

County passes first round of 'Tobacco 21'

■ Raising age to buy cigarettes could be decided by voters

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"Tobacco 21," the nationwide movement to prohibit the sale of tobacco products to anyone under 21 years old has reached Genesee County.

On Monday, Jan. 30, a majority of the

Genesee County Board of Commissioners voted in favor of raising the age to purchase tobacco products from 18 to 21.

It will not become local law, however, until the final vote at the board's Feb. 14 meeting, after the Genesee County Board of Health, acting on behalf of the Genesee County Health Department, has a chance to discuss it further, according to Drew Shapiro of Fenton, county commissioner for District 6

representing southern Genesee County.

County health officials, like those around the country, claim raising the age to purchase tobacco from 18 to 21 will deter many youngsters from starting the smoking habit to begin with.

They say tobacco use is the number one cause of death in Michigan and continues to be an urgent public health challenge.

Health department statistics show that 16,200 Michigan adults die from

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Whether it happens by a vote of the Genesee County Board of Commissioners or a vote of the people on May 2, the age to purchase tobacco products may go up from 18 to 21 years old.



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911 surcharge request will go on May 2 ballot

■ Increase from \$1.24 to \$1.86 per phone each month

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The Genesee County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously on Monday, Jan. 30, to place the matter of increasing the 911 surcharge fee on the May 2 ballot.

If approved by the voters, the per-device fee will go up from \$1.24 to \$1.86, which will generate \$2.6 million for county 911 operations.

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

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

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ALAMY

Groundhog Handler John Griffiths holds up weather prognosticating groundhog Punxsutawney Phil after his annual prediction on Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, on a past Groundhog Day. Phil saw his shadow, which meant six more weeks of winter that year. **See story on Page 3.**

Vicious dog ordinance considered

■ Resident urges action after pets repeatedly attacked

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Argentine Twp. — The Argentine Township Board of Trustees may consider a vicious dog ordinance, following the request of an Argentine Township resident who said his three family dogs were attacked.

On Monday, Joel Gibson, who lives with his wife, told township officials

about the long history of violence from their neighbor's dog, a German Shepherd, dating back to 2013.

Gibson said a neighbor's dog attacked their first two dogs numerous times, and one died from sustained injuries. The neighbor's dog attacked their third dog, Gibson said, and he and his wife have made numerous trips to local animal hospitals.

"There's history here where we've had some problems with a

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Tubbs gets one more chance

■ Has until Feb. 10 to come up with \$200,000 or judge says he will be doing prison time

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Thomas (Tommy) Tubbs, 45, of Grand Blanc, the former Fenton real estate agent accused of real estate fraud, may be sentenced to jail time next month if he doesn't

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“Why is the ‘Fenton Be Closer’ website used to promote certain restaurants in town? It should be an unbiased site. Tax dollars shouldn't be used to promote certain businesses. Who is in charge of this? Fix it please.”



“When you watch on TV, the pictures of the refugees leaving their countries, please note that most of these people are men. Some woman and children but many men. Why are they not in their countries trying to defeat their enemies by joining the military?”



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Groundhog Day has German roots

■ A special 'elixir' is said to add seven years to his life each year

Compiled By Vera Hogan

On Feb. 2, 1887, Groundhog Day, featuring a rodent meteorologist, is celebrated for the first time at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.

According to tradition, if a groundhog comes out of its hole on this day and sees its shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter weather; no shadow means an early spring.

Groundhog Day has its roots in the ancient Christian tradition of Candlemas Day, when clergy would bless and distribute candles needed for winter. The candles represented how long and cold the winter would be. Germans expanded on this concept by selecting an animal — the hedgehog — as a means of predicting weather. Once they came to America, German settlers in Pennsylvania continued the tradition, although they switched from hedgehogs to groundhogs, which were plentiful in that state.

Groundhogs, also called woodchucks, and whose scientific name is *Marmota monax*, typically weigh 12 to 15 pounds and live six to eight years. They eat vegetables and fruits, whistle when they're frightened or looking for a mate and can climb trees and swim.

They go into hibernation in the late fall; during this time, their body temperatures drop significantly, their heartbeats slow from 80 to five beats per minute and they can lose 30 percent of

their body fat.

In February, male groundhogs emerge from their burrows to look for a mate before going underground again. They come out of hibernation for good in March.

In 1887, a newspaper editor belonging to a group of groundhog hunters from Punxsutawney called the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club declared that "Phil," the Punxsutawney groundhog, was America's only true weather-forecasting groundhog.

The line of groundhogs that have since been known as Phil might be America's most famous groundhogs, but other towns across North America now have their own weather-predicting rodents, from Birmingham Bill to Staten Island Chuck to Shubenacadie Sam in Canada.

"Woody," Michigan's official groundhog lives at the Howell Conference and Nature Center. Woody, by the way, is a girl.

In 1993, the movie "Groundhog Day" starring Bill Murray popularized the usage of "groundhog day" to mean something that is repeated over and over.

Today, tens of thousands of people converge on Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney each Feb. 2 to witness Phil's prediction. The Punxsutawney Groundhog Club hosts a three-day celebration featuring entertainment and activities.

Source: history.com

Fun Facts About Phil and Punxsutawney, PA

- Punxsutawney Phil is the only true weather forecasting groundhog. The others are just imposters, according to his Punxsutawney people.
- The name Punxsutawney comes from the Indian "ponksad-uteney," which means the "town of the sandflies." The location was originally settled by Delaware Indians in 1723. The town is located about two hours northwest of Pittsburgh.
- Most of Phil's time is spent relaxing in a climate-controlled home at the Punxsutawney Library, with his wife, Phyllis, (who apparently doesn't know that he emerges from his burrow every year to look for a mate. The shame of it all.)
- On Groundhog Day, Phil waits in his heated burrow until 7:25 a.m., when it is time for him to deliver his prediction.
- In 1887, a year after the first observance on Feb. 2, an official ceremony was held at Gobbler's Knob and "Phil" was named and proclaimed the one and only official weather predicting groundhog. He has been doing it for over 120 years since.
- His longevity is derived from an elixir he sips during the summer Groundhog Picnic, which adds seven additional years to his life.

Source: weatherdiscovery.org



Tasty groundhog grilling recipes

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Tomorrow is Groundhog Day and another chance for us to fool ourselves and let a rodent, one in Pennsylvania no less, predict whether we have six more weeks of winter, or if spring is just around the corner.

Legend has it that on the morning of Feb. 2, if the groundhog comes out of his hole and sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter. If he does not see his shadow, spring is just around the corner.

The whole thing is relative. We are going to have six more weeks of winter either way since the first day of spring doesn't arrive until March 20, which of course, is "just around the corner."

Let's be practical about this.

