rose in the United States. The average age when women had their first child increased from 24.9 in 2000 to 26.3 in 2014.

What this means for U.S. population

Although the fertility rate is decreasing, that doesn't necessarily mean the U.S. population is going to shrink. The rate of growth may be slower, but the population is still expected to increase.

The U.S. Census Bureau took the falling fertility rate into account and still projected that the population would go from 319 million in 2014 to reach 400 million by 2051.

Source: cdc.com



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Local student reads essay at 38th MLK tribute dinner

■AGS eighth-grader answers the question, 'Where do we go from here?'

By Vera Hogan

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Ask middle school students how they feel about certain things and you might just get a few shrugs and a couple "I dunno's."

Ask those same students to share their thoughts and opinions in a written essay, and you could be surprised to read what's on their minds.

Some of them are real winners.

Jordyn Bommersbach, an eighth-grade student at AGS Middle School in Fenton, wrote a real winner when the call came out to enter an essay contest to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"I entered the contest because I love writing, and when I heard about this it immediately interested me. I knew instantly what I wanted to write about and spread awareness on. My essay wrote itself in a way," said Bommersbach.

"I feel honored to be chosen to read my essay. I was really surprised and excited that I was able to share it with other people. It's an amazing opportunity that not everyone receives so I'm also very grateful. I loved being able to share my views with the community."

The theme of the essay was "Where do we go from here?" One first-place winner from each of grades six through 12 were invited to read their winning essays at the 38th MLK Tribute Dinner held at the Riverfront Banquet Center in Flint on Thursday, Jan. 12.

Jordyn was among them. She wrote a heartfelt, yet powerful essay addressing a number of current issues. She begins,



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Jordyn Bommersbach is shown here on Thursday, Jan. 12, reading her winning essay at the 38th MLK Tribute dinner.

"Where do we go from here? This is a question that one could try to answer their whole life, and still never come up with a definite answer. There is one fact that we have to face, and that is that our world will never be perfect. We will constantly have some problems, big or small, that we will have to work toward fixing whenever they pop up."

She then talked about awareness, fairness and citizens rights — i.e. the unfairness of the gender wage gap, continued discrimination among different religious and ethnic groups, and gay marriage and abortion.

In conclusion, Jordyn wrote, "If we unite together as a stronger country, then we can go on to fix those greater issues. After all, 'Together Everyone Achieves More.'"

It's easy to believe, after reading Jordyn's essay, that what her principal, Heidie Ciesielski and teacher, Melanie Loria have said, "She is a wonderful young lady and a great student."

(Jordyn's essay can be read in its entirety with this story at www.tctimes.com.)

HOT LINE CONTINUED

YOU HAVE CONFUSED the classic and contemporary meanings of the term liberal. Classic 'liberal' reflects the honorable values of freedom, open-mindedness and tolerance. Unfortunately, contemporary 'liberal' equates to the Democratic Party values of deception, intolerance, and elitism.

■■■■
CONGRATULATIONS TO HANNAH Ball for the excellent column 'Make America Great Again?' in last weekend's Times. It was terrific writing with remarkable insight, especially for someone so young. I agree with every one of her points and can see a great future career for her.

■■■■
JUST TO SET the record straight, my mother lives with me. I take care of her. Who do you take care of, Mr. Responsible?

■■■■
WHAT I SAID in the Hot lines about not having a job wasn't meant toward any one person in general. If you were offended by it, there's probably a reason for it.

■■■■
WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED to the Kmart in Fenton, was they put a Walmart and a Target right next door. They took the little guy out.

■■■■
WHETHER YOU LOVE or hate Obama, you have to admit we're better off now than we were when George W. Bush left office.

■■■■
THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE taken the sprinkler systems out of all the old buildings they tore down. They work just fine.

■■■■
TO THE CONSUMERS Power Hot line. In 2014 Consumers started estimating

my monthly power bill. It went on for four months, and they over estimated so high I had a \$0.0 bill due for the months of October, November and December. Make sure if it's an estimated bill they revise those estimates.

