

Two-story building with office space and condos coming to Linden?

■ Union Block property owner presents plans for 7,000-square-foot building

By Hannah Ball

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The vacant Union Block property in downtown Linden is being revived, thanks to a

mixed-use building planned for the site by owner Dr. Nicole Wax of Dr. Wax Orthodontics.

The Linden City Planning Commission heard the preliminary site plan for the Union Block property at the December 2016 meeting. The new address will be 103 E. Broad St.

"I am in the process of designing a building for the corner. I think it will create a great

See **LINDEN** on 8A

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FILE PHOTO

Dr. Nicole Wax is owner of the Union Block property in Linden. A 7,000-square-foot multi-use building is in the works.



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Michigan well represented at Trump's inauguration

■ Many state politicians attended, despite boycott by Democrats

By Sally Rummel

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Michigan was well represented at President Donald Trump's inauguration in Washington, D.C. on Friday, despite at least 65 Democratic lawmakers who had planned to boycott the event.

Gov. Rick Snyder and First Lady Sue Snyder, Michigan Republican Party Chairman Ronna

See **MICHIGAN** on 8A

“The presidential inauguration is not a time for partisan politics. It is a time for the political banter to cease, and we come together as Americans.”

State Rep. Joe Graves
R-Argentine Township

Ancient rites in modern times



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Standing before the Shiawassee River, the St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church conducts its annual water blessing on Jan. 8. Internationally, the Orthodox Church blessed most bodies of water in the world that week. From left are Deacon Michael Schlaack, Bishop Alexander of Toledo, Fr. Gabriel Bilas and Deacon Peter Ilchuk. Alexander tosses the cross made of ice, into the water at the end of the ceremony. See story on Page 11A.

More than \$58 million in Bridge card refunds issued



■ Lawsuit results in thousands of dollars for people disqualified due to criminal justice status

By Vera Hogan

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Some people who were denied cash, food or childcare benefits from the Michigan Department of Health & Hu-

man Services (DHHS) because of a "criminal justice disqualification" are getting something they thought was gone forever.

People, many of whom were See **BRIDGE CARD** on 16A

Michigan car insurance rates third highest in U.S.

■ Personal injury coverage drives hefty premiums

By Vera Hogan

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If you think what you're paying for car insurance is

too high, you're right, it is. Michigan has the third highest auto insurance rates in the nation, and is first in claims payments.

According to David Walker, president of Hartland See **RATES** on 17A

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“Smart people learn from other people's mistakes. Average people learn from their own mistakes. Stupid people don't learn and repeat their mistakes. If you blame someone else, there is no learning. That makes you a stupid person.”



“If you want to get rid of the Hollywood people, turn off your TV. We haven't had one in over 40 years. Meryl who?”



“On January 21st, the day after I take the oath of office, Americans will finally wake up in a country where the laws of the United States are enforced. We are going to be compassionate to everyone. But the greatest compassion will be for our own citizens.” — Donald Trump



COMMENT
OF THE WEEK

“All Americans should consider the strong possibility that one day Donald Trump will up and leave America for a younger, prettier country.”

Celebrities do it - 'Y' not you?

The Y Lift™ is your fastest, safest (non-surgical), technique for a natural look

By Sally Rummel
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Every time you look in the mirror, you may begin to notice that each advancing year has diminished your high cheekbones, defined jawline and nice, taut neck.

You're still confident in your appearance and have never even considered plastic surgery or a traditional facelift. But if you can instantly turn back the clock and achieve a very natural, more youthful look over your lunch hour, wouldn't you want to do it?

The Y Lift™ is the newest technique in today's generation of non-surgical facial contouring procedures, pioneered by Dr. Yan Trokel, a New York cosmetic surgeon.

Y Lift trained, Dr. Eric Seiger, Medical Director of the Skin & Vein Centers (in Fenton, Sterling Heights and Garden City) performs the procedure locally and is one of only 17 surgeons in the U.S. to do so.

As a highly-skilled cosmetic surgeon for more than 25 years, Dr. Seiger has earned a national reputation for using cutting-edge technology and science. He pioneered The Hour Lift (a mini-facelift technique) more than 15 years ago, and considers the Y Lift™ the most amazing non-

surgical, facial/neck procedure he has ever seen. Many patients elect Seiger's "Total Lift," which combines both the Y Lift and Hour Lift techniques to achieve a desired look.

The Y Lift™ itself, re-volumizes the facial structure from the hollows under your eyes, to your cheekbones, jawline and neckline. It can literally be done during your lunch hour, with no incision, stitches or general anesthesia. You can resume your daily activities immediately after the procedure.

How does it work?

Basically, it's a molding and sculpting technique, according to Seiger. "As we age, our skin isn't looser because of gravity, but because we lose volume in our bone structure. This technique is based on 'structured

volumizing,' replenishing lost volume and restoring youthful facial contours. Suitable for men and women of all skin types, The Y Lift™ accentuates the cheekbone region, revives the under eye area and defines the jawline and upper neck instantly.

The Y Lift™ is customized to each patient and uses FDA-approved fillers. This technique is suitable for adults, ages 25 to 80. Results last between one and three years,

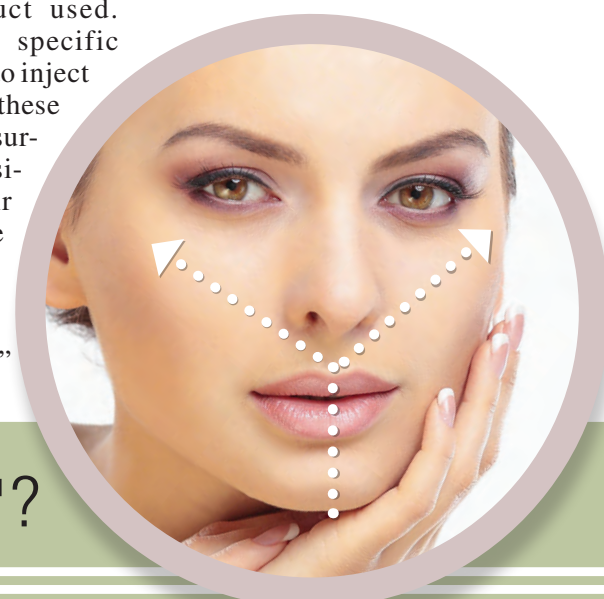


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depending on the product used.

"The Y-Lift utilizes a specific technique and instruments to inject filler in order to achieve these amazing results without surgery" states Seiger. "Physicians who use fillers in their practice cannot achieve the same result as a Y Lift. Standard filler injection technique is completely different to the Y Lift."



Thinking about having The Y Lift™?

Here's what to expect:

Q. What happens during the procedure?

A. The Y Lift™ is performed, first using novocaine to numb the area. Then, a specialized titanium instrument is inserted beneath the skin and maneuvered throughout designated parts of the facial region to instantly lift and contour the muscles, fascia and fat underlying the skin.

Once lifted, naturally occurring hyaluronic acid is then added to hold the new position of the facial features, at which point the titanium instrument is removed. The rejuvenated face is then "sculpted" by Dr. Seiger to accent and highlight each individual's facial features highlighting their natural beauty.

Q. How long will the Y Lift™ procedure take?

A. The entire procedure itself takes 30 minutes. Include some time for a consultation beforehand and a brief follow-up afterward.

Q. Is the procedure painful?

A. The Y Lift™ doesn't involve any painful surgery, sutures or anesthesia. A local anesthesia is applied to manage any discomfort.

Q. What can I expect during recovery?

A. There is no recovery time with the Y Lift™ and you can resume normal activity right away. However, you may have

some slight swelling and soreness for a couple of days.

Q. How much does the Y Lift™ cost?

A. The cost can be determined at a free consultation and is based on each patient's own particular age and facial structure and the type and amount of fillers used.

Q. Can I talk to anyone from The Skin & Vein Center who has had the Y Lift™ done?

A. The Skin & Vein Center can arrange for a contact with someone who has had the procedure and agrees to speak to prospective patients.



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Shown is the exterior of Flint's Capitol Theatre circa 1937.



Capitol Theatre undergoing \$37 million restoration

“The Capitol’s re-opening will deepen the impact of our vibrant arts community and become a resource to foster creativity right here in Flint.”

JARRET M. HAYNES
The Whiting
executive director

Historical Flint building once offered vaudeville, movies and big-time concerts

The iconic Capitol Theatre, just 17 miles north of Fenton in downtown Flint, is undergoing a major restoration.

Through the restoration of its ornate John Eberson design and upgrades, the theatre, built in 1928, is expected to be a focal point for the community, presenting national acts and providing platforms for local arts groups.

The Capitol Theatre will reopen in late 2017 with refurbished theatre facilities as well as restored office and retail spaces. The re-opening date, and related programming and activities will be announced in the coming months.

The theatre originally opened as a vaudeville house and movie palace. It began to host concerts in the late 1970s, including

See **CAPITOL THEATRE** on 16A



PHOTO BY ADAM LOCK VIA THE
CAPITOL THEATRE FACEBOOK PAGE

Facebook friends of The Capitol Theatre would love to see the iconic clock restored and operational in its old spot, stage right.

Restoration plans include:

- Restoration of the **building’s original 1928 façade**, including restoration of terracotta ornamentation on the building’s exterior
- Restoration of the **ceiling within the auditorium**, which will once again evoke the open skies, enhanced by lighting effects that will mimic transitions from sunset to dusk to the night sky
- Restoration and recreation of **decorative plasterwork and statuary** throughout the theatre, lobby, and interstitial spaces connecting front and back of house amenities, as well as spaces between the theatre and adjacent offices
- Updating **historic lighting and fixtures** throughout, including installation of state-of-the-art performance lighting
- Reproduction of **original theatre seats**
- Restoration of the **historic marquee and blade**
- Enhancement of the **theatre’s lighting, acoustic, seating, backstage and front-of-house facilities**; and
- The creation of an **additional performance space** on the lower level for small-scale, experimental workshops and performances

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Pondering a few things

I was in Phoenix for a few days this week. When I looked up I was alarmed to notice there were no clouds. And the sky was blue. And there was this strange, glowing orb in the sky. I asked the hotel clerk about all of these phenomena in case I should seek shelter and she said, ‘No, that’s normal out here. It’s called good weather.’ Huh. I’ve heard about that but didn’t realize it actually existed.