Groundhog can be eaten, so why not give it a try? How to acquire a groundhog can present a challenge though. Since it would be dangerous to yank the rodent out of his hole, and illegal to shoot him depending on where you live, there needs to be another way. Perhaps the best sources for getting groundhogs are avid hunters, local farmers or a grocer. If you are successful in acquiring one or more groundhogs, here is a tasty sounding recipe that might just give new meaning to the Feb. 2 observance.

How about some "Country-style Groundhog." Sounds yummy, doesn't it?

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Liberal media should not be trusted

I'm going to use my columnist soapbox to clarify something the mainstream media seems to be struggling with.

The obviously jobless people you see rioting on TV each day are not students, nor well-intentioned average Americans. They are overwhelmingly third-generation career welfare parasites, paid thugs and various illegal immigrants who are looting, burning and carjacking their way across America, leaving a trail of ruined lives and destroyed businesses in their wake. They are a for-profit organization (cigarettes, beer, lotto tickets and potato chips looted from minority owned liquor stores) whose only interest is in enriching themselves at the expense of hard-working small-business owners. It is highly doubtful that any of them have ever voted in their life, nor held a job, nor contributed anything of a positive nature to society other than higher ratings for mainstream news organizations and a massive increase in the sale of 'medical marijuana.'

Speaking of news organizations, will someone in the media (besides FOX) please have the testicular fortitude to identify these civil disturbances for what they really are? As everyone with a brainium in their cranium knows, they are 'pro-Hillary' tantrums not 'anti-Trump' riots. Oops. Strike one.

And, speaking of the media, they may well have killed the 'credibility factor' that is the lifeblood of all serious news organizations with their misguided and one-sided election coverage. MSNBC, The New York Times, CNN and dozens of other high-profile news outlets choked on their own arrogance with their blatantly biased coverage by making an 'all-in' bet on Hillary, while unashamedly mocking Donald Trump's chances of becoming president. Oops! Strike two.

We all watched as a parade of prissy, well-paid pollsters with their color-coded graphs smugly assured us that Hillary was a shoe-in because...well, because that was the result they wanted. It's interesting to note that historically, legitimate unbiased polls

have a 90-percent-plus history of accurately predicting election results. Conclusion? The data was skewed by them for the simple reason that they themselves refused to accept the premise that America could possibly choose Trump over Hillary. Their smug arrogance defied all historic standards of media impartiality. Oops! Strike three... yooooou're out!

But, I digress. So, after 51 percent of the 309 million citizens of America were treated to the delectable spectacle of a reality check in the form of state after state going red on election night, how did the mainstream media react? Did they humbly accept responsibility for letting their personal agendas get in the way of their professional responsibilities? Uh, no. In fact, many doubled down on their bet by frantically grabbing hold of the fragile (and meaningless) fact that Hillary won the 'popular vote.' Most were simply silent, likely wondering how they could have made such fools of themselves.

To recap, intentional inaccuracies, manufactured drama, blatant bias, obvious outrage and opinions disguised as facts pretty much sums up the mainstream media's 2017 election legacy. And a weary nation appears to have recognized their criminally-misrepresented betrayal of their trust.

This barefaced betrayal of us, as well as a blatant disregard for their revered code of ethics, does not bode well for them in the future.

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I RESPECT THE right to march and dissent. However, who paid for all these trips to the capital? Who could afford to take two to three days off work? How many receive EBT cards and assistance but can afford to make the trip to march? Just wondering.

THE FIRST COMMENT made by President Trump's press secretary was a comment disputing the crowd size for Trump's inauguration. It sounded like something I would expect to hear from North Korea.

I AM CONSERVATIVE on some things and liberal on others. I cannot for the life of me, however, see how my Republican friends can justify the horrible things Trump says to people. He attacks anyone who disagrees with him.

GO AHEAD AND go to Flint and save a few pennies a gallon. What you might be saving when you buy gas in Fenton is your life. Most carjacks take place in gas stations. Shut up about a few cents and be thankful you live in Fenton.

LISTENING TO WHAT Ashley Judd and Madonna said the other day was sickening. Madonna was actually reading off a script and Judd seemed like she was on something talking about swastikas and slavery. Has the world really gone as mad as this?

THE SOUTHERN LAKES Parks and Rec classes used to be a good deal — for the benefit of the citizens of this area.

TO THE PERSON poaching deer on the north side of Lahring Road west of Hoisington, I gave the DNR your address. You may get a visit soon.

PICTURES? I CAN tell Democrats from Republicans by video. Democrats are the people starting fires, breaking windows and looting. Republicans are the people cleaning up the mess.

TO FELLOW HOT-LINER asking, 'Who is paying these protesters to create havoc?' The answer is George Soros.

TRUMP IS DRAINING the swamp. None of Trump's cabinet nominees belongs to the globalist, Council on Foreign Relations. Since the 1950s, the CFR has controlled our foreign policy leading to thousands of deaths in no-win wars. CFR members also created the trade agreements that destroyed our economy.

CHERNOBYL, FUKUSHIMA DISASTERS and then the Flint water system, what's the difference? People were evacuated from Chernobyl and Fukushima but not in Flint. The government has continued to poison the citizens for three years.

TURN SIGNALS GO on way before your turn is coming up. Put the phones away, pay attention, and show some courtesy to those around you. The number one cause of road rage is rude driving.

YOU PRAY FOR me. I'll think for you.

I AM A woman and it amazes me that it seems more women want to abort babies then have them. There should be only three reasons for abortion; incest, rape, and that the baby's or mother's life is in danger.

HILLARY'S REAL PERSONALITY. Told Secret Service agent to 'F' off when he said good morning to her. Told another to get the 'F' away from her.

ONE OF TRUMP'S first acts as president was to raise FHA rates. I hope the struggling Americans who voted for him are happy with this act.

FYI - I HAVE city water, which yearly tests fine, at my older home. I had my personal home's water checked by DEQ. The lead level was .010. The maximum accepted level is .015. I suspect many of our older homes run high, especially if pipes have not been updated. Be safe. It only cost \$18 to check.

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How is your sense of direction?



"I think I base stuff in relationship to the mall, but I don't get lost often."

—Lara Affrica
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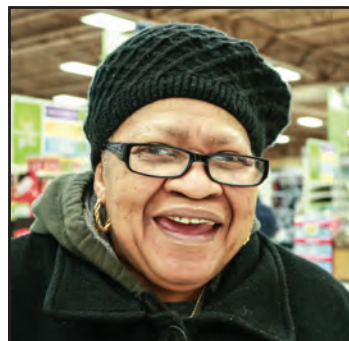
"When I deer hunt I got lost two out of the four times I have gone. My boys had to come find me but it's usually pretty good."

—Jeff Kujacznski
Fenton



"Not very good. I get lost pretty often. I don't know north, east, south or west."

—Chris Drew
Grand Blanc Township



"I do not get lost because I don't go far. This area has everything I need nearby."