■■■■
I DIDN'T EVEN waste my time watching the award show because I know somebody would come up with something about Trump. I don't go see their movies. If I want to see something, I'll get it from the store.

■■■■
TO THE GENTLEMAN who said he can't keep his heat where he had it, I live alone and I live on a very limited budget. My heat is 60 daytime and nighttime. He ought to put on another sweater and keep his heat down.

■■■■
IT'S KIND OF arrogant to say that a multimillion dollar building with a couple of burst pipes causing thousands of dollars worth of damage is inevitable because these things happen with new buildings. If doctors and nurses and teachers acted that way, none of us would be here.

■■■■
THE JOB MARKET and economy have improved significantly under President Obama. That's a fact. Hopefully, Trump will continue this upward trend.

■■■■
REALLY? THE HOMEOWNERS next to the park are suing again? Claiming the fence doesn't allow them access to the park? Enter the way all others do.

■■■■
I TRAVEL OUTSIDE of Fenton and always find gas cheaper. It's been that way for years.

■■■■

FENTON AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS PARTICIPATES IN THE STATE'S SCHOOL OF CHOICE PROGRAM

For the second semester of the 2016- 2017 school year, Fenton Area Public Schools will be accepting applications from non-resident students for the grade levels indicated below:

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By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

FOUR ALWAYS FOODS & FOUR TO AVOID

Dr. Michael Greger, a leading promoter of nutritional health states, "Most deaths in the United States are preventable, and they are related to what we eat. Our diet is the #1 cause of premature death and the #1 cause of disability." Dr. Joel Fuhrman states that "death in America is a food born disease". The Standard American Diet is meat based with an over abundance of sugar and salt and is highly processed. Most Americans are lacking in the recommended daily allowance of nutrients and fiber because most of their dietary habits are lacking in fruits, vegetables and whole grains. As a result, the numbers for heart disease, stroke, cancer and diabetes are increasing every year in this country. For the most part early death and disability in our country is self inflicted. The healthier you eat, the healthier you are going to be.

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WHALE

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ordered to end the practice of allowing trainers to enter tanks with killer whales during performances.

Tilikum had a yearlong hiatus from performing again before the public.

In 2013, Tilikum was featured in the documentary "Black-

SUMMARY

■ Tilikum, the orca at SeaWorld that took the life of Dawn Brancheau, daughter-in-law of Fenton residents John and Terry Brancheau, died last week from a lung infection.

Orlando, with Scott serving as vice chairman. Their goal is to continue Brancheau's legacy by helping others, animals and the environment.

The Dawn Brancheau Foundation hosts the Dream Big 5K at SeaWorld Orlando in April; awards Dream Big Scholarships to Andrean High School students in Merrillville, Indiana, her alma mater; the Dream Big Walk in northwest Indiana in September and supports Dawn's Dream Big Runners in marathons every five years.

fish," which made the case against keeping orcas in captivity. In 2014, SeaWorld announced they would voluntarily stop the practice of captive whale breeding.

Since Brancheau's death, the family has established The Dawn Brancheau Foundation in



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Dr. Partha Nandi is expanding his medical lifestyle TV show "Ask Dr. Nandi" to a worldwide audience and will publish his first book this fall.

Dr. Partha Nandi spreads health message worldwide

■ TV show, 'Ask Dr. Nandi,' is broadcast in all 50 states and six of seven continents

By Sally Rummel

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At the beginning of the year, when New Year's Resolutions are out there in full force, Dr. Partha Nandi stands out as the "Un-Diet Doctor."

"Every diet is destined to fail," said Nandi, host of the international medical lifestyle show, "Ask Dr. Nandi." "You have to change your mindset and want to adopt a healthy lifestyle."

Nandi is the co-creator and host of the hour-long talk show dedicated to empowering viewers to #BeYourOwnHealthHero.