- **Seriously, why do** any of us live in Michigan in the winter?



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

- **Thank God** the inauguration is over. I couldn’t take any more sky-is-falling free-form fretting from my liberal friends. Or from myself. On with it, I say. Anticipation is always worse than reality.

In the end, things will be fine. He’ll come, he’ll go. Life will go on. We’ll all survive.

- **I could have** written the same thing for my conservative friends eight years ago or for the residents of Tokyo when Godzilla was on the way.
- **A story in** USA Today speculated whether Trump will redo the White House in gold colors and bling like his penthouse in Trump Tower. I doubt it. But I could see him putting his face on the Statue of Liberty and changing the tablet to read ‘Go away.’
- **In Phoenix,** I had a conversation with a gent from Vancouver. When he learned where I live he said Canadians are baffled about how Flint’s water crisis still isn’t fixed more than a year later. Join the club, I told him. Join the club.
- **We put in** for money from the lawsuit settlement against milk producers for price fixing. The lovely yet formidable Marcia wanted to ask for 2 percent. But I said no. We were ripped off and should — wait for it — milk it for all it’s worth.

Sorry, couldn’t resist.

- **Apropos of nothing,** do you think Monet was near-sighted? Many of his paintings are blurry. Maybe he needed contacts.
- **I’m sad to** see the P.T. Barnum circus go, but it was time. Circuses are, frankly, pretty dull in this day and age. Parades, too. Maybe it’s just me.
- **Oh stop whining** about stamps going up to 49 cents. It’s still the best deal ever. For that, someone will drive to your house, pick up your letter and transport it anywhere. That’s pretty darned great. We complain about silly stuff.

‘Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to it.’
— Robert Heinlein

“... Anticipation is always worse than reality. In the end, things will be fine. He’ll come, he’ll go. Life will go on. We’ll all survive.”



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LIBERALS DON'T BE conned by John Lewis. He has skipped a couple of presidential inaugurations.

ONE OF PRESIDENT Obama’s mistakes was his abuse of executive orders. He set a new precedent on executive orders, which President Trump may follow. Now their own precedents can be used by the Republicans. Politicians should always remember the law of unintended consequences.

THE POLITE CONSERVATIVES have sat through not one but two swearing-in ceremonies for Obama. It would never occur to us to ignore this event. It is because we are respectful of the office. Liberals — get over it.

PLEASE HELP A young local family with expenses due to the sudden death of 33-year-old Ryan Mathias. Ryan was a loving husband and devoted father of two Fenton students. He was a veteran and unfortunately, he had no insurance. Please contribute to gofundme.com at Ryan Mathias memorial fund.

WE NEED AN old-time bakery again. There’s no good place to buy doughnuts.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

Editorial

Some politicians trying to get rid of public notices in newspapers

Recently the Michigan House of Representatives began its 99th session. The first bill introduced deals with an important issue...rolling back Michigan’s income tax. The second bill, HB-4002, introduced by Rep. Rob Verheulen (R-Walker) is a replica of the bill introduced in the last two sessions by former Rep. Amanda Price (R-Clark Township) that would remove ALL public notice from newspapers.

The Times and our fellow members of the Michigan Press Association find it disconcerting that subverting citizens’ rights to access information about what their government is doing is one of the first issues introduced for this legislature.

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.

Our 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 that we learned about in civics class 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.

See **PUBLIC NOTICES** on 8A

These notices need to be accessible to all members of the community...

Compiled by Tess DeGayner, intern

What would you like the old Union Block site to look like? | streettalk



“I hope it is modern and looks new for the town. Linden needs something fresh.”

Cali Lynch
Fenton Township



“I hope it has a fancy restaurant like Broad Street.”

Jordan Ryan
Fenton



“Since it burned down, I would like to see something similar to before, a new go-to place.”

Charity Lloyd
Linden



“I don’t think anything retail would last in that spot. It would have to be something small and new to Linden so it survives.”

Mike Jones
Linden



“I think it would be nice to build it back to the way it was before, a nice brick building.”

Jesse Hochkins
Linden

Has 24/7 become the new 9-5?

■ The consequences of working too much

By Hannah Ball

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It's 6 p.m., and you're enjoying dinner with the family after a long day at work. Your phone buzzes. It's an email from a coworker, asking if you could just check this one thing before tomorrow's meeting.

You think "sure, it's only one email." But that email turns into two, which turns into four, and then by the time you look up from your phone, your dinner is cold.

The ever-advancing technology of smartphones has allowed the workforce to morph from a steady 9-5 working environment to a 24/7 on-call situation, where after work emails and calls are the norm.

Kristy Schaffer, human resources senior vice president at The State Bank in Fenton, said for certain positions, smartphones have had a "pretty big impact."

"Our employees are available to our clients, our customers. They are in constant contact with their staff and with customers. For me, I'm available to employees. Our cell phones are on our business cards. We think that's important as a community bank," she said.

She said many people "absolutely" work more than 40 hours a week.

With certain professions, being on call

24/7 is crucial. Emergency responders like firefighters and police, as well as towing companies and nurses will get called in if they need more people.

Journalists can be called to a scene of an accident at any time of the day.

However, for professions with set working hours, putting in overtime means sacrificing time relaxing with the family, or participating in a hobby or getting exercise.

“Sometimes it's hard not to be connected. Sometimes you do need to step away.”

Kristy Schaffer
The State Bank human resources senior vice president

Working too much can cause you to experience "burnout," a term used to describe the psychological effects of relentless work stress, according to Time magazine.

Signs you're getting burnout include being overly cynical, messing up simple tasks, wanting to run away, exhaustion, bad attitude, constantly getting sick, and doubting yourself, according to Time.

America isn't the only country with this "always on" work culture.

France recently passed a law giving employees a "right to disconnect" from technology after hours, according to theguardian.com.

In Japan, the CEO of a large advertising firm Dentsu resigned after one of its employees, who had been forced to work 105 hours of overtime in one month, committed suicide on Christmas Day.

"Sometimes it probably doesn't give people the work-life balance they need to have. Sometimes it's hard not to be con-



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Because mobile devices make it easier to reach others, it also makes it easier to field work requests after working hours.

nected. Sometimes you do need to step away," Schaffer said. "If you're someone that's always checking stuff for work, you're going to miss what's going on at home."

While connecting with clients is important, constant availability can also lead to more opportunities for disappointment.

"Because someone can get in touch with you, you may have instances where you end up disappointing someone because they can't get in contact with you on a Saturday night.

SUMMARY

■ The work life in America and many other countries has morphed from a 9-5 working environment to a 24/7, on-call job that may seem to never end.

It can be tough thing to balance," Schaffer said.

She does think the workforce will eventually become better balanced, because she sees that the younger generations value balancing work and home life.

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report

FRAUD COMPLAINT IN FENTON TOWNSHIP

The Genesee County Sheriff's Office is investigating a fraud complaint filed Jan. 9 by a Fenton Township resident. The victim reported that she noticed a fraudulent debit transaction on her business account. She contacted the bank and an investigation is being conducted.

THREATS MADE BY PHONE

The Genesee County Sheriff's Office is investigating a threat complaint from a resident on S. Jennings Road in Fenton Township. The complainant reported on Jan. 11 that threats were made by a former worker over unpaid work.

TOOLS STOLEN FROM WORK SITE

A resident in the 3300 block of Pomona Drive in Fenton Township filed a larceny complaint on Jan. 14. The resident reported that tools were taken from a construction work site by another contractor approximately three months ago. The Genesee County Sheriff's Office is investigating.

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Time for a new kitchen range?

■ Today's new models add the best features for multi-tasking and performance cooking

By Sally Rummel

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With Super Bowl 2017 just around the corner, your stove and oven will be working hard to turn out tailgating treats for your favorite football spectators.

This might be the perfect time to update your kitchen range, and you'll be surprised at what's new in the marketplace for this workhorse appliance.

Maybe you dream of a double oven to multi-task your cooking and baking options, or you'd like to replace your old coil electric range with a shiny new smooth top.

Your choice of options will be determined by what kind of appliance your new one will replace.

That's the first question Sears Hometown Store co-owner Jeff Stone will ask when you're range shopping. "Are you buying a new range to replace your old one, or are you remodeling your kitchen and adding all new appliances?" Your answer will determine the number of options you'll have in selecting a new range.

Gas or electric, or both?

The first thing you need to know is whether your new range will be gas or electric. "It's about 50/50 in this area,"

said Stone.

Ranges with electric radiant smooth tops are the most popular. Most models have at least one high-power burner, and an expandable dual or triple element that lets you switch from a large, high-power element to a small, lower-power element within. Some ranges have a warming element in the center to keep side dishes warm.

Some people prefer cooking with gas, as it's easier to judge the heat with the flame, with a quick response time to a change in temperature.

Most gas ranges have four surface burners in three sizes, medium-power, a small burner and large power. Some have a fifth burner instead of a center section.

Another advantage is most gas burners allow you to strike a match to light them when your power goes out.

Dual fuel ranges combine the best of gas and electric heat, usually with

a gas range and an electric oven.

Upgrade to convection or induction

Convection ovens use one or more fans to circulate hot air in the oven. Some ovens, usually electric models, have an additional convection heating element. "This reduces cooking time, as well as cold spots, by keeping the temperature very steady," said Stone.

Electric ranges with an induction cooktop use magnetic coils below the ceramic glass surface to quickly generate heat directly to the pan, offering precise

“Are you buying a new range to replace your old one, or are you remodeling your kitchen and adding all new appliances?”

Jeff Stone

Co-owner of Sears
Hometown Store in Fenton



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Sears Hometown Store of Fenton sales associate Jessica Hebda said there are several types of kitchen ranges available today. Features, such as a double oven to multi-task your cooking options or a new smooth range top, can save you time in both cooking and cleanup.

simmering and control.

Magnetic cookware is needed for induction to work, according to Consumers Report.

What style fits your kitchen?

Freestanding ranges are the most common and easiest to install, according to Stone. Typically, the oven control panel is on the back panel, above the cooktop surface.

Slide-in ranges are another option, providing a custom built-in look. The oven controls are on the range front and there's no back panel, so your backsplash design is showcased.

Size of available space

If you're replacing an existing range, size will matter. Most electric and gas ranges are 30-inches wide. Professional chef-style ranges may span 36 inches or more.