—Patricia Riouse
Fenton



"I don't get lost. I always know before heading out where I am going. I read the Michigan map before."

—John Felch
Linden

streettalk

Who's better at directions – men or women?

■ Your brain and behavior are biggest factors in how well you can navigate from Point A to B

By Sally Rummel

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Do you remember family vacations in your old station wagon when your mom was flipping the pages of the AAA TripTik, helping your dad navigate their way on the road to somewhere?

Those days are mostly gone, thanks to GPS, MapQuest and Google Maps. But what if you didn't have these navigational tools and had to rely on your own sense of direction?

Some people would certainly fare better than others.

"Pat has an amazing sense of direction; me, not so much," said Ted Goupil of Fenton Township. "She used to do all the hour tour mapping for her real estate office each week. She'd take all the addresses of the homes to view each week, then map out the shortest and most direct routes for the caravan of agents to follow. She would then lead the caravan."

"She operates on an east-west-north-south system, instead of left-right, when she gives people directions," he added. "Most often, they have no idea what she's talking about."

A person's sense of direction is actually a complex mix of external cues and the way our brains work, according to medicaldaily.com.

Our sense of navigation is located in the same region of the brain that is responsible for maintaining memory. While memory is intertwined with our sense of direction, it's not the whole picture.

All mammals have at least some innate directional abilities from birth, according to brainscape.com. Much like our brains are pre-wired to learn to speak, our brains are wired from before birth to understand directions.

We have three types of cells in the hippocampus of our brains that help us instinctively understand where we are in relation to the rest of the world, and that gives us our sense of direction.

Who's a better navigator – a man or woman?

Many studies show that on the average, men outpace women at spatial processing, which appears to lead to slightly better navigation skill. However, it appears that the gender differences in navigational skills seem to have more to do with behavior and brain differences than hormones, according to medicaldaily.com.

Some of the differences seem to arise from our ancient past. Men used to be hunters and women were gatherers; therefore, their brains evolved differently. In simple terms, one researcher put it: "Women are faster at finding things in the house, and men are faster at finding the house."

Obviously, there are exceptions to every rule — just talk to Ted Goupil, "Pat's uncanny about knowing which direction we are traveling, and she's always right. She is my GPS."

Use it or lose it

Like most skills, directional awareness improves with use and decays with non-use. It happens much faster than most people realize, according to brainscape.com.



Studies indicate that sense of direction is hindered in the short-term after just a few hours of using GPS. In addition to a simple lack of paying attention due to the automatic direction, it's also because a person's not using their innate directional instincts.

"I used to drive to different states without maps or anything," said Times Sports Editor David Troppens of Fenton. "But as I've gotten older, I've gotten worse, worse and worse. I think I probably went from the top 5 percent in terms of sense of direction to about the bottom 5 percent."

Hewitt Judson of Fenton Township prides himself on being good at directions. In fact, so much so that his daughters, Jennifer Judson Wright and Julie Jo Phillips, always call him to ask for directions.

"They call me their 'GPS' — Grandpa Positioning System," said Judson.

"Seriously the truth," said Wright. "Dad knows where every high school gym is in the state of Michigan and much, much more."

Phillips added that she would call her dad when lost. Judson would respond by saying, "Alright, tell me where you're trying to be and what you're looking at right now."

How to improve your sense of direction

• Create a mental map

Review a map of your proposed route before heading out, and even trace it with your finger. It will help provide context for your route. Take note of landmarks, like bodies of water, stores and streets that will help visually guide you.

Upon arrival, review the map and the route you took to reinforce the memory of how you got there.

• Be mindful of place

Stop and enjoy the scenery. Set your phone to vibrate every 15 minutes to remind you to note where you are. Take notes and comment about what you see. This will help orient you and strengthen connections in your brain about where you are and have been.

• Try not to get stressed

Stress will make it more likely you become disoriented and confused.

• Put the technology away

GPS devices or apps on smartphones can be crutches that inhibit the development of a better sense of direction. While they may help navigate in unfamiliar places, they can make it challenging to learn on your own. Paper maps offer a better overview of where you are headed than small screens of smartphones.

• Take different routes to the same place

This will increase your awareness of how going in different directions can help you get to the same destination.

• Figure out where north is

This will lead to a greater awareness of where you are in relation to streets, buildings and landmarks.

Source: NYTimes.com

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Clara's Hope works to build strong families

■ Private organization headquartered in Fenton supports local foster and adoptive families

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Shanon and Steve White of Argentine Township adopted their four oldest children at about the same time they were told they wouldn't be able to have children of their own.

Larkyn, 16, Alex, 15, Jaylen, 12 and Cameron, 11, are actually the White's niece and nephews, all born to Shanon's sister with four different fathers.

Bi-polar and addicted to drugs, her sister died in 2008, but not before her children had been removed from her care several times, ending up under the care of grandparents and the foster care system.

As fate and faith stepped in, the Whites went on to have their own two biological children, Andrew, now 4 and Isaac, 1½. The adopted kids also have a biological brother, Dylan, whom they see, but he doesn't live with them.

"When we first started the process of foster care classes and adoption, we were totally on our own," said Shanon. "Everything an adoptive parent goes through, developmental delays, attachment issues, we just had to deal with it. We were the only ones we knew who had adopted."

That is, until they moved to Deerfield Township two years ago and found Clara's Hope, a foster care and adop-

tive support organization that focuses on families in Genesee and Livingston counties. This ministry is housed at The Freedom Center in Fenton, founded by adoptive/foster parents Dave and Tami Kromer with a social worker on staff.

"Now we've found that there's another way to do adoption," said Shanon. "We've seen both sides. So many people in Clara's Hope have made us feel more normal, like a regular family."

Providing supplies like diapers, baby wipes, formula, socks and underwear, toys and blankets and offering therapy sessions, seminars and meal delivery are just some of the services available to local foster and adoptive families.

"Basically, we fill in the gap between what agencies are able to offer," said Tami. "They don't have the time or the resources. We focus on the whole family. Most people who adopt find that the rest of the family gets kind of left out. We address issues before they come up. We want to help prevent crisis."

Clara's Hope was founded after the Kromers adopted Clara, born with a terminal condition, hydranencephaly, where the brain's cerebral hemispheres are absent to varying degrees and filled with cerebrospinal fluid. "We were chosen to be her family," said Tami. "We had the opportunity to experience pure love with her. She passed away at 8 months, 8 days. She taught a community what love looks like. We are here to share that vision and give more children a chance at hope. She's our 'why.'"

Clara's Hope is privately funded and works directly with about 25 to 30 fami-



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Shanon White and her husband, Steve (not pictured), adopted her niece and three nephews under tragic circumstances — her sister died in 2008. The family has used the resources of non-profit organization Clara's Hope for support. Seated on the couch from left, is biological son Andrew, 4, with adopted child Alex, 15. Shanon is holding her biological son, Isaac, 19 months, seated beside Jaylen, 12. Seated on the floor are Cameron, 11, and Larkyn, 16.

lies. They pride themselves on working through community resources, including schools and local families.