Married to the former Kali Koester, Nandi is the son-in-law of Craig and Beth Rockman of Fenton. He is also a practicing gastroenterologist with an office in Troy.

"Ask Dr. Nandi" teaches the latest in nutrition, fitness and disease prevention by incorporating the best of Eastern and Western medicine. Now broadcast in all 50 states, airing in almost 90 million homes, "Ask Dr. Nandi" has also expanded its reach to more than 80 countries worldwide.

"We're now on the Discov-

ery Life channel in the Middle East and North Africa," said Nandi. "It's not just one country, but an entire region. We're now in every continent except South America."

His speaking engagements in 2016 took him all over the world, from New York City, Chicago, San Diego and Detroit to Dubai; Cannes, France; Amsterdam; Australia and Singapore.

Closer to home, Nandi is the Chief Health Officer for WXYZ Channel 7 in Detroit, where he hosts medical segments during the 5 p.m. Action News on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

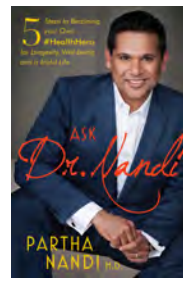
One of the most exciting things for Nandi in 2017 will be his first book, published in the fall by Simon & Schuster in New York. "This book is another way to reach people all over the world," said Nandi. He will also be hosting a Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) special later this year.

Nandi's message for healthy living comes at a time when obesity is at its highest rates and people are losing their support systems of nearby family and friends.

"The way people approach food leads to poor health and disease," he said. "In 2017, I want to help people empower themselves and have a passion for their own good health."

“Every diet is destined to fail. You have to change your mindset and want to adopt a healthy lifestyle.”

Dr. Partha Nandi
Gastroenterologist and
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Dollars and sense for 2017

■ This year can be a new start for your financial future

By Sally Rummel

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We all know we spend more money than we should: tempting lattes here, an irresistible clothing sale there.

So instead of making New Year's resolutions to stop wasting money, Susan Tompor, Detroit Free Press personal finance Columnist, advises people to take very specific steps to tackle their financial challenges.

Here's Tompor's get-down-to-it list of 17 financial steps to take in 2017.

1. Set aside cash for non-emergency emergencies. Sure, you know you need money saved for actual emergencies, but it's the day-to-day realities of broken appliances, car repairs and medical deductibles that can really hurt your budget. She advises you to save a set amount each month for these possible scenarios. For example, if you have a \$2,000 medical deductible each year, set aside \$167 each month.

2. Pass on that big sale. Unsubscribe from national retailer emails that you don't really need, so you don't get tempted.

3. Put more money in your 401(k) or a Roth IRA. Take full advantage of any 401(k) matches offered by your employer. A Roth IRA offers tax-free growth and withdrawals in retirement.

4. Save \$1 on week one, \$2 on week two, etc., until you're saving \$52 in the last week of December. By the end of the year, you'll have \$1,378 in savings.

5. Save every \$1 or \$5 bill you get.

6. Pay off credit card bills, especially with short-term interest rates rising this year.

7. Look for a new job or a second job.

8. Find gifts that you've already hidden. In stashing items you've bought in a closet, you may find gifts that are perfectly good to give this year, or other items you forgot about that you could use.

9. Expect this year to be a year of significant change, with a new administration in Washington.

10. Boost your own credit score rather than chasing a quick fix. Pay bills on time, pay off your credit card debt, don't borrow more money, don't use more than 30 percent of your available credit line on your credit cards, don't open a new credit card at every turn.

11. Don't close all your credit cards. Such drastic action could drive down your credit score. Keep open your oldest cards, because the average age of your accounts is a significant part of your credit score.

12. Resist impulse shopping at the grocery store. Stick to the aisles that sell fruit, vegetables, lean meats and dairy.

13. Get a copy of your annual credit report. See annualcreditreport.com to make sure a fraudster didn't open accounts in your name. You can get reports from TransUnion, Experian and Equifax.