Consumer Reports says that professional ranges are bigger on style than performance, and that mass-marketed models are the most affordable option for the best cooking features.

Expect to pay between \$500 and \$1,500 for a mass produced brand, compared to \$5,000 and up for professional chef brands like Sub-Zero, Viking, Wolfe and Thermador.

Multi-task with double oven or wall oven

Double ovens are popular with many home cooks who like the flexibility of making a roast in one oven while baking pies in another, even at different temperatures.

Some ranges pair a smaller top oven, with a larger oven below, while others have two same-size ovens. "One thing to think about is that you'll have to bend over to use the bottom oven," said Stone. "You'll also lose some storage."

A wall oven could be a possibility for homeowners designing a new kitchen. This will add a full cooking capacity oven to your existing range oven. Because they are installed at eye level, they're easily accessible, not requiring any bending or kneeling. This accessibility is a bonus for an aging-in-place kitchen, according to kitchens.about.com.

A kitchen with a wall oven also needs a cooktop surface, so it will take up more valuable space in your kitchen, and add more cost.

Check out these performance features

- Dehydration settings to preserve fruits and vegetables
- Warming drawers
- Check the larger, inner capacity of your oven measured in cubic feet. The size of your oven depends on how much cooking and entertaining you like to do, and the number of items you bake or roast simultaneously.
- Oval burners to accommodate griddles and elongated pans
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RED CROSS CRITICALLY NEEDS DONORS AFTER WINTER WEATHER ADDS TO SEVERE BLOOD SHORTAGE

Following several rounds of severe winter weather in many parts of the country, the American Red Cross urges eligible blood and platelet donors to help restock its shelves to overcome a shortage. Since Dec. 1, about 300 blood drives across 27 states have been forced to cancel due to inclement winter weather, resulting in more than 10,500 blood and platelet donations going uncollected. Despite the weather, hospital patients still rely on transfusions. To make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Donors are encouraged to make appointments and complete the RapidPass online health history questionnaire at redcrossblood.org/rapidpass to save time when donating. Locally, two blood drives have been scheduled:

Fenton — Feb. 8, 8:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., Fenton High School, 3200 W. Shiawassee

Fenton — Feb. 13, 12 to 5:45 p.m., Fenton VFW Post, 1148 N. Leroy Street

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

COMRADE, YOUR FRIENDS and neighbors are really going to miss you.

YEAH, I GET your Hollywood comment and I have mine. There are many Republicans I know who live on welfare and food stamps or use assistance. Hypocrisy.

ANDREW, I COMPLETELY agree with you about being able to tell Republicans or Democrats from a photo. You say 75 percent? I'll go with 85 percent. Republicans always look more stern and stubborn. Democrats always look more peaceful and gentle.

THE BIBLE IS important in your life. It's the only book in the world you should live by and die by.

YEAH, DEMOCRATS YOU should get over it and start cooperating with the Republican administration, you know, kind of like how they did with Obama over the last eight years.

THE THING I have with all the killings in Chicago over the years is that guns are too prevalent and too easy to come by. Compliments of the NRA.

THE REPUBLICANS ARE coming, along with higher gas prices.

I'VE READ THE Constitution, the Bill of Rights, all of the amendments, and it says nothing about defending Christianity and heterosexual white people. It does say we all have the freedom of religion and that all people are supposed to be created equal.

OBAMA'S BEEN DIVISIVE? What the heck do you think the Republicans have been doing for the last eight years? There's been nothing but division and stonewalling and holding up progress.

WE NEED SOME beautiful snow. It is January after all.

EVERY DAY PEOPLE are leaving this world. Do you really know who loves you, died for you, and has a place for you in heaven? Find it in the Bible.

I THINK IT'S funny to see people saying Hollywood actors have no place in politics, yet they voted for a reality television star for president. Trump literally has showers made out of gold, and you actually believe he knows the struggles of the middle class? Don't make me laugh.

JEFFERY FIEGER'S AD has reached a new low even for bottom feeders. Attack on the office of the POTUS?



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Following the anti-bullying presentation at AGS Middle School last Friday, Natalie Negrotti, 26, takes a selfie outside the gym with another student. In all, more than 800 students watched the presentation, which included personal stories from Negrotti and other reality TV stars.

Reality TV stars visit Fenton and Linden

Share their own bullying stories with area students

By Hannah Ball

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Fenton — Students were a little starry-eyed at Fenton's AGS Middle School last Friday afternoon at an anti-bullying rally, while they listened to celebrities tell their tales about bullying.

The Bullies Reality Foundation, founded by Tim Levasseur, brings reality television stars to schools to encourage

students to stop bullying, and intervene if they see someone being a bully. They did the presentation at Linden schools earlier in the week.

Singer Vivian Hicks, "Big Brother" stars James Huling and Natalie Negrotti, all shared their experiences with bullying.

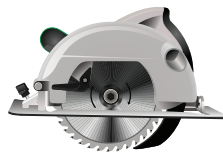
Hicks, a young singer, said she had many problems with online bullying.

"As I started getting older, the comments started getting really bad. When I was 12, I opened up this DM (direct

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LINDEN

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positive energy for downtown Linden and bring new people and new business to the entire downtown," Wax said. "A new development takes time and we want it to be great so we do not have a set time frame."

According to a draft of the minutes, the plans outline an approximate 7,000-square-foot, two-story mixed-use building with businesses on the first level and condominiums on the second. The first floor is proposed to be office space for two businesses. One will be Dr. Wax Orthodontics and the other is an undisclosed business.

The plan proposes the second floor consist of five total condominium units ranging in size from 1,063 to 1,486

square feet.

According to the meeting minutes, other proposed site improvements include a 26-space, off-street parking lot with access from North Bridge Street.

Also included in the proposed plan are a dumpster and dumpster pad, landscaping, sidewalk and utility improvements.

The preliminary site plan review application was submitted by Asselin McLane Architectural Group, LLC, with permission of property owner Wax

Real Estate Holdings, LLC, according to the minutes.

The plans are subject to change. The planning commission tabled the preliminary site plan for a later meeting to allow for revisions and further review.

According to Linden City records, Wax bought the property in 2016 for \$175,000 from the LaFontaine family.

According to real estate records, the LaFontaine family paid \$186,000 for the seven parcels of land involved. The purchase was made after a fire on May 18, 2007 destroyed the historic buildings, which anchored Union Block. The buildings were demolished in August 2007 to make room for future development, which never happened due in part to the recession.

An underground gas leak was discovered at the property in 2014, and the site is currently undergoing remediation efforts.

Wax opened Dr. Wax Orthodontics in June 2014, next to Coney Café at 123 North Bridge St., and previously said she knew she would outgrow the space.

"I think it will create a great positive energy for downtown Linden and bring new people and new business to the entire downtown."

Nicole Wax

Dr. Wax Orthodontics owner



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THUR 10:45

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MICHIGAN

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Romney McDaniel, Attorney General Bill Schuette, Secretary of State Ruth Johnson, U.S. Education Secretary nominee Betsy DeVos, senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters and most of Michigan's congressional delegates were all set to be in attendance.

Stabenow and Peters, both Democrats, had released statements about their plans to attend.

Peters of Bloomfield Township said, "This was an extremely hard-fought campaign and a very close election, but the peaceful transition of power is the bedrock of American democracy. I will be joining my Congressional colleagues at the inauguration ceremony and I'm hopeful that as he takes office, President-elect Trump will work on bringing the American people together and healing a country that is extremely divided right now."

Stabenow of Lansing said, "To me, this is about the peaceful transfer of power and as a member of Congress, regardless who the president is, whether I voted for

them or not, I attend out of respect for our democratic process. But that doesn't mean in any way that I support what the President-elect has said in attacking a civil rights icon like John Lewis."

Closer to home, Matthew Smith, a board member of the Genesee County Republican Party, chaired by Jack Walker of Swartz Creek, planned to attend the inauguration.

State Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township), wasn't planning to attend the inauguration. He and his wife, Denise, are both delegates for the Michigan Republican Party.

"The presidential inauguration is not a time for partisan politics," said Joe. "It is a time for the political banter to cease, and we come together as Americans. The Democratic members of Congress who are childishy boycotting this great Ameri-

can tradition need to take time to reflect on who they are and the position they hold."

U.S. Rep. John Conyers (D-Detroit), said he would boycott the inauguration in protest of Trump's Twitter attacks on U.S. Rep. John Lewis (D-Georgia).

SUMMARY

■ Even though many Democrats boycotted President Donald Trump's inauguration on Friday, Jan. 20, many notable Michigan politicians were in attendance, including Michigan's U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters, both Democrats.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I FOUGHT IN a war to defend this country and am absolutely ashamed of the way Americans are acting about the election. They are undermining the democratic process and acting like children.

■■■
CONGRATS REPUBLICANS, YOU have elected a juvenile to the White House and one out of control. Good luck to all of us in the U.S. for the next four years as we will need it to weather this storm.

■■■
DEMOCRATS HAVEN'T LEARNED their lesson. They are still name-calling, disrupting the country and denying 'freedom of speech' by threatening entertainers who wanted to perform at the inauguration. Democrats have no intention of uniting the country. After all, it was their president who divided the country.

■■■
HERE'S AN IDEA for liberals wanting Trump to sell his businesses — turn it into a foundation and he can accept money from anyone and anywhere, just ask the Clintons.

■■■
IF I SEE your brake lights before I see your blinker...you're doing it wrong.

■■■
WHILE AT VG'S, this lady in front of me had some carnations. They were beautiful. I complimented her and she gave me two. I've never had such a blessing in my life. We need more people like that. Thank you and God bless everybody.

■■■
NOW WHEN YOU drive through Dibbleville, it is sad to see two empty blocks where businesses were last year. It seems the DDA forgot that they were brought together to support businesses.

■■■
THIS IS FOR the busy-body worried about the house that was destroyed by fire on Eddie Lake and Main. It's slated for demolition. If the city owns it, I'd like to know why they're not paying for it because I've got to pay for the demo. I still own it.

■■■
THE REPUBLICANS ARE going to replace Obamacare with 'we don't care.'

PUBLIC NOTICES

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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 must also 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 the access and 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.