Fifth-graders at State Road Elementary School in Fenton work on fundraisers and write letters of support to families. Local students support the "Socktober" event that provides the bulk of socks and underwear provided for foster care bags that go to all foster care agencies in Livingston and Genesee counties. "They are handed out when children enter foster care," said Tami.

Clara's Hope will be raising money through their second annual Silent Auction on Friday, Feb. 3 at 6:30 p.m. at The Freedom Center.

For more information, visit you-fitrightin.evenbrite.com.

"Community building community — that's how we build families," said Tami.

Adoption and foster care by the numbers

- Michigan has more than 3,000 children who have parents whose parental rights have been terminated and they are waiting to be adopted.
- Genesee County has 250 to 300 licensed foster care homes, with 600 to 800 children in care.
- Livingston County has 54 licensed foster care home and 150 to 200 children in their care.
- Seventy percent of foster parents quit after the first placement.
- Nationally, the average length of stay in foster care is 2 ½ years. The average age is 9 to 10 years of age.

Source: Clara's Hope



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HOT LINE CONTINUED

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WHEN TRUMP PLACES that 20-percent tariff on goods imported from Mexico, who will pay that fee? American consumers will pay in the form of higher product costs. Mexico will retaliate with a tariff of their own and we will again pay for that increase.

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HOW CAN ANYONE think that a person who has filed for bankruptcy in business multiple times is remotely qualified to be in command of our nation?

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RESPONDING TO 'STUPIDITY' of people in large numbers: Yesterday was the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. I was thrilled to see it, no way were these people stupid.

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THE LEVEL OF pure hate for President Obama exhibited by many conservatives is evidence of the immaturity they demonstrate when they don't get their way. Grow up and act like an American. The world is watching you.

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Come celebrate the 'Winter Blues'

■ Fenton Education Foundation dinner raises funds for academics, arts and athletics

By Vera Hogan

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Are you looking to beat the winter blues with a casual, fun night out with your honey?

The Fenton Education Foundation Board of Directors is hosting its third annual Winter Blues Dinner on Friday, Feb. 10.

It will be held at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center, 150 S. LeRoy St., Fenton. The evening will begin with a 6:30 p.m. cocktail hour. A buffet-style dinner will be served between 7 and 7:30 p.m., provided by Sherry's Catering of Fenton.

Guests will dance the night away to entertainment provided by "Newsmaker," a band that hails from Flint.

According to artisttrove.com, Newsmaker began making a name for itself for more than 25 years, performing in some of Flint's hottest clubs. Led by drummer, Perry Joseph and fronted by his sister, Kori Roberts, the band has become a local legend.

At Winter Blues, there will be silent auction items available and onsite raffles.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

"Newsmaker" will perform at the third annual Fenton Education Foundation Winter Blues Fest on Friday, Feb. 10.

"There also will be a wonderful display of art at the event, provided by the students from each of our Fenton Area Public Schools," said Julie Straffon, FEF board member.

The cost is \$60 per person, or \$120 per couple. That includes an open bar (wine, beer, and liquor) along with a complete dinner and live music. Attire is casual, including jeans.

Tickets may be purchased at www.fenteducationfoundation.org.

"A casual evening of drinks, dining, and entertainment for \$60 while supporting the academic, arts, and athletic areas of our school district — you can't beat it," said Straffon.

GRILLING

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You will need the following ingredients:

1. 7 individual groundhogs
2. ½ cup flour
3. ¼ tsp. salt
4. ¼ tsp. pepper
5. ¼ tsp. soda
6. ¼ c. cooking oil
7. ½ tsp. sugar

Prepare groundhog by removing the small sacs in the back and under the forearm. Soak groundhog overnight in salted water. This will help remove the gamey flavor. Combine flour, salt, pepper, and soda; use as a rub on the groundhog.

Brown the groundhog in hot oil in the skillet, and sprinkle with sugar. Reduce heat, add 1-½ cup water. Cover, simmer for about 30 minutes or until tender. Remove cover; let cook for an additional 10 minutes.

Here's another one — Baked Groundhog. You'll need:

1. Ground Hog
2. Spicewood branches
3. Salt, pepper to taste
4. Flour
5. Bacon grease or ½ cup shortening

Dress and cut the groundhog. Bring water to a boil on the stove, and then place the groundhog in boiling water.

Break spicewood branches, and put into the pot. Continue boiling until groundhog is tender. Remove groundhog from pot. Season with salt and pepper, then roll in flour and bacon grease. Put in oven and bake until golden brown.

For more groundhog recipes, like Groundhog and Sweet Potatoes, Oriental Groundhog with a Teriyaki glaze, and Waco Groundhog in Sour Cream, visit newsmax.com and look up groundhog recipes. And yes, you do have to skin them before cooking.

Enjoy ... and don't forget the toothpicks.

Police&Fire report

INTRUDER WEARING COWBOY HAT

Fenton police received an "unlawful entry" report on Jan. 20. A 23-year-old man told police that at approximately 9 p.m. he heard something at the side door of his garage and then saw an unknown man standing in his kitchen. The resident said the intruder, described as a white male, in his 60s, with silver hair and wearing a red flannel shirt and cowboy hat, walked in asking "Are you ready to go?" When the intruder saw the resident he appeared to be confused and quickly left the home on Whisperwood Trail. Police do not think the intruder had criminal intent, but rather chose the wrong home to walk into.

SMASH AND GRAB

Fenton police are investigating a larceny complaint, which occurred between 10 and 11:10 p.m. on Jan. 20 in a parking lot of a restaurant in the 700 block of Torrey Road. Lt. Jason Slater said a 28-year-old Howell woman returned

to her locked Chevy Sonic in the parking lot and noticed that someone had smashed the right passenger window. Her \$250 Dooney & Bourke purse containing cash and personal belongings, which had been on the floor, was missing. Police are working with the business to review the surveillance video footage to identify the thief.

\$441 SHOPPING SPREE

Fenton police are investigating a retail fraud from a store on Owen Road at 11 a.m. on Jan. 20. A man, later identified as a 49-year-old Highland resident, and an unidentified woman, entered the store together. An employee told police that they observed the woman place several items in the cart, abandon the cart and then exit the store alone. The man stayed with the cart and added additional items. He then pushed the cart out of the store without paying. The man told police that he needed the items but he had no means of paying for the \$441 worth of merchandise. He was arrested for retail fraud and has an April 3 court hearing. He did not reveal the identity of the woman.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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

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IF IT'S NOT a religious ban then why are all Christians allowed in? Hate will breed more hate.