14. Sign up for automatic payments on student loans.

15. Start saving for your child's college education. Check out misaves.com for state income tax breaks on contributions for Michigan residents. See Savingforcollege.com for information on tax-favored 529 plans.

16. Give yourself some fun money.

Create an emergency fund for "fun," dollars that you can spend how you want to.

17. Accomplish something in 2017 that you had wanted to get done in 2016, but didn't. Maybe it's a will, meeting with a financial planner or buying a home.

Save \$1 on week one, \$2 on week two, etc., until you're saving \$52 in the last week of December. By the end of the year, you'll have \$1,378 in savings.

Susan Tompor

Personal finance columnist

HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO THE PERSON who wants to eliminate California from vote totals. If we get rid of Texas Trump doesn't get to 270 electoral votes and Clinton extends her lead to more than 3.6 million votes.

IT WOULD BE so nice to be able to easily walk in downtown Fenton and not have to step in and around ice and piles of snow. I thought stores were responsible for keeping walks clear, just as I am as a homeowner.

THERE IS A certain very opinionated columnist of the TCT who saw a situation and did nothing other than write a blurb in the paper of how bad it was. You can stay on your high horse and chastise people who may have a different viewpoint than you but your true colors have been exposed. A lot of talk and no action.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE Fenton Tigers high school wrestling team. They're having the best season they've had in years.

DEMOCRATS GET OVER yourself. Trump won.

THE PEOPLE WHO want more development in Fenton are those who would profit from it. Fenton's over-development has reduced the quality of home life for Fenton's residents. And more is planned.

SOME TRUTH FOR fact-checker. Official Chicago police statistics report 4,071 shooting victims in 1974 versus 4,368 last year. So yes, Chicago did set a new and appalling crime record in 2016. You had better understand a comment before criticizing it.



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HYPNOSIS

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success rate) and cognitive-behavioral therapy (72 percent success rate).

"We've known this for 46 years," said Tomlinson. He said that these different results come about first, because of the source of funding. Through a tough economic decade, Tomlinson Medical Hypnotherapy has remained strong, despite not taking insurance.

"People tend to do much better when their money is on the line," said Tomlinson. "It changes their level of commitment, and commitment to change is essential to success."

Other reasons that account for the success of hypnotherapy, according to Tomlinson, is how one engages the mind in their recovery and also

whether the person tries to go away from what they don't want or goes toward what they do want.

"When you're driving, you don't go away from where you don't want to be," said Tomlinson. "You get where you're going by targeting where you want to go and heading there. It's the difference between being less mean or more loving."

“You get where you’re going by targeting where you want to go and heading there.”

John Tomlinson, Ph.D., CMHT
Owner of Tomlinson Medical Hypnotherapy

larly in areas of habit control," said Tomlinson. "The statistics are clear. We must first change our mind in order to change our body, our life, our world."

Since Barrio's landmark study, more than 12,000 studies have been done on the results of hypnosis. "It is now the number one way to engage the mind in producing success, particu-



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

CEO Jeff Lemke (left) and engineer Kevin McLaughlin clean an F7 super car that was shipped to the MGM Grand Casino in Detroit last weekend. It will be on display with other exotic cars, such as Rolls Royce and Aston Martin.

Police&Fire report

XBOX LIVE CARDS STOLEN

A Fenton police officer patrolling at 2:20 a.m. on Jan. 11 observed a car parked inside of the Silver Lake Park, which is closed for the season. The officer made contact with the occupants, a 26-year-old

Flint woman and a 24-year-old Tyrone Township man. They told the officer they were playing Pokémon Go. A computer check revealed that the woman had an outstanding arrest warrant. She was unable to post the \$1,000 bond so she was transported to the Flint City Jail to take care of the arraignment. The man was released and advised to stay out of the park when it's closed.

FALCON

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He said he'll have to dodge the same questions from industry contacts and reporters all weekend during the car show.

"Exciting news is coming up," he said. When asked on a scale of one to 10 on the impact to his company, he said "nine or 10."