The internet can be a valuable adjunct in helping keep the public informed. That is why most newspapers now post notices on their websites at no additional charge. However, government notices must be handled like the permanent legal documents they are. Newspapers have done this for hundreds of years at minimal cost. Hiding these notices on an obscure government website fails the public and contributes to the erosion of trust in government.

Our Founding Fathers would strongly disapprove.

State Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Twp.) said, "If the final version is the same as the bill that was proposed last term, I will once again not support the passage. I believe in the name of transparency, the current process needs to continue."

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Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following is what you missed in the **Wednesday, Jan. 18, Midweek Edition** of the Tri-County Times. To subscribe and receive both the Sunday Weekend and Wednesday Midweek editions, please call (810) 629-8282

Memorable moments from past presidential inaugurations

With President-Elect Donald Trump's inauguration coming up this Friday, Jan. 20, it is fun to note that there were some botched moments at previous inaugurations.

School of choice means big bucks to area districts

Fenton, Lake Fenton and Linden take in additional \$10,083,541 in state aid as a result.

Area sheriff's department to represent Michigan in presidential parade

The Livingston County Sheriff's Department Mounted Division will ride in the Inaugural Parade this Friday as part of the Michigan Multi-Jurisdictional Mounted Police Drill Team and Color Guard.



Fenton school board elects officers



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At its Monday, Jan. 9 meeting, the Fenton Board of Education elected a new slate of officers. Rick Koester (above) will serve as president for the next four years. Keith Reynolds will serve as vice president, Pamela Dickie as treasurer and Dana Jones as secretary. Dickie and Jones are newly elected members to the school board. The remaining trustees are: Lynn Hopper, Kristen Harmon and Kimberly Gruber.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

HERE ARE THE real numbers for liberals who believe Obamacare created less federal debt than Bush. In billions, Bush \$4,357,000,000 Obama through 2015, \$8,134,000,000. Facts, not fuzzy liberal math.

THERE IS ABSOLUTELY no legitimate justification for Obama commuting Bradley Manning's 35-year prison sentence for treason. Shame on you, Obama.

IF YOU HAVE to choose between a rock and a politician, choose the rock. It's cheaper and you may want to use the rock to pound some common sense into the head of the politician.

MICHIGAN ATTORNEY GENERAL Bill Schuette said, 'Collecting money on the road for charities is illegal.' If so, why are local charities still doing it when other townships and municipalities ended the practice? Fund-raising should be done in front of stores, not in the middle of the road.

PUTIN AND HIS Republican Party are worried that the American people are undermining the legitimacy of his little puppet dictator.

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Upcoming Meetings

Lake Fenton Board of Education will hold a regular meeting on **Monday, Jan. 23 at 7 p.m.** in the Alberta B. Martin Board Room, located inside Lake Fenton Middle School.

The **Fenton Township Board of Trustees** will hold a regular meeting on **Monday, Jan. 23 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center.

The Linden City Council will hold a regular meeting on **Monday, Jan. 23 at 7 p.m.** in Council Chambers.

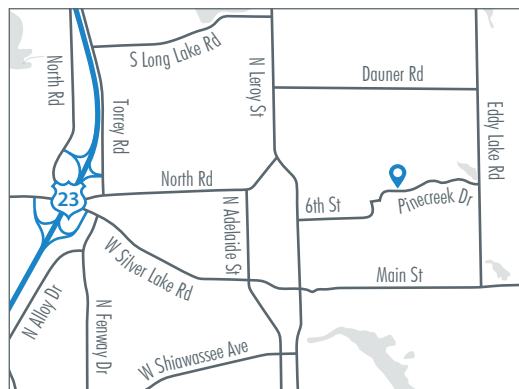
The **Fenton Board of Education** will hold a special meeting on **Monday, Jan. 23 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** Board members will visit school buildings and meet with staff members.

The **Fenton Township Zoning Board of Appeals** will hold a meeting on **Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m.** at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center.

The **Holly Village Council** will hold a regular meeting on **Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m.** at the Karl Richter Community Center.

The **Holly Village Planning Commission** will hold a meeting on **Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m.** at the Karl Richter Community Center.

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Linden robotics team wins awards

■ Linden Battle Blazers win innovative award

By Hannah Ball

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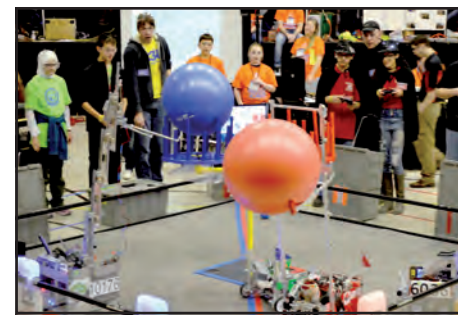
The Linden Middle School robotics team won two awards at a statewide competition in Concord in December 2016.

After a rocky start at the event, the school's FIRST Tech Challenge team, the Linden Battle Blazers, won first place in the Rockwell Collins Innovate Award, and they were first runner-up for the Think Award.

The team started the day in 32nd place out of the 33 teams, after fighting mechanical issues in their first two matches, according to coach John Bonasse.

"Given that seven of the nine were first year team members, the mechanical issues they experienced and had to overcome, and the pressures of working together with their alliance partner and competing against two other teams in each match, they did an awesome job this season," he said.

The Rockwell Collins Innovate Award is given to a team that best brings great ideas from concept to reality, and encourages ingenuity, inventiveness, and think-



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The Linden Middle School robotics team, the Linden Battle Blazers, won two awards in a statewide competition in December 2016.

ing outside the box.

The Think Award is given to teams that best removes engineering obstacles through creative thinking.

Bonasse said the team is preparing for next year.

Linden Robotics has two teams, the Linden Battle Blazers at the middle school, and the FIRST Robotics Competition team, the Linden Roboeagles at the high school. Bonasse said they're planning to start their FIRST Lego League team, the Lego Eagles at the elementary schools.

New state law affects special needs students

■ State rep: certain districts restrained and secluded students, 'not humanely done'

By Hannah Ball

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Michigan schools cannot use non-emergency restraint and seclusion practices on students per new legislation signed into law by Lt. Gov. Brian Calley Dec. 29, 2016.

Under this law, which were House Bills 5409-5417, schools can only use restraint and seclusion practices if a child is a danger to themselves or others.

State Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist.47), who was one of the sponsors and voted in favor of the bills, said this will mainly help protect special needs children.

"By putting an end to non-emergency restraint and seclusion in our schools, we are showing kids that their safety and their academics matter to us," Calley said in a press release. "This legislation is a great safeguard for our kids that will help them grow and thrive instead of the archaic and barbaric practices of the past that made school an unsafe place for children."

Vaupel added language to the bill requiring schools to alert parents and the Michigan Department of Education when their child was restrained or secluded at school.

"In visiting and talking to parents there had been incidents where they were restrained, but not humanely done. When the committee went around the state, they felt there were districts that weren't doing things they should be doing. That's why rather than just go with the guidelines and recommendation of things that be done, some of it was put in statute," Vaupel said.

This rule was already a guideline set by

the Michigan Department of Education, and is now law.

It also requires additional training for school personnel on how to handle these situations.

In emergency situations, the school would not be able to use physical restraint any longer than necessary, based on research and evidence, to allow the student to regain control of his or her behavior.

The bill states this shouldn't be longer than 15 minutes for elementary school students or 20 minutes for a middle school or high school student.

Vaupel said the goal of the legislation was the safety of the teachers, aides, other students, and the student that needs to be restrained. He added that our local school districts already follow these rules.

Linden Superintendent Ed Koledo said Linden schools are already in compliance with the law.

"Our staff that are in place to handle students whose behavior may warrant such restraint are trained in what we call CPI (Crisis Prevention Institute). It is first and foremost a methodology that teaches practices in de-escalation. But, in case it does not de-escalate, the training provides the ability for safe restraint," he said.

Fenton Superintendent Adam Hartley said their policies and practices already match the new law.

"Our goal in these incidents, which are rare and often isolated, is always student safety," he said. "In an event a student, or students, are in danger, our staff is trained and understand how to appropriately handle the situation."

Lake Fenton Superintendent Wayne Wright said his school district follows this policy as well.

“When the committee went around the state, they felt there were districts that weren't doing things they should be doing.”

State Rep. Hank Vaupel
R-District 47

Ancient rites in modern times

■The Orthodox Church a living experience of early Christianity

By Tim Jagielo

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Fenton — Watching an Orthodox Church water blessing is as close as one can get to time travel.

The chanting, the ritual and the garb has not changed in a thousand years — or longer. These ancient Christian rites are still performed every week at St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church in Fenton.

This church has approximately 80 families who attend, and fill the modest but ornate worship space on a scenic piece of land on the Shiawassee River.

On Sunday, Jan. 8, the church conducted its annual water blessing, which is part of a worldwide event in the Orthodox Church. It's also part of their liturgical calendar. Their regional bishop was in town to conduct the blessing and lead a liturgy.

According to Fr. Gabriel Bilas, the word "orthodox" means "right believing," while "Catholic" means "universal." At one point, the Catholic, and Orthodox Church were one, and they split off more than a thousand years ago. While Catholicism has updated practices, the Orthodox Church has not.

"It was the ancient church," he said, with rituals dating back to 400 AD. "I guess you can call it the ultra-conservative church."

The Orthodox Church of America (OCA) has approximately 110,000 members, with 800 institutions in North America, according to Fr. John Matusiak, OCA newspaper web editor. There are approximately one million practicing orthodox Christians in North America.

Internationally, he said there are approximately 300 million orthodox Christians worldwide, making it second in number only to Catholicism.

In the Orthodox Church, clothing has an old-world, eastern European feel. There is no carpet inside the church, and everything echoes off the hard surfaces. There are no instruments, so any "music" is a cappella, in four-part harmony, without the aid of a public address system.



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Fr. Gabriel Bilas stands inside St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church in Fenton on Monday. Behind him is the iconostasis (or saint screen). Several saints are featured, all framed by wood collected and crafted into shape from the Fenton tornado of 2007. Beside him is the icon Mary Magdalene.

Bilas describes the experience as "an attack on the senses," and an "experiential" versus "intellectual" relationship with God.

When asked how a church can stay relevant without updating their practices, he said, "How are we different as humans now, as we were back then? We all have in our fabric, a worship of God. Worship is in the fabric of our being."