■■■
JUST A SUGGESTION to the Times. How about putting all of the political Hot lines in their own area. I am so beyond sick of reading what Obama lovers and Trump lovers are complaining about. People are out of control with their hatred — on both sides. Lighten up people.

■■■
I AM THANKFUL that we finally have a president that is putting Americans' safety and security above foreigners' interests and that the common senseless are protesting.



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'TOBACCO 21'

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smoking-related diseases each year, and that nearly one in 10 Michigan youth alive today will die early from smoking-related diseases.

Tobacco use can cause disease in nearly all organ systems and is responsible for 87 percent of lung cancer deaths, 79 percent of all COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder) deaths, and 32 percent of coronary heart disease deaths.

Health officials claim that every year, smoking costs Michigan nearly \$9.4 billion in direct healthcare expenses and lost productivity. A 2014 Genesee County Health Needs Assessment shows that nearly 95 percent of smokers began the habit before age 21.

Shapiro said "Smoking is certainly a public health issue and I appreciate the intent of this change."

Shapiro said he abstained from voting because he introduced a friendly amendment, taking the age restriction from the ordinance and making it a May 2 ballot referendum.

On the Board of Commissioners making the final decision, Shapiro said, "I don't think it's the prerogative of nine county commissioners to pass a law of this nature, something which affects a half a million residents of Genesee County."

"My conservative principles show through because I believe in limited government and returning power to the people. If 70 percent of the population supports raising the tobacco purchase age, there should be no problem passing it in a referendum vote."

Shapiro said heroin is illegal in Genesee County, cocaine is illegal in Genesee

County, methamphetamine use is illegal in Genesee County — these are the more prevalent problems to be addressing.

"If passed, this new law would not make it illegal for someone 18, 19 or 21 to smoke cigarettes in Genesee County," Shapiro said. "There's nothing to stop a 21-year-old guy from giving his 19-year-old sibling cigarettes. Or, for those of us who live within five minutes of two county lines (Livingston and Oakland), what's to stop someone 18, 19 or 20 years old, from driving over the county line and picking up a carton of cigarettes instead of one pack. Because there's a carton in the front seat of his car now, he might smoke two packs a day instead of one."

Shapiro said he will again, on Feb. 14, propose that the matter of raising the tobacco product purchasing age from 18 to 21 on the May 2 ballot.

In August 2016, the city of Ann Arbor became the first city in Michigan to raise the age to purchase tobacco products from 18 to 21 years old. During City Council deliberations it was argued by two of the naysayers that Michigan's Tobacco Products Tax Act of 1993 prohibits local governments from imposing any new requirement or prohibition pertaining to the sale or licensure of tobacco products for distribution purposes.

Despite that, the council voted 9 to 2 in favor of raising the minimum age to purchase tobacco products to 21. The majority agreed that the risk of any resulting court action would be worth it, and they hope the measure will eventually become state law.

The Muskegon County Board of Commissioners approved a resolution to support "Tobacco 21" at its Dec. 20, 2016 meeting.

VICIOUS DOG

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neighborhood dog. It killed our first dog. It attacked our dogs on our property, on our fence line several times," he said.

Gibson made sure to tell the township he wasn't proposing a breed ban. "When you have a vicious dog like this...the dog needs to be penned up," he said. His neighbors have an invisible fence, but Gibson said they do not always stop dogs from leaving the yard because batteries run out in the collar.

Argentine police have been involved, as well as Genesee County Animal Control (GCAC).

"We have a gap," Gibson said. Without a vicious dog ordinance, there's not much authorities can do even though they've documented this long history of violence with the neighbor's dog.

"Really, we don't feel safe. Our other neighbors feel the same way," Gibson said. "Without a vicious dog ordinance here, there's not much that can be done."

He suggested adopting an ordinance other townships use that have been tested and won in court.

"I think it's a very reasonable approach. I think it fills a gap that is very much needed in our township to protect our animals, to protect our children and it protects the owner's rights as a dog owner."

Treasurer Norm Schmidt said they have a dog ordinance, but it does not cover vicious dogs. He asked Attorney David Lattie if he could look at other ordinances adopted by townships and draft



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Resident Joel Gibson urges the Argentine Township Board of Trustees to consider a vicious dog ordinance at the meeting Monday night. Three of Gibson's dogs were reportedly injured, and one killed by a neighbor's dog.

some language. Lattie said he could have something written for the next meeting.

The city of Fenton has a vicious dog ordinance. A "vicious animal" is defined as "any animal that attacks, bites, or injures human beings or domesticated animals without adequate provocation, or which because of temperament, conditioning, or training, has a known propensity to attack, bite, or injure human beings or domesticated animals," according to the city of Fenton.

The ordinance states that no owner shall permit any vicious dog to be unconfined unless securely muzzled and led by a leash and under the control of some person over the age of 12.

TUBBS

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come up with \$200,000.

Investigators with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office claim Tubbs collected \$150,000 from an Atlas Township couple for a real estate transaction, but kept the money for himself.

Tubbs, who worked for the former Century 21 Park Place in Fenton, was charged with taking money under false pretenses, according to Genesee County court records. He was originally arrested on Aug. 26, 2015.

During a press conference in March 2016, Genesee County Sheriff Robert Pickell said, "He does not have a drug problem. It doesn't appear that he has an alcohol problem. He just uses it to live on. He drives nice cars, lives with his parents."

"The purchase was never completed and they never closed on the residence," he added. "The residence was eventually



Tommy Tubbs

purchased by another investment firm."

On Aug. 19, 2016, during a pre-trial hearing, Tubbs entered into a plea agreement. He pleaded no contest as charged and requested a deferred sentence in order to allow him to pay restitution in full.

According to the plea agreement, the prosecutor agreed to reduce the charge to a misdemeanor of larceny \$200 to \$1,000. Sentencing was originally set for Jan. 9, then adjourned to Jan. 26.

On Jan. 26, Tubbs was led from the courtroom in handcuffs, according to Fox 66 News. He will remain there until he comes up with the money. Tubbs said his father, Jim Tubbs, also a real estate agent, will sell some property to come up with the money.

If he does not do so by Feb. 10, the next scheduled sentencing date, Judge Geoffrey Neithercut could sentence him to prison.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I'LL TELL YOU who helps ISIS in this world, Michael Moore, Sen. Warren, Schumer, and Hollywood. They are creating havoc and ISIS is eating it up. They encourage protesters and stir up disruption. This keeps ISIS with the hope we will fall apart. In all my years, I have never seen such disarray in the USA. Stop, think and be calm.

IF YOU DIDN'T read the King's article in Sunday's Tri County, you need to. This is what our America is all about. It is all about what we should be, not what some people are turning it into.

VERA HOGAN NEEDS to stick with interviews. You know like the interview with Santa, Old Man Winter, Cupid, Dancer the Reindeer.