Lemke said the change, whatever it is, will take the small company to the next level.

But Falcon Motorsports has been in the same league as well-known exotic car manufacturers since 2012. This weekend, he'll rub shoulders with representatives of world famous manufacturers, such as Lamborghini, Ferrari and Rolls Royce, as his car sits in the same space, fawned over by visitors paying \$500 a ticket.

He said these exotic car builder representatives have been very supportive, interested and helpful in this Michigan-born small batch manufacturer.

The F7 has also made it onto one of the most popular mobile racing games out there — Asphalt 8: Airborne.

It's a fantasy racing game to play on an android phone. According to the Google play website, the game has been downloaded 2 million times, and was awarded the Mobile World Congress' Best Mobile Game App.

On Friday Dec. 30, Falcon teammates worked on gated shifter plates, which will give these rods a classic look.

Lemke and his engineering team, which includes his father, Carl, are continually fine-tuning their cars. Upgrades to the current model are often available to be installed on vehicles sold in the past.

This past weekend, the MGM Grand show went as well as always, said Lemke.

If anyone wants to see a Falcon F7, it will be on display across from Lexus at COBO Center for the first week of the North American International Auto Show, from Saturday, Jan. 14, to Friday, Jan. 20.

2017 North American International Auto Show

The North American International Auto Show is held at COBO Center in Detroit, at 1 Washington Blvd, in Detroit. Public days run from Saturday, Jan. 14 to 22.

Tickets are \$13 per person, and \$7 for seniors over 65, and children 7 to 12.

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“Exciting news is coming up.”

Jeff Lemke

Falcon Motorsports CEO

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Fenton wrestlers keep improving — sweep two Metro foes

By David Troppens

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There's no doubt the Fenton varsity wrestling program is headed in the right direction.

The Tigers provided more evidence to that statement on

Wednesday when the Tigers swept two Metro League matches at Clio High School.

Fenton's Brady Triola posted a pinfall victory in the final match against Flushing, earning the Tigers a 40-36 win against the Raiders. They followed

up that victory by defeating Clio 40-28.

"It was a great day," Fenton varsity wrestling coach Brad Beverly said. "I have known since the beginning that this is a good wrestling team, but the lack of success in the past has made it extremely difficult for our wrestlers to believe in

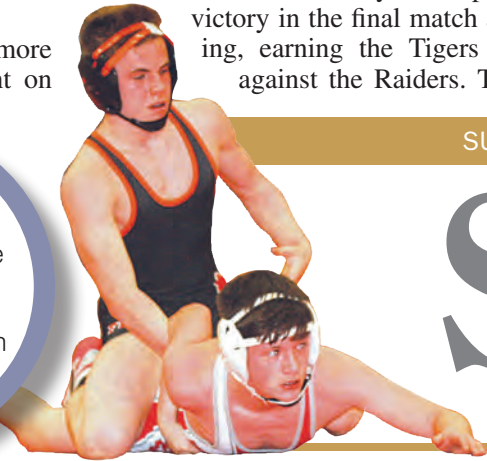
themselves and one another. They key to our success is credited to hard work and the fact that these kids believe in one another and that they have become one unit."

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BRADY TRIOLA

Triola (top) won the match that gave Fenton its victory against Flushing on Wednesday.



Sports



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | MARK BOLEN

Lake Fenton's Isaac Golson scored nine points in the Blue Devils' 60-43 loss to Carman-Ainsworth.

Blue Devils fall to Cavaliers

■ Third quarter costs Lake Fenton the contest, 60-43

By David Troppens

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Lake Fenton — For a half the Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team had frustrated Carman-Ainsworth.

However, in the third quarter, it was the Blue Devils who were the frustrated team.

Tied at 21-all entering the second half, the Cavaliers pressured Lake Fenton (4-3) and used the quicker tempo to spark a 25-8 Carman-Ainsworth run. The Cavaliers made that third-quarter advantage hold up, resulting in Lake Fenton's 60-43 non-league home loss to Carman-Ainsworth on Tuesday night.