He said the goal of every human hasn't changed since ancient times. "The goal in our lives is still to look forward to eternity."

On the water blessing

The Orthodox Church has its own liturgical calendar, marking holy events throughout the year. The water blessing coincides with the

"Epiphany," the date after Jesus' birth, when he was baptized.

All over the world, water was blessed at this time, whether a river or lake. Bilas said that most bodies of the water in the world end up being blessed by the Orthodox Church.

"We are very into blessing things, because we feel we sanctify things and set them apart for God. We bless everything," said Bilas with a laugh.

“It was the ancient church. I guess you can call it the ultra-conservative church.”

Fr. Gabriel Bilas
Rector, St. Mary Magdalene
Orthodox Church

MORE ON THE ORTHODOX CHURCH

The Orthodox Church uses a three-barred cross. The church believes this is more historically accurate. The top bar represents the sign above Jesus' head, which historically read, "This is the King of the Jews." The bottom, slanted bar, represents the place where his feet would have rested. The Orthodox Church of America is essentially the same as the Greek Orthodox, or Russian Orthodox churches, except the language. The "liturgy" (instead of "mass" or "service") is conducted in English in the Orthodox Church.



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St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church is on S. Long Lake Rd., just east of Torrey Road in Fenton. Orthodox churches tend to have smaller congregations to keep the close-knit family atmosphere.

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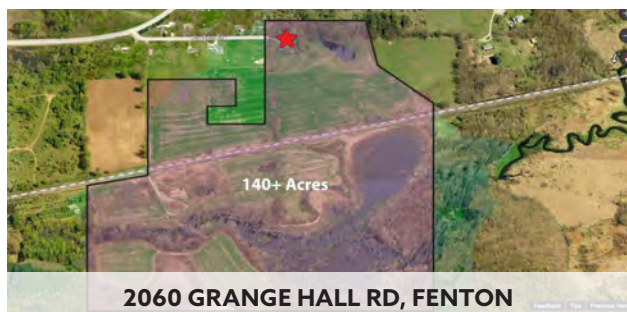
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Barron, please pay attention

Now that his father is the President of the United States, 10-year-old Barron 'Von Trump' will be joining Pops in the White House after the end of this school year.

His mother, now the first lady, decided this was best for her son and I respect her wishes.

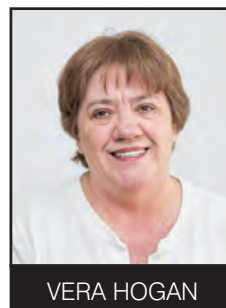
Yes, I said Barron Von Trump. He might as well get used to it. I don't care what kind of fancy school he goes to, that's what the other kids are going to call him if they're not doing it already.

As a mother of four grown boys, I have some advice for young Mr. Trump.

First, insist that your mother stop talking about you in magazine interviews. Do you really want the whole world to know that she has you moisturize with caviar after your bath? I echo every little 10-year-old boy, and girl, out there when I say, 'Duuuuud-ddeeee, Noooooooo!!!'

Your mother is also quoted in the magazine article I read as saying you prefer to wear suits, and that you like 'clean and white.' Please tell me those are flat out lies. And, they call you 'Little Donald.' Let me tell you what the problem is with that. I see a pattern emerging.

Although I did not support your father for the presidency, I do accept that he is now the President of the United States. I'm worried about you though, and you following in his footsteps when it comes to personality.



VERA HOGAN

I'm guessing he grew up a lot like you, with all the privileges his parents could shower upon him. He was the 'rich kid' and was likely silenced every time he tried to just be a normal kid.

But things like this fester and grow, they don't go away. Your dad was going to blow eventually, it was just a matter of time.

So now what we have is a grown man, who every time someone says something negative about him, he needs to 'Tweet' back a response, but not without first hurling an insult against the person who made the comment.

Take the most recent example of Meryl Streep at the Golden Globe Awards ceremony. He had every right to respond to her comments, but did he really have to call her an 'overrated actress' first? He does it every single time. He has insulted people he thinks don't like him throughout his entire campaign.

I'm thinking if he was allowed to grow up to be a normal kid, maybe this kind of childish behavior would have come out slowly throughout the years, not shot out of a cannon the way it is now.

This 'if you don't like me I'm not gonna like you either, so there' behavior does not cut it when you're an adult.

So, young Barron, please promise me you'll try to grow up like a normal kid — get some jeans and sneakers on and get them dirty. A ball cap is also a necessity. Use it to cover up your dirty hair. Jump on the bed and sofas with your muddy shoes. Spill some nice red Kool-Aid on the white carpet at the White House.

Play with other kids your age, if you're allowed. Tear up the White House lawn playing baseball or football. Get into a playground fight, then make up and become best pals. Refuse to take a bath once in a while. Insist on pizza, hotdogs ice cream and sodas on a regular basis.

Come on, Barron, you gotta do this. If you don't, "Little Donald" could turn into 'Big Donald' and I'm not sure that would be a good thing.

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Wellbridge of Fenton hosts Alzheimer's workshop

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LOOKING BACK

at this week in

NATIONAL HISTORY

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JAN. 22

1998: In a Sacramento, California, courtroom, Theodore J. Kaczynski, pleads guilty to all federal charges against him, acknowledging his responsibility for a 17-year campaign of package bombings attributed to the "Unabomber." In the early 1970s, Kaczynski, who earned a doctorate in mathematics, began living as a recluse in western Montana, in a 10-by-12-foot cabin without heat, electricity or running water. From there, he began the bombing campaign that would kill three people and injure more than 20 others.

JAN. 23

1991: Darrell Lunsford, a county constable in Garrison, Texas, is killed after pulling over a traffic violator. His murder was remarkable because it was captured on a camera set up in Lunsford's patrol vehicle. The videotape evidence led to the conviction of the three men who beat, kicked, and stabbed the officer to death along the East Texas highway.

JAN. 24

1956: Look magazine publishes the confessions of J.W. Milam and Roy Bryant, two white men from Mississippi who were acquitted in the 1955 kidnapping and murder of Emmett Louis Till, an African-American teenager from Chicago. In the Look article, titled "The Shocking Story of Approved Killing in Mississippi," the men detailed how they beat Till with a gun, shot him and threw his body in the Tallahatchie River with a heavy cotton-gin fan attached with barbed wire to his neck to weigh him down.

JAN 25

1905: At the Premier Mine in Pretoria, South Africa, a 3,106-carat diamond is

discovered during a routine inspection by the mine's superintendent. Weighing 1.33 pounds, and christened the "Cullinan," it was the largest diamond ever found.

JAN. 26

1936: The dismembered body of Florence Polillo is found in a basket and several burlap sacks in Cleveland. The 42-year-old woman was the third victim in 18 months to be found dismembered with precision. It sparked a panic in Cleveland, where the unknown murderer was dubbed the "Mad Butcher." By the summer of 1938, with the body count into double digits, the Cleveland police were desperate to find the Mad Butcher. One suspect, an actual butcher named Frank Dolezal, was interrogated for 40 straight hours until he confessed to killing Florence Polillo. However, he subsequently changed his story many times and killed himself in his cell before his guilt could be determined. In reality, though, few authorities believed Dolezal was actually the killer. It is believed that the real suspect was relatively prominent and politically connected, and as a result, the police department trumped up the case against Dolezal. All official police records of the matter have been destroyed.

JAN. 27

1967: A launch pad fire during Apollo program tests at Cape Canaveral, Florida, kills astronauts Virgil "Gus" Grissom, Edward H. White II, and Roger B. Chaffee. An investigation indicated that a faulty electrical wire inside the Apollo 1 command module was the probable cause of the fire.

JAN 28

1958: Charles Starkweather, a 19-year-old high-school dropout from Lincoln, Nebraska, and his 14-year-old girlfriend, Caril Ann Fugate, kill a Lincoln businessman, his wife and their maid, as part of a murderous crime spree that began a week earlier and would ultimately leave 10 people dead. The killer couple's deadly road trip came to an end the following day, when Starkweather and Fugate were arrested near Douglas, Wyoming.

Source: history.com

HOT LINE CONTINUED

NOW THAT OBAMA is done, what is he going to do, build a library? It will only have one book in it with the title 'How to be president for eight years and do absolutely nothing.'

BEWARE OF THE large hole at the shoulder of southbound Fenton Road at the 'S' curve at Dollar Lake. It cost me \$785 for a new wheel and tire trying to avoid an accident. Called the county to report and no call back.

THE USA FOUNDING principles were based on the Christian philosophy, the 10 Commandments and golden rule, sentiments found in most religions because they are basic human instincts. The founders ensured the government had no authority to compel or restrict citizens to, or not to, worship.

WATCHING THE SENATE hearings I am disgusted with the Democrats as a whole. They are disrespectful and very insulting. Is this what the Democrats have turned into because they lost or is this really, what they have always been like?

THANKS TO MERYL Streep for an awesome and poignant speech. Bullying by the person running for the highest office in the country is a new low for us. At least three million more Americans voted for Hillary, including Hollywood people who have every right to voice their opinions.

READING THE RECORD low U.S. birth-rate on the front of the Weekend Times paper this week makes me think that the 59 million babies we have aborted are probably due to the low birthrate.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Vivian Hicks, 13, performs a medley of songs before the AGS Middle School students last Friday.

you're sadly mistaken."

Levasseur said the "friends" of a bully go along with what a bully does because they don't want to be the next victim.

This organization places emphasis on creating a social network of support, Levasseur said. After an event at a school, kids follow him online on Twitter and Instagram, and often reach out to him for support.

"You can DM me 24/7," he said.

After everyone talked, Hicks performed a few songs and the group threw free T-shirts into the bleachers of students.

ANTI-BULLYING

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message) and this person said 'hey, Vivian. Watch your back. I'm going to kill you in five days.' It really scared me," she said.

Online bullying is on the rise, according to cyberbullying.org. Their latest poll taken in August 2016 shows that 33.8 percent of middle and high school students report experiencing online bullying, with an average of 28 percent since 2002.

Huling said he got picked on because he was poor and because of his race.

"I had to run home from school because I didn't want to get beat up. It was something I thought was normal, something a part of everyday life," he said.

During his senior year of high school, he changed the lives of bullying victims by being their friend.

"I made sure I said 'hey' to them every day in the hallway," he said.