THE NORTH END of LeRoy looks great after the facelift on the VG's plaza. Great job. The worst streets in Fenton are the ones leading to Tomek Elementary school, it's a shameful mess.

RONALD REAGAN, 'MR. Gorbachev, tear down that wall.' Donald Trump, 'I am going to build a wall.' To tell someone to do something and then do just the opposite is the epitome of arrogance and hypocrisy.

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Remember too another Beatles song 'All You Need Is Love.'

Getting back to the topic of money, the reality is that to live we do need it and the law has recognized this fact for many centuries.

The following is the briefest of primers on our monetary system.

In the United States, currency and coinage is the responsibility of the United States Treasury. This Department was created by an Act of Congress on September 2, 1789.

The first Secretary of the Treasury was Alexander Hamilton, who is widely considered to be the founder of our nation's financial system.

There have been numerous types of currency and coins printed and minted over time many of which are collector's items.

Until 1933, the United States was on what was called the 'gold standard.' This allowed certain currency to be traded in for gold.

There was also a silver standard from 1818 to 1964, which allowed silver certificate currency to be traded in for silver coins and ultimately silver bullion.

Now the value of the dollar fluctuates depending on a number of world economic factors.

As to coins, numerous changes have been implemented with the precious metals gold and silver no longer being exclusively used for certain coins. In 1969, a type of 'cladding' was introduced for dollars, half dollars, quarters and dimes.

In 1982, pennies went from being all copper to a zinc center with a copper coating. Nickels are still made out of nickel.

Over the years our money has had various nicknames including 'greenbacks' for the green color on the backs of the bills, '2 bits' for a quarter, and 'sawbuck' for a \$10 bill based on the Roman numeral for 10.

Everyone has opinions on money. Noted poet and author Carl Sandburg once told us that, 'Money is power, freedom, a cushion, the root of all evil, the sum of blessings.' I defer to Mr. Sandburg for the final words on the topic.

911

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

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

Some commissioners supported placing the matter on the ballot during an election later in the year. They believe that to save money, the ballot question should be posed during a regular election.

County Commissioner Drew Shapiro (District 6) said it needs to be done in May. Once a year on May 15, the phone companies report to the state of Michigan. If the matter of a surcharge fee increase were to wait until later in the year, the county would have to wait another entire year to collect the much needed funds.

"I'm frustrated with the trend of government institutions to be pennywise and pound foolish," said Shapiro of waiting. "People are tripping over dollars to save

pennies.

"One of my campaign promises was to be a strong voice for southern Genesee County residents who pay more in tax dollars than the services they receive."

Shapiro said the phone company pays the state and the state cuts a check to the Genesee County 911 Consortium, which then distributes the appropriate amount of funds to local communities.

The city of Fenton is charged a 20-percent "administrative fee" to the 911 consortium. "Every other community in the county pays 10 percent," Shapiro said.

"We are paying more than anyone else," said Shapiro. "I support the surcharge increase but that 20 percent Fenton is paying needs to get down to 10 percent."

Doing so will generate another \$30,000 for the city of Fenton, which according to Shapiro could go a long way — such as paying for another part-time dispatcher, for example.

Shapiro was successful on Monday, Jan. 30 to be named to the 911 Consortium board as an executive member and voting member.

In the event of a successful vote on May 2, collection of the additional funds will

begin in November.

"I personally would be willing to pay 10 times the amount being asked if it means giving our police and firefighters everything they need to get the job done," said Shapiro. "Sixty-two cents is an extremely small price to pay."

About the surcharge

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

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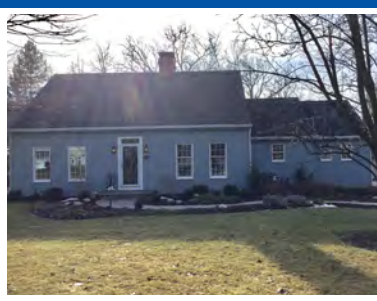
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Notice of Filing Order for Laying Out and Designating An Intercounty Drainage District

Notice is Hereby Given, that the Drainage Board filed an Order Laying Out and Designating an Intercounty Drainage District, dated January 18, 2017 for the Orchard Park Intercounty Drain, pursuant to Chapter 5 of Public Act 40 of 1956, as amended, in the following offices:

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The route and course of the proposed Intercounty Drain is described as follows:

Orchard Park Drain:

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Entire length of the Orchard Park Intercounty Drain is 12,505 feet (2.37 miles), more or less.

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Dated: January 27, 2017

Brady Harrington
Brady Harrington, Deputy
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Rural Development

Lake Fenton wrestlers capture Saline tourney title

By David Troppens

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The Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team gave up three voids at the Saline Team Invitational, but the fifth-ranked Blue Devils still found a way to keep on winning.

The Blue Devils went 5-0 at the tourney to capture the tournament title. Lake Fenton defeated Howell 55-18, Jackson Northwest 36-35, Linden 51-27, Kearsley

38-33 and Decatur 36-35. The Northwest contest went to the final match, earning the team victory with a Hunter Corcoran pinfall. Decatur is ranked fourth in Division 4. The Blue Devils are ranked in Division 3. Linden finished 1-4 at the meet

"The kids wrestled great the whole day despite giving up three voids," Lake Fenton varsity wres-

ting coach Vance Corcoran said. "We wrestled Division 1 and Division 2 teams with full lineups and Decatur was ranked fourth in the state. The kids we do have in our lineup are wrestling very well and not giving up points, and as always our hammers came through, getting the big pins when needed."

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Lake Fenton's Jarrett Trombley (left) prepares to escape a hold during a recent match.



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Linden's Sterling DeGayner (front) battles with Holly's Erika Reddy in the Bronchos' 39-31 win against the Eagles on Friday.

Bronchos avenge previous loss to Linden Eagles

■ Holly moving up Metro standings after 63-46 win vs. Linden Eagles

By David Troppens

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Linden — Life on the Holly varsity boys basketball team has been getting a bit better in recent weeks.

After a slow start to the season, a slow start that began with a 59-55 loss at home to the Linden Eagles on Dec. 9, the Bronchos have turned it around. They have now won four straight Metro League games and are 5-4 in Metro action after avenging the early-season loss to Linden, beating the Eagles 63-46 at Linden High School on Friday.

"The first game against them we had no intensity at our place," Holly senior forward Luke Copley said. "We came here and knew it was a big game to get back to the top three (of the Metro League) again. Things

are going good. We have our starting lineup now and we have our chemistry going good."

Another key during the first game was Holly had to figure out how to make up for the loss of Paris Partee, who is out for the season with an ACL injury. Since then the Bronchos have regrouped and gradually gotten better.

"The first time we faced them we just lost our starting center, so no one knew what to do and no one had a role. Everybody was lost," Holly varsity boys basketball coach Lance Baylis said. "During the four-game winning streak we've had the same starting lineup and everyone has some good roles."