"We played well in the first half, but in the third quarter we totally got away from being patient," Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Jake Erway said. "They did a good job of pressuring us, so give Car-

man credit for pressuring us and forcing us into quick shots. That led to run outs for them. That's the pace they want to play and that's one of the biggest parts of being able to win a basketball game — being able to dictate the pace of the game. We didn't do that in the third quarter. We didn't get back on defense. O'Mari Duncan had four layups in transition in the quarter. That's not good enough. It's not our style of basketball."

"They were forcing us to take quick shots and we were getting tired because we had to keep going back-and-forth," Lake Fenton senior Andrew Foerster said. "We weren't being patient enough. And a lot of it is on the leaders — me, Jalen (Miller) and Isaac (Golson). We needed to come out in the second half with more energy. We are the ones that get the team going, so it's on us. We have to do better than that."

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Fenton's Chloe Idoni scored 14 points in the Tigers' 41-20 victory vs. Brandon.

• Tigers' 'D' leads squad
• past Blackhawks, 41-20

By David Troppens

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It appears the Fenton varsity girls basketball team is starting to get back to the form most expected when the season began in November.

The Tigers (4-3 overall) improved to 3-1 in Flint Metro League action by crushing the Brandon Blackhawks 41-20.

Fenton's defense was outstanding throughout the contest. Early on, both teams struggled to score as the game was tied at 5-all after one period.

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It's Miller time - senior goalie helps lead Griffins to OT win

■ Miesch provides winning goal in extra session

By David Troppens

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Hartland — Natalie Miller doesn't mind playing with the guys.

In fact, she prefers it.

And the Fenton-Linden Metro League Griffins co-op hockey squad is pretty happy she is competing with the guys. Miller made 29 saves in net and Dylan Miesch provided the game-winning goal in overtime, leading the Griffins to a 4-3 victory

against the DeWitt/St. Johns co-op squad at Hartland Sports Arena Wednesday.

Miller made several key saves, including a save on a breakaway opportunity late in regulation, helping the Fenton/Linden co-op team go into overtime tied at 3-3. Once the team got to OT, it was Miesch's turn to be the hero, scoring on a breakaway attempt 1:56 into the overtime period.

"The guys varsity team is the only guys team I've ever played with," Miller said. "I've only played with girls travel teams before (playing with the Griffins) and I like it. It's a lot better. It's a lot more physical and a lot higher pace than what I was used to.

You have to jump right in and see how you can do I am used to it now, so I can't imagine playing anywhere else."

"I jumped off the bench and I was on the opposite side of the ice," Miesch said detailing his game-winning shot. "A captain of ours, Brendan Buerkel, threw it up to me and I was on a breakaway. I was just looking for an open net, really, not trying to miss."

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Siebert's shot sparks LF's win vs. Northwest

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Katelyn Siebert is only a freshman, but she already has her first varsity game-winning bucket in her Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball career.

Siebert hit the game-winning shot with about 1.5 seconds left, leading the Blue Devils to a 41-40 road victory against Lutheran Northwest on Wednesday.

"She hit it with maybe 1.5 seconds left, but by the time they were set to inbound, the clock had run out," Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Brian VanBuren said. "It was just about a free-throw jump shot on a kick out from Renee Shaw. There was a loose ball with several bodies on the floor. (Saige) Fuller ended up tossing it to Shaw who flipped it back to Siebert."

It was a nice comeback win for the Blue Devils. Lake Fenton trailed 34-26 entering the final period, but held Northwest to just six fourth-quarter points, helping earn the squad the victory. Also aiding the cause was the team's balanced offense during the final period. Five Lake Fenton players scored during the final quarter. Northwest also helped the Blue Devils by hitting just 4-of-9 free throws during the fourth quarter.