Levasseur talked to the students about how 28 percent of kids between the ages of 11 and 18 are bullied, and most won't tell their parents.

"If you are a bully, and you think those people around you — (who are) laughing while you're making fun of somebody else — like you, I'm going to tell you

“When I was 12, I opened up this DM (direct message) and this person said ‘hey, Vivian. Watch your back. I’m going to kill you in five days.’ It really scared me.”

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CAPITOL THEATRE

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performances by a range of popular musicians including Ray Charles, AC/DC, John Mellencamp, Green Day, Black Sabbath and more.

Closing its doors in 1996, the theatre sat unused for nearly two decades, until restoration began in July 2016.

When it reopens, it will offer a diverse mix of popular and classical music, comedy acts, film screenings, contemporary and modern dance, spoken word, and theater works that play to the strengths of its intimate auditorium and a new flexible space for small-scale performances.

Jarret M. Haynes, executive director of The Whiting, and one of the lead partners spearheading the Capitol Theatre project along with the not-for-profit Uptown Reinvestment Corporation said, "The Capitol's re-opening will deepen the impact of our vibrant arts community and



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(Left) After sitting unused for nearly two decades, the Capitol Theatre in downtown Flint is undergoing a \$37 million restoration. (Right) The restoration of decorative plasterwork and statuary throughout the theater, lobby, and interstitial spaces that connect front and back of house amenities, as well as spaces between the theater and adjacent offices is included.

become a resource to foster creativity right here in Flint. We are so proud to bring this treasure back to the city and look forward to welcoming visitors from the city and region for generations to come."

The revitalized Capitol Theatre is expected to attract more than 60,000 visitors annually.

The restoration of the theatre building, listed on the National Registry of Historic Places since 1985, will reinterpret the theatre's original vibrancy while upgrading it to a state-of-the-art performing arts venue. The revitalization project will also include the renewal and refurbishment of 25,000 square feet of attached office and retail space within the theatre's building.

Led by a design team comprised of architects DLR Group/Westlake Reed Leskosky,

and construction managers The Christman Company, the project will preserve the atmospheric style of the 1,600-seat structure and faithfully restore historically significant elements of the theatre's original design.

The operation of the Capitol Theatre will be managed as a nonprofit performing arts center alongside The Whiting Auditorium.

Funding

Beginning in 2015, a \$37 million campaign was mounted for investment in live performing arts in Flint, including the restoration of the Capitol Theatre and select upgrades to The Whiting Auditorium.

To date, more than \$33 million has been raised, including major gifts from The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, The Hagerman Foundation, and support from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

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BRIDGE CARD

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recently released from jail, are starting to get benefits they were denied from December 2012 to January 2015 added back onto their Bridge cards.

"This month the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services sent notices to approximately 18,700 people stating that they will be paid a lump sum of \$3,120 in retroactive food assistance as a result of a U.S. Federal District Court order," said Bob Wheaton, communications manager and public relations officer for the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services.

Wheaton said if someone was disqualified from food assistance under the fugitive felony policy and was not in jail or prison for at least part of the time period of Dec. 30, 2012, to Jan. 9, 2015, that person would be eligible for the retroactive payment.

"This court ruling said that the state's policy of disqualifying people from public assistance if they were considered to be fugitive felons could not stand," he added. "The court ordered retroactive reinstatement of benefits to anyone who was denied food assistance under the fugitive felon policy from Dec. 30, 2012, to Jan. 9, 2015.

"The \$3,120 payments are federal dol-

lars from Food and Nutrition Services," Wheaton said. "The amount is based on the average amount of food assistance that someone would have received during that time period. Anyone can opt out of the \$3,120 by asking the department to determine the exact amount owed.

"The retroactive food assistance will be added to their Bridge cards and can be used to purchase food only," he added.

According to the lawsuit, which was decided by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan Southern Division, "The court decided the 'criminal justice disqualification' notices DHHS sent to some people beginning in December 2012 violate a federal law and the Constitution.

"In the future, DHHS must send a more complete notice. The court decided DHHS cannot deny or cut off Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits because a person has an outstanding felony warrant unless DHHS also determines that (a) the person is intentionally fleeing to avoid prosecution, custody, or jail/prison and (b) law enforcement officials are actively seeking the person. The court also decided that DHHS must pay the attorneys who brought this case."

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According to the Insurance Information Institute (III), the five states with the highest premiums in 2013 (the most recent data available) were:

Florida	\$2,115
Texas	\$1,837
Louisiana	\$1,822
Oklahoma	\$1,654
Mississippi	\$1,395

The states with the lowest premiums include Idaho at \$561, Oregon at \$568, Utah at \$609, Wisconsin at \$665 and Washington at \$676.

When it comes to homeowner insurance, it all comes down to location.

It mainly has to do with the weather, and how likely it is that your home will be damaged or destroyed by a natural disaster.

For example, eight of the 10 most expensive catastrophes in U.S. history were hurricanes. And five of these have hit Florida. Because of these catastrophes, Florida residents pay twice as much for home insurance as the average homeowner. Meanwhile, out west, where hurricanes are not a factor, rates are much lower. Idaho homeowners pay almost 50 percent less than the national average.

Although there hasn't been a hurricane in many years, Florida's home insurance premiums continue to increase. This is partly because companies are buying more reinsurance protection.

Meanwhile in Texas, people face high insurance costs due to the increased chance of damage from hail, flooding, and hurricanes. Oklahoma, on the other hand, is the heart of "Tornado Alley." Some tornadoes in Oklahoma reach the most dangerous level at F-5.

Homeowners, regardless of what state they live in, can try to save on their insurance by shopping around, increasing their deductible and taking advantage of discounts.

Source: quotewizard.com

RATES

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Insurance Agency, Inc., Michigan is the third highest in premium costs nationwide. Louisiana and Oklahoma are the highest.

Michigan is number one in claims payments flowing back to consumers against premiums collected. Michigan also has two of the top 10 most expensive cities for auto insurance in the United States — Detroit and Grand Rapids.

"The primary 'driver' of this premium cost issue is the Personal Injury Protection section of the mandatory no-fault insurance portion of your policy," Walker said.

"This policy section provides for unlimited (no dollar cap) on medical benefits, loss time, physical and vocational rehabilitation and attendant care," he added.

If, for example, you are involved in an auto accident and are paralyzed for life, your car insurance company is required by Michigan law to pay all the medical and associated bills.

The next most robust benefit schedule in the U.S. is New York, with a dollar cap of \$50,000, said Walker. "There are a few options available to consumers but the bottom line is that this is a very expensive line of coverage and it is driven primarily by the claims," he said.

"There have been solutions presented to the legislature to aid in reducing the insurance costs statewide but they generally fall into one of two categories," Walker said. "They are either areas that have a very low impact on the overall premium and thus nobody wants to spend the political capital to move them forward or they are perceived as being 'too severe' and cannot gain political support for much the same reason, an unwillingness to expend political capital to move them forward. If you add to this very aggressive lobbying by the hospital associations, closed head injury facilities, etc. you have gridlock.

"I do have suggestions for an effective approach to lowering premiums but it has to be coupled with the surrendering of some benefits," Walker said. "Absent that, the math simply does not work. The point is this. The accidents, injuries and damages don't change based upon the insurance law that is in place. It is simply a matter of who will be paying those bills and how."

"We certainly have a broad policy attached to Michigan no-fault insurance," said Linda Hathaway of Brad Hoffman Insurance Agency, Inc. in Fenton. She said those who have had to use the benefit for their medical and associated bills understand and appreciate the benefit.

"Those who are fortunate enough to not have been in an accident, or had family members in an accident, the insurance rates seem high. For those who have had to walk the walk, it has been a great benefit. Other people are in denial that it could never happen to them, and I hope it never does," she said.

Eileen Jankowski, the personal lines manager at Brown & Brown Insurance in Fenton said Michigan is the only state with unlimited personal injury protection. "The primary reason rates in Michigan are so high is because benefits covered are so generous," she said. "We cover all reasonable bills for medical and treatment for as long as you need it."

Geography and population numbers also play a role in how much you pay for car insurance, as does the number of speeding tickets a driver has been issued. Where you live and where you park your vehicle also make a difference. A car that is parked in a garage overnight is less subject to theft than one in a driveway or on the street, for example.

Places such as Alaska and Hawaii have fewer residents and fewer people on the road, so they have fewer accidents. The fact that fewer claims are filed from those states figures in to how insurance companies calculate rates.

The reverse is true in Louisiana. Vehicle owners there pay fairly high car insurance rates, but they also file a hefty number of injury claims.

According to insure.com, the average annual car insurance premium in Michigan is \$2,738, followed by Montana at \$2,297. Ohio and Maine have the lowest premiums at \$900 and \$808 respectively. The national average is \$1,325.

Additional source: usatoday.com



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- Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Clerk Marcella Husted, Trustees Soren Pedersen, Al Pool, and David Walker. Absent: Treasurer Marna Bunting-Smith and Trustee Chuck Schultz.
- Opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. to answer questions and to allow taxing units to be heard regarding the TRW Automotive application for the 8-year abatement of transferred equipment from the Village of Fowlerville to Tyrone Township totaling \$645,432.00. TRW stated the transfer will retain 5 jobs and create 14 more. One resident in attendance opposed. Closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.
- Approved the agenda as presented; approved the consent agenda as presented.
- Received and placed on file Communications #1-7 as presented.
- The Supervisor reported the status of several zoning violations.
- Granted the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate to TRW Automotive.
- Adopted the cell phone usage policy.
- Authorized the purchase of one smartphone, service plan, and insurance for the Supervisor's use.
- Authorized Ronald's Tree Service to remove trees along the road right-of-ways.
- Adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

The minutes of all regular and special Tyrone Township Board Meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Tyrone Township Clerk's office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and online at www.tyrone-township.us. The next regular meeting of the Tyrone Township Board will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

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Blue Devils drop another ranked team, this time it's Goodrich

By David Troppens

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The Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team has had its little ups and downs all season long.

First off, the squad began on a bit of a low when the team had some past athletes not come out for the team, resulting in a couple of weight class absences in the lineup and some tight losses against some great competition.

However, as the season has gone on, the Blue Devils have made up for those voids in their lineup, have slowly improved, and started winning against some of the state's elite teams. The Blue Devils have beaten three-time defending Division 4 state champion New Lothrop and Division I's seventh-ranked team Brighton in recent weeks.