"The good news is we have a long way to go. We can still get a lot better... so the silver lining for me is we can still get better."

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Holly's Devon Williams (right) attacks the basket while Linden defenders Aaron Sarkon (front) and Garrett Strang (back) try to prevent the shot.

Bronchos win defensive battle vs. Eagles, 39-31

By David Troppens

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Linden — Playing in tight low-scoring defensive contests can be frustrating, especially for a scorer.

Paige Reid and her teammates found themselves in that exact scenario Friday night during the Bronchos' contest against the Linden Eagles at Linden High School.

However, Reid knows one thing — a positive attitude will always help teams capture victories. Holly kept a positive vision and snuck out with a 39-31 victory against the Lady Eagles.

"It's pretty tough and it gets frustrating at times," Reid said when asked about playing in low-scoring games. "But I think our biggest thing is having positive attitudes and keeping our chins up. I always tell the girls to keep their chins up, because the moment we put our heads down, we are out of the game."

Reid paced the Bronchos scoring a game-high 17 points. All of those points were needed because the Eagles were doing great defensive work on Holly's other scoring star, Becca Fugate. Fugate was held scoreless for the first three quarters, and only netted one field goal the entire contest. Fugate ended with seven points.

"With certain teams we know they will face-guard. Linden usually doesn't but they really stepped up on Becca tonight," Reid said. "That meant other people really had to step up, and other people stepped up tonight, including me."

The Eagles played one of their best contests of the season, one that had them on the brink of possibly getting their first Metro League win of the season. Trailing just 18-16 at the half, the Eagles knew the third quarter has been their downfall all season long. It wasn't terribly damaging on Friday, however. In fact, the Eagles scored the quarter's first five points, taking a second-half lead. The first three came on a pass from Bella Blank to Sterling DeGayner for a 3-pointer.

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Tigers start strong, hold off Dragons, 67-55 Fenton remains a game behind Flushing

By Dale M. Smith

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Swartz Creek — What was it that famous American philosopher once said, "It ain't over til' it's over?" In a game that looked like the visiting Fenton Tigers would be the beneficiary of a running clock early in the second half, the host Swartz Creek Dragons staged a furious comeback but fell short as Fenton held on to win, 67-55.

Fueled by some great defense and hustle, especially from junior Ally Lenz, the Tigers (7-1 in the Metro League and 8-3 overall) led 12-0 early and took a 24-4 lead at the end of the first quarter. Lenz alone had four steals in the first three minutes and finished that first quarter with eight points on the

offensive end.

Swartz Creek came out as cold as the icy roads in the parking lot and a frustrated coach, the Dragons' Adrian Trzebiatowski, sat all five of her starters in the second quarter.

With the Tigers up 33-6 just more than three minutes into the second quarter, the teams essentially cleared their benches giving the Swartz Creek reserves some hope and momentum. But it didn't work as Fenton led 39-15 at the half.

Fenton held a comfortable lead of 15 or more points for most of the third quarter. After an Emma Evo basket at 3:03 of the third quarter, the Tigers were up 45-26 and looked to be able to cruise to the easy win. But, led by Dragons' standout, Jacara Thompson, Creek clawed its way back into the game.

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Fenton's
Chloe Idoni

Miller eclipses 1,000-point mark; LF still loses to Beecher

By David Troppens

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Lake Fenton's second chance to get a victory against Beecher's varsity boys basketball team didn't materialize on Friday night.

The Blue Devils lost an 88-63 verdict at Flint Beecher High School.

There was some good news to come out of the game. Lake Fenton's Jalen Miller reached the 1,000-point mark for his career, scoring a team-high 32 points. He now has 1,007 career points.

"It's a great accomplishment for a great player," Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Jacob Erway said. "Not many players eclipse that mark in their respective careers and I am proud that he was able to do that in a Lake Fenton uniform. He has dedicated himself to the game of basketball and put himself in a position to be successful. I, along with the Lake Fenton community, are extremely proud of his accomplishment."

Miller also had nine rebounds. Andrew Foerster finished with 16 points.

Beecher's Malik Ellison had a huge game, netting 34 points. Meanwhile Jordan Roland and Jalen Terry had 13 points each. Terry also had 10 assists.

The Blue Devils plan on having a celebration for Miller prior to the game at Lake Fenton High School against Bentley today. Tip-off is slated for approximately 7 p.m.

Thompson earns a trip to Blue-Grey game

By David Troppens

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Reid Thompson realizes when you play offensive line, press clippings aren't going to come around very often.

But during his senior season on Fenton's offensive line, he's gotten recognized, and now those press clippings are coming.

Thompson, who recently committed to playing college football at Wayne State University, was one of seven Michigan prep football players who recently competed in the annual Blue-Grey All-American Bowl played at EverBank Field, the home of the National Football League's Jacksonville Jaguars. By doing so, he's become the first Fenton football player to compete in the game.

"Throughout your high school career you get awards like All-Metro League and awards like that," Thompson said. "But it really feels good to be recognized as a lineman, to officially be an All-American. Not only does it reflect on me, but it also reflects on the coaches and the (Fenton) program."

"It's awesome. Because he had such a good year he was selected to play I the game and given an opportunity to show his talents to everyone watching the game," Fenton varsity football coach Jeff Setzke said. "Certainly it's a positive for the program as well because he's the first one selected to an all-star game outside of Michigan."

Thompson played on the Grey team, which won the contest 27-7. Prior to



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(Top) Fenton's Reid Thompson (middle) makes a block, opening up some running room for his teammate Dylan Crankshaw. (Photo to right) Thompson proudly displays the jersey he wore during the Blue-Grey game.

the game, the teams had two three-hour practices, a Saturday walk through and then played the game at 1 p.m.

"You had to have good football acumen," Thompson said. "We had six total hours practice with a four-hour game."

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BOYS BASKETBALL

► **Swartz Creek 63, Fenton 60:** The Tigers led 17-6 after one quarter but ended up losing in overtime. The Tigers still led 26-22 at halftime.

► **Linden JV 40, Holly JV 33:** A 12-2 run during the third quarter put Linden ahead for good. Brendan Miller led the Eagles with 11 points while Max James had nine.

COMPETITIVE CHEER

► **Area teams at Grand Blanc Invitational:** Holly finished seventh in the Division 2/3 competition held at the Grand Blanc Invitational with a total score of 666.10. Lake Fenton also competed in the same event and placed 12th with a score of 635.90.

Both schools had middle school teams at the event as well. Lake Fenton's squad placed fourth with a two-event combined score of 417.14, while Holly took seventh (332.60).