"I am extremely proud of my girls," VanBuren said. "We talked about it after the game, just the way we overcame a deficit several times, including during the last 30 seconds. The freshman hit the actual shot but there were big plays in the sequence by (Hannah) Garty, Saige and Renee."



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Lake Fenton's Katelyn Siebert (left) scored the game-winning bucket in a 41-40 victory against Lutheran Northwest on Wednesday.

PREP REPORT

COMPETITIVE CHEER

► Flint Metro League Jamboree

#1: The Fenton Tigers did the best of the three tri-county squads at the meet, taking fourth with a team point total of 654.14. Holly placed fifth (625.08), while Linden was sixth (604.56). Kearsley won the event with a point total of 727.36.

Fenton opened the event with a first round score of 208.10, placing the squad in third place. The Tigers followed the opening round with a 176.64 in round two and a 269.40 in round three.

Holly scored 206.10 points in the opening round and 184.88 in round two. The Bronchos capped the night with a 234.10 in round three.

Linden posted a 189.20 in round one and a 157.86 in round two. The Eagles capped the night with a 257.50 in round three.

WRESTLING

► Lake Fenton 42, Corunna 33:

The Blue Devils earned a lot of quality victories, resulting in the win against Corunna. Lake Fenton winners included Hunter Corcoran, Jackson Nevadomski, Alec Moser, A. J. Geyer, Hunter Hypio, Sean Trombley, Jarrett Trombey and Trent Hillger.

HOCKEY

► Powers 5, Mt. Pleasant 1:

The Chargers, who have many tri-county players on the squad, remained unbeaten by earning the easy win against Mt. Pleasant. The top ranked team in Division 3 and the top ranked team in the state overall scored two goals in each of the first two periods, establishing control of the contest. Cam Conover had two goals while Brendan Smith and Conor Witherspoon had one goal and two assists each. Jake Polakowski and Mason Weiss had two assists each. In net, Adam Cantley had eight saves, earning the victory.

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■ Slow start costs Tigers vs. Blackhawks, 65-54

A slow start ended up being the Fenton varsity boys basketball team's downfall against the Brandon Blackhawks on Wednesday.

Brandon scored 20 first-quarter points and nailed six first-half 3-pointers, lead-

ing the Blackhawks to a 65-54 road victory at Fenton High School.

Brandon's Isaac DeJose was the big culprit with the treys, netting four of his five 3-pointers during the contest in the opening half.

■ Holly wrestling splits dual; Linden wrestling swept

There was some good news and bad news for the Holly varsity wrestling team during Wednesday's Metro League double-dual on Wednesday.

The Bronchos had some good news when they defeated Swartz Creek 34-31, but then struggled against first-place Kearsley by a 52-19 score in the night's second match. Linden also competed

and lost to Swartz Creek 39-32 and to Kearsley 51-21.

Holly (3-1 in the Metro) had five wrestlers record pinfall wins against Swartz Creek. They were Nathan Young (112), Jared Callahan (119), Josh Gonzales (135), Kaden Steele (189) and Collin Dallwitz (215). Cade Dallwitz (171) also earned a major decision victory.

■ Holly girls basketball falls to Flushing in battle for first

It was a battle of undefeateds in Metro League girls basketball on Wednesday.

Unfortunately for the Holly Bronchos, it was Flushing that remained perfect in league play after the night was over.

The two-time defending Metro League

champion Flushing Raiders held the Bronchos to just 11 first-half points, eventually capturing a 44-28 Metro League victory at Holly High School. The game was moved to Wednesday due to Tuesday's poor weather.

■ Strong start not enough for Holly boys basketball team

It was a good start for the Holly varsity boys basketball team in the squad's contest with the Metro League's only remaining undefeated squad on Wednesday.

Holly jumped to a strong offensive start, scoring 27 points in the opening

quarter, leading the Raiders by a 27-13 score at Flushing High School.

However, the Raiders (4-0, 7-0) proved why they are unbeaten so far early into the season in the last three periods. Holly was able to score just 23 more points in the final three quarters.



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