On Wednesday, the Blue Devils added another big victory to their resume.

The Blue Devils, who are ranked seventh in Division 3, defeated Goodrich, who is ranked sixth in Division 2, in a tight 30-28 verdict at Goodrich High School.

The Blue Devils went into the final match leading 30-24, meaning all Lake Fenton's Elan Hagenstein (140)

had to do was not get pinned against Goodrich's Dominic Edwards in the final match of the night. Hagenstein accomplished that task against Goodrich's eighth-ranked wrestler in Division 2, losing an 11-3 major decision, and giving the Blue Devils the win.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | MARK BOLEN

Fenton's Nick Wyrick dives to the floor for a loose ball in a recent game against Holly. Fenton lost to Davison on Wednesday, 78-55.

Tigers stick with Davison until fourth quarter, 78-55

By David Troppens

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The Fenton varsity boys basketball team tried to stick with Davison's squad which has lost just one game all season.

For three quarters, the Tigers did a pretty good job of doing just that, possibly giving the Tigers a chance to collect the victory.

However, the fourth quarter ended up being Fenton's demise. Davison outscored the Tigers 24-10 in the fourth period, resulting in a 78-55 nonleague loss against the Cardinals on Wednesday at Fenton High School. The game was rescheduled to Wednesday after it was postponed on Tuesday due to the icy weather conditions.

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Griffins remain hot, beat United, 8-5

■ Each team has a player score three goals in contest

By David Troppens

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Hartland — Anyone who enjoys offensive-oriented hockey games, would've enjoyed Wednesday's prep hockey contest between the Fenton/Linden Griffins and the KBH United teams.

The game featured 13 goals. It also had players on each team scoring three-goal hat tricks. Finally, it featured a player scoring two goals within six seconds of each other.

But during it all, it was the Griffins, a co-op squad consisting of Fenton and Linden players, that defeated the United squad (a co-op including players from Holly, Lake Fenton, Kearsley and Brandon) 8-5 at Hartland Sports Center.

Bobby Temple provided the Griffins' hat trick, scoring his third goal right when it looked like United was threatening to tie the game. He skated with the puck from the blue line, scoring with 2:32 remaining in the third period off of an assist from Ian Crampton. The goal put the Griffins up 7-5. If that goal didn't ice the victory, then the one by Dylan Meisch just 15 seconds later on assists by Brendan Buerkel and Kyle Chowning.

"It's always cool to have a hat trick," Temple said. "It takes a lot of help from your teammates. If a guy has two goals or is close to a milestone or career thing they'll try to help you get that next goal. I thank my teammates for that hat trick. They helped me get it — great passing."

After a

tough start to the season, the Griffins are on a nice roll as of late. The squad has gone 3-2-1 in its last six games and has been scoring goals, scoring 32 goals in that period.

"We are trying to forget the 2016 part of the season because we weren't playing that great, but we have better mentality and are staying more focused now," Temple said. "Right now our mind set is our next game, one game, and trying to build on from there."

Early on it looked like the game was going to be a reasonably routine victory for the Griffins. The Fenton/Linden squad scored four goals in the opening period and led 4-1 at the first intermission. Temple scored

two of those goals while Chowning and Brendan Miles scored the other two. The only United goal was provided by Landon Kash.

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United's Landon Kash (middle) scored on this shot vs. the Griffins. The Griffins won the game, 8-5.

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Powers' top-ranked hockey team charged by local athletes

■Chargers' goal to capture that elusive first-ever state title

By David Troppens

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Burton — If one goes to a Powers hockey practice, one has to be impressed.

Not a second is wasted. That's common for hockey practices where ice time is limited, but it seems the Chargers have perfected the art more than most teams.

Changes from one activity to another is done at the speed of a line change. Effort and efficiency is apparent. And maybe that's why the Flint Powers varsity hockey team, which includes many key players from the tri-county area, is not only the top-ranked team in Division 3, but also the top-ranked team in the entire state regardless of division.

The players think that it's this work ethic that has the Chargers at No. 1.

"I like our work ethic," senior captain and Holly Township resident Jake Polakowski said. "We work hard together. As a team we really work well and that's a big thing."

"It's the best feeling," Fenton resident Cam Conover said. "We have a great group of guys and we have a great tradition here. Day in and day out we are work-

ing hard and it's a lot of fun."

Powers is currently No. 1 for a reason. The Chargers are 13-0 and only two of their victories have been decided by just a goal. They have already beaten two of Michigan Hockey Hub's other Top 10 teams overall in the state (Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central and Orchard Lake St. Marys) and have beaten fellow Division 3 state-ranked Saginaw Heritage this season. They will face several other state-ranked teams before the regular season is over as well. They have outscored their foes 66-12 so far this season, and out-shot them 452-52.

"I really love coming to the rink and hanging with my boys," Fenton resident and Powers goalie Brady Stebbins said. "We come out here and work hard every day. We have a lot of seniors and it's great. We come out here and control what is going on. We do what we want and need to do, and it shows in our games."

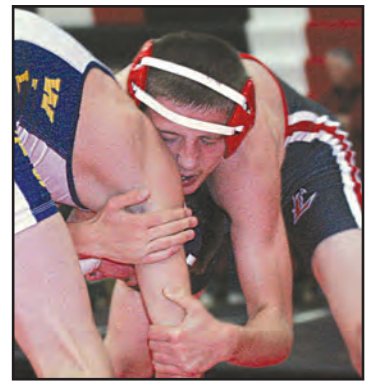
Like many of the great athletic teams in recent Powers history, the Chargers' hockey team can thank the tri-county area for many of its contributors. Polakowski is a four-year player with the program and is the squad's captain. Despite playing on defense, he's recorded 21 assists so far this season, ranking him second on the squad.

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(Top) Powers players (from left) Mason Weiss, Josh Warda and Brady Stebbins work during a recent practice. To the left, Powers players discuss an upcoming game against Davison. Powers won that game on Wednesday, 6-0.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES
DAVID TROPPENS

Linden's Jacob Dutton wrestles a recent foe. Dutton went 2-0 in the Eagles' dual meet against Holly and Clio on Wednesday.

Bronchos, Eagles split recent Metro wrestling matches

By David Troppens

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The Flint Metro League wrestling season is filled with a bunch of parity.

Minus league leaders Kearsley, it seems anyone can truly beat any other team any given night. And four of those teams smack dab in the middle of that parity battle were at Flushing High School.

Flushing swept Holly (35-33) and Clio (39-30). Meanwhile, Holly defeated Linden 44-33, assuring the Bronchos will finish no worse than a tie for second during the Metro dual portion of the schedule.

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PREP REPORT

WRESTLING

► Linden at the Chelsea Duals:

The Eagles (8-9) went 3-2 at the meet, defeating Northville, Jackson Northwest and Allen Park. Dawson Blank, (145), Patrick Kerr (152) and Jaylin Steedman (285) each went 5-0 while Justin Cygnar and Jacob Kitkowski went 4-1 each.

GIRLS SKIING

► Fenton/Linden vs. Grand Blanc:

The Fenton/Linden co-op squad defeated Grand Blanc 20-63 and Flushing 23-61.

In slalom Zoe Wienberg continued her outstanding career by dominating the event with a time of 56.61 seconds. Milo Keranen placed second (1:02.45) while Ashlyn Smith was third (1:02.77). Rachel Smith placed fifth (1:06.02).

In the giant slalom Weinberg posted the fastest time of anyone of either gender on Mt. Holly with a time of 40.48. The squad's other strong performers were Smith (42.80) who was second overall, Keranen (43.80), Rachel Smith (44.00), Emma Hiskcock (44.33) and Annie Koester (44.55). All six starters finished in the top 10 overall.

BOYS SKIING

► Fenton/Linden vs. Grand Blanc, vs. Flushing:

The Fenton/Linden boys defeated Flushing 20-62 and also defeated Grand Blanc 36-40. The Fenton/Linden boys defeated Grand Blanc in the slalom 10-34. Brendan McInerney won the event with a time of 56.37 seconds. The rest of Fenton/Linden's scorers were Tommy Kemp (56.63), Devon Mann (59.55) and Brandon Lapa (1:00.19).

In the giant slalom, the co-op's best performers were Chad Boehler (41.73), Brendan McInerney (42.43), Parker Bundy (43.10) and Ethan Gibson (43.79).

HOCKEY

► Powers 6, Davison 0: The Powers hockey squad, which includes many

players from the tri-county area, improved to 13-0 with the victory against Davison. The top-ranked team in the state was paced by Jon Thomas's two goals. Luke Evo, Brendan Smith and Conor Witherspoon had a goal each. Thomas and Witherspoon also had two assists each.

BOYS BOWLING

► Holly 20, Brandon 10: The Bronchos won the baker games and cruised to the victory. Holly's baker games were scores of 177 and 207. In match play, Eddie Sannder led the Bronchos with a 247-215-462 series.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

► Davison 52, Fenton 47: The Tigers were outscored 12-2 in the second quarter, resulting in the defeat. Fenton trailed 24-12 at the half, but did make a comeback, cutting the gap to three with four seconds remaining. However, Davison's Adrian Gill sank two free throws to end Fenton's threat. Chloe Idoni scored 24 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for Fenton. She also had three blocks and three steals. Aly Lenz had seven points and four steals.

BOYS BASKETBALL

► Lake Fenton JV 69, Goodrich 60:

The Blue Devils (7-1) were paced by Cody Schramm's 20 points while Hunter Schramm netted 14 points. Ben Muenzer had 14 points and 22 rebounds.

SWIMMING

► Fenton middle school 96, Corunna 64:

The Tigers' coed middle school swim program defeated Corunna easily. Two of strongest individual performances posted were by Olivia Woodward with a first-place finish in the 200 freestyle (2:28.84) and by Erin McVey with a first in the 50 backstroke (47.53). The 400 free-style relay team of Abby Dolliver, Parker Lammers, Sean Plunkett and Rosey Haney (4:48.39) also earned a first.



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George Peruski 1953-2017

George Peruski - age 63, passed away unexpectedly January 16, 2017 while traveling. He leaves behind his wife of 42 years, Sherie; daughters, Courtney Clausen (Greg) and Constance; three grandchildren: Gage, Sydney and Penelope; as well as two brothers, John (Carol) and Larry (Linda) and nieces & nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother, Tony. A gathering for family and friends will take place at the Fenton Community Center in Fenton on January 28, 2017 at 2 PM. His family and friends will miss him very much.



Mr. William H. "Bill" Ferguson 1948-2017

Mr. William H. "Bill" Ferguson - age 68, died suddenly January 16, 2017 at his home in Fenton. He is the loving husband of Lee Ann Ferguson. A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 28, 2017, at noon, at the Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main Street, Fenton. Friends may gather from 10 AM until the time of the Memorial Service at noon. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Karen G. Dahl 1940-2016

A celebration of Karen Dahl's life will be held Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 3 PM, Fenton United Methodist Church, 119 S. Leroy Street, Fenton, MI 48430. Reverend Jeff Jagers will be officiating. Contributions may be made to Fenton United Methodist Church and or Adopt-A-Pet of Fenton.

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Edward Evans - age 88, died January 15, 2017. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Rebecca Hoppe 1965-2017

Rebecca Hoppe - age 51, of Holly, died Wednesday, January 18, 2017. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Saturday, January 21, 2017 at Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church, 13667 Highland Road, Hartland. Reverend Christopher Thoma officiating. Burial in Beebe Cemetery, Rose Township. Visitation was held at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton Friday, January 20, 2017 from 3-8 PM and at church Saturday from 10 AM until the time of the service. Those desiring may make contributions to Well Spring Lutheran Services. Rebecca was born September 24, 1965 in Detroit, the daughter of Robert Ole and Betty Ann (Kendall) Teeg. She was a 1983 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and attended Michigan Tech University. She married Jeff Hoppe August 2, 1986 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bay City. She had resided in Holly since 1999 coming from Grand Blanc. She was a member of Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church. Surviving are: her husband, Jeff; daughter, Jennifer (Adrian) Atkinson; son, Jon Hoppe of Holly; mother, Betty Ann Teeg of Grosse Pointe; sisters, Sue (David) Sharpe of Texas, Kathy Teeg of Texas, and Vicky (Kirk) Miller of Florida; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Murl and Irene Hoppe of Florida; brother-in-law, Mike (Sally) Hoppe of Oregon; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Teeg. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Shantel Cerasoli

Shantel Cerasoli - age 26, died January 15, 2017. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Scott Graham Dingwall 1987-2017

Scott Graham Dingwall - age 30, of Holly. Scott was born on January 6, 1987 in Ypsilanti, MI. He is the beloved son of Douglas and Dora Dingwall. On Wednesday, January 18, 2017 Scott succumbed to injuries he sustained in an auto accident in 1990. He was surrounded by family, friends and his staff at the time of his passing. Visitation will be from 2-9 PM Sunday, January 22, 2017 and Monday, January 23, 2017 at Dryer Funeral Home 101 First St. Holly. Scott will be laid to rest at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. A celebration of Scott's awesome life will be held on Sunday, February 12, 2017 at 1 PM at the Genesys Conference and Banquet Center, 805 Health Park Blvd. Grand Blanc. He attended Holly Area Schools. His elementary years were at Patterson Elementary. At Sherman Middle School he was the catalyst in the production of, "Galaxy Wars." Mrs. Fiss and his fellow students sponsored a fundraising for The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis. He graduated in 2006 from Holly High School. He was recognized as the Hometown Hero that year. During his high school years Scott was a member of the International Thespian Society and was in 11 plays under the direction of Mr. Joe Mishler. He was recognized for his creativity and enthusiasm in his many stage performances. He was a 4-H member and attended the Oakland County fair. He achieved a 3rd-degree brown belt in karate from Sanchan-Ryu. Scott attended the University of Michigan Center for Language and Literacy in Ann Arbor from 2003-2013 and was profiled in the 2005 yearbook. While attending UCLL, Scott began Dog Obedience Trainer and Instructor classes and received a career diploma from Penn Foster Career School in 2013. Scott has worked for Paradise Dog Training. He has trained numerous dogs for people with many different types of disabilities. Henry for Henry Ford Hospital in West Bloomfield, Parker at Providence Hospital in Novi and Caesar in Brighton Area Schools were his first facility therapy dogs to be placed in the community. The Brain Injury Association of Michigan paid tribute to Scott at its annual Spring Dinner in 2013. The D-Man Foundation awarded Scott with the Spirit of Life award in 2014. The D-Man music therapy embraced

Scott's love for music and performing with the production of a CD of his songs. He also produced a music video with his song, "Red Zone". The D-Man Foundation made it possible for Scott to be the honorary captain of a Pistons game in February of 2015. Spending time with his family and friends has been one of his greatest enjoyments. He did so by sharing his favorite movies and attending big name concerts with them. He was able to travel to Chicago, up north, Florida and had many outings which included trips to the zoo, museums and camping. Scott spent many hours outside walking his beloved service dog Marlo, and his two cats Mokey and Jenner. He will be missed by his pets. Scott loved all animals. He was particularly interested in the Friesian breed of horses and he was fortunate to meet Prodigy, a Friesian show horse from Transitions Equestrian Center and became friends with Melissa Ashcraft, Prodigy's trainer. Scott attended Calvary United Methodist Church. He was active in the church's youth group activities. At the Thanksgiving dinners he was the official greeter. The church family has supported him through his life's journey. He leaves behind his very closest cousin Jenna Huskinson and his "Bro" Corey Baron. He will be sadly missed by many loving aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by both his grandparents: Tom and Effie Killebrew and Jim and Margret Dingwall, along with other aunts, uncles and cousins. The family wishes to thank everyone involved in Scott's life journey. It is difficult to acknowledge individuals with the complexity and longevity of Scott's life. Please accept our heartfelt gratitude for everyone who is a chapter in Scott Dingwall's book of life which speaks volumes. Scott's spirit has inspired others with his resilience to overcome life changing obstacles in that he viewed every day as an awesome day. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to Brain Injury Association, Brighton, MI, Calvary United Methodist Church, Holly, MI, D-Man Foundation, Rochester, MI, or Paradise Dog Training, Fenton, MI. If you wish to send a condolence or share a memory of Scott with Doug and Dora, please do so at www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

Olga A. DeValerio

Olga A. DeValerio - age 91, age January 18, 2017. www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Claude Shelton

Claude Shelton - age 89, age January 19, 2017. www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Bernadine McKenna

Bernadine McKenna - age 88, died January 19, 2017. www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Donald Benning Sr.

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James John Rausch 1933-2017

James John Rausch - age 84, of Fenton, died Wednesday, January 18, 2017. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM, Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Fr. David Harvey celebrant. Entombment in the Mausoleum at Oakwood Cemetery, Saginaw. Visitation will be held at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton, Monday, January 30, 2017 from 2-4 and 6-8 PM, where a Knights of Columbus Memorial service will be held at 7 PM and at church Tuesday, January 31, 2017 from 10 AM until the time of the Mass. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 114, 30905 Plymouth Rd., Livonia, MI 48150. Surviving are: his wife of 59 years, Ora Mae; children, Mark (Linda) Rausch of Canton, Debra Welsh of Redford, and Diane (Jeffrey) Hoffman of Redford; grandson, James Richard Rausch of Canton. He was preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Robert M. Rausch; son-in-law, Kenneth Welsh; and brother, Richard Rausch. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Freda Ridge

Freda Ridge - age 91, died January 16, 2017. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Grant Serrell

Grant Serrell - age 95, died January 16, 2017. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Jean Coselman

Jean Coselman - age 87, died January 15, 2017. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Margaret Rainey 1936-2017

Margaret Rainey - 80, of Holly, passed away with her family by her side on January 17, 2017 from complications of open heart surgery. She was preceded in death by her husband of 43 years, Ronald R. Rainey. A memorial service will be held at the Holly Presbyterian Church on January 28, 2017 at 11 AM with fellowship and lunch following the service. Margaret was born on May 10, 1936 to John and Elizabeth Adams of Holly. She devoted her spare time to quilting, sewing, reading, Mahjong, and movies. Margaret also loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and traveling. Margaret was a librarian at the Holly Township Library for over 30 years and a member of the Holly Presbyterian Church. At the library, she was well known for being helpful and often researched Holly history and worked for decades with children during story hour. Margaret is survived by her son Frank (Laura), daughters, Elizabeth Thoreson (Donald), and Rhonda Bowling (Bill); seven beloved grandchildren, Katie, Amanda, and Genny Rainey; Erik and Alex Thoreson; Cecelia Borema and Mae Whiteside; as well as eight great-grandchildren she adored. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, St. Jude's Children Hospital, or the Holly Presbyterian Church. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

Mary Sherman

Mary Sherman - age 78, died January 16, 2017. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Mary Tymrak

Mary Tymrak - age 88, died January 16, 2017. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Phuong Burton

Phuong Burton - age 53, died January 16, 2017. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Stanford Stewart Swartz 1918-2017

Stanford Stewart Swartz - age 98, of Phoenix, AZ, formerly of Fenton, died Friday, January 13, 2017. Services have been held. Stan was born February 14, 1918 in Lima, OH, the son of Jacob and Alice (Lightfoot) Swartz. He grew up and went to school in Fenton. He was a veteran of WWII serving in the U.S. Army and was a Pearl Harbor survivor. Stan started the first taxi service in Fenton in 1937. Surviving are: son, Kenneth Swartz; daughter, Nancy Swartz; grandson, Vincent Swartz; two great-grandchildren; sisters, Evelyn Koller and Dorothy Bazy; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Marjorie Ruckel, Jean Freeman, Virginia Mitchell and Beverly Swartz; brothers, Bib, Jacob, Jr., and Clifford Swartz.

Phyllis Trundle

Phyllis Trundle - age 77, died January 16, 2017. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Rosalind Silver

Rosalind Silver - age 76, died January 16, 2017. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Loretta Krumlauf

Loretta Krumlauf - age 94, died January 17, 2017. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Christopher Martin

Christopher Martin - age 33, died January 17, 2017. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Kathleen Bailey

Kathleen Bailey - age 66, died January 17, 2017. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Mary Stoerker

Mary Stoerker - age 93, died January 18, 2017. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Raymond Fuller

Raymond Fuller - age 72, died January 19, 2017. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Helen Aurand

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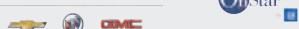
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