HOCKEY

► **Flushing 5, United 4:** The United hockey program, which has players from Holly, Lake Fenton, Kearsley and Brandon schools, lost a tight contest against Flushing. Aidan Flick led United with two goals and an assist while Drew Hobson and A.J. Incammicia had a goal each. Alec Cope-land had two assists while Luke Harrington had one assist. Tyler Keller made 20 saves.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

► **Beecher 61, Lake Fenton 29:** Hannah Garty scored 16 points, but it wasn't enough to keep Beecher from earning the win. Garty also had six rebounds, two assists and two steals. Lake Fenton is 6-7 overall and 1-6 in Genesee Area Conference Red Division play.

► **Lake Fenton JV girls games:** The Blue Devils defeated Beecher 35-20 and lost to Bishop Foley 34-21. Sydney Hammis and Leigha Crawford had nine points each against Beecher. Crawford finished with 11 against Bishop Foley.

BOYS BOWLING

► **Brandon 28, Fenton 2:** Alex Keith led the Tigers with a 204 game while Cameron Cislo bowled a 196 game.

► **Holly 22, Fenton 8:** Nathan Doyon led the Tigers by bowling a 195. He's a first-year bowler who entered the day averaging 113 a game.

► **Flushing 29, Fenton 1:** First-year bowler Troy Smigielski bowled a 212 against Flushing. Alex Keith had a 194-199-393 series.

► **Kearsley 23, Holly 7:** Glenn Rose led Holly with a 210-181-391 series while Eddie Sanner bowled a 204 game. The squad also had a 201 baker game.

► **Brandon 30, Linden 0:** Ian McAlindon led the Eagles with a 198-178-376 series.

GIRLS BOWLING

► **Brandon 26, Fenton 4:** Ashlyn Bristol had a 159-157-317 series to pace Fenton.

► **Fenton 26, Holly 3:** Angela Hanners led the Tigers with a 212 game.

► **Clio 22, Linden 8:** Meghan Hitt led the Eagles with a 163 game. Grace Gergel had a 158 game.

► **Kearsley 29, Holly 1:** Terin Cooley led the Bronchos with a 183 game while Jenna Royle had a 171.

► **Flushing 29, Fenton 1:** Laura Albrant led the Tigers with a 187 game.

WRESTLING

► **Holly at Oakland/Macomb Duals:**

The Bronchos went 0-5, losing to state-ranked squads Macomb Dakota, Anchor Bay, Warren Woods Tower and Richmond. They also lost to Fraiser. Collin Dallwitz and Cade Dallwitz led Holly with 4-1 records while Wyatt Scribner, Blake Querio and Carsen Cuthbert had 3-2 records.

BOYS SWIMMING

► **Powers 94, Holly 71:** The Bronchos were led by Logan Molzahn who earned first-place efforts in the 200 individual medley and the 100 backstroke. Bryce Nichols won the 100 butterfly.

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CONTROLS ENGINEER MANAGER Controls Manager wanted. Produces electric controls engineering designs and modifications by identifying project objectives and issues; verifying and validating designs. Machine Tool, Hardware Design, Eplan, AutoCAD, Software Design, PLC, HMI, Project Manager, Air Logic System. 5 years experience. Email wanda@spentechusa.com.

COUNTER - SHOWROOM SALES. Looking for a motivated person with experience in retail sales. 810-787-5321.

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Help Wanted

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

TAYLOR HARDWARE customer service, sales, floor, cashier. 35 to 40 hours weekly, starting rate \$9 per hour. Computer skills and heavy lifting required, electrical, and plumbing a plus. Pick up application at 1224 N. Leroy, Fenton.

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UNIGRAPHICS DESIGNER for Assembly and Test Equipment. Mechanical Designer familiar with UG software. Experienced in the design of Specialty Machines, including Parts Handling and Assembly Equipment. Good communications skills and efficient. 5 plus years experience desired. Email WANDA@spentechusa.com.

Obituaries

Times



Harold Virgil Jean
1926-2017

Harold Virgil Jean - age 90, of Fenton, died January 30, 2017. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 12 PM Thursday, February 2, 2017 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church., 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Fr. Jim Rolph celebrant. Burial will follow in Great Lakes National Cemetery. Visitation will be held 5-8 PM Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton and from 11 AM until the time of Mass Thursday at church. Those desiring may make contributions to the Alzheimer's Association. Harold was born August 20, 1926 in East Kingsford, MI, the son of Peter A. and Mary R. (Weber) Jean. He was a veteran of the US Navy, serving in WWII. Harold married Joan D. Filer on August 7, 1948 in Flint. Harold retired from GM/Fisher Body in 1981 after 38 years of service as a millwright. He also owned an income tax business for 15 years. Harold had been a member of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church. St. Michael Catholic Church, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Roscommon VFW and Big Brothers of Flint. He is survived by his wife, Joan; daughters, Mary Ann Abernathy, Janet (Dave) Klinck; grandchildren, Andrew Stone, Ryan (Jackie) Stone, Erika (Jeff) Woolman, Adam Abernathy, Angela (Matt) Palomaki, Alex Abernathy; great-grandchildren, Grace, Lance, Cameron, Abby, Emma, Fischer, Silvia and Stella; sister, Eleanor (Rudy) Mora; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Lawrence Jean. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Joyce I. Merryweather
1928-2017

Joyce I. Merryweather - age 88, of Holly, died Sunday, January 29, 2017. Funeral services will be held at 1 PM Friday, February 3, 2017 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly with Rev. Sharlyn Gates officiating. Burial will be in Crestwood Memorial Cemetery, Grand Blanc. Visitation will be from 2-9 PM Thursday, February 2, 2017. Mrs. Merryweather was born on October 14, 1928. She was a loving and caring wife, mother, and grandmother. She will be truly missed. Surviving are three children, Linda Semmens of Warren, Carol Semmens of Holly, and Roy Semmens of Holly; six grandchildren, William, Cassie, Carrie, Devin, Joseph, and Crystal; 11 great-grandchildren; and brother, Bob Lash of MI and FL. Joyce was preceded in death by her husband's William Semmens and Malcom Merryweather. Memorial donations may be made to Jean's Lakeside View. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

FUNERAL ETIQUETTE

Always sign your name in the register book. You should provide your full name and address, so the family is able to contact you or send thanks if they wish.

If you were a business associate of the deceased, it is appropriate to note your company affiliation if the family may not otherwise know you.

Source: thefuneralsource.org

Janet Carolyn (Carol) Ammon
1939-2017

Janet Carolyn (Carol) Ammon - age 77, passed away on January 17, 2017 in Denver, CO. Carol was born in Slayden, TN to Eddie and Fannie Shelton and grew up in Ferndale, MI. Carol was married to Chuck Ammon for 57 Years and they had three sons; Dale, David, and Dean. She had a sister, Annette; and two brothers, Fred and Larry. Carol is survived by her husband; Charles; two sons, Dale (Karen) Ammon in Denver, CO, David (Kathy) Ammon in Lakeland, FL; and daughter-in-law, Julie Ammon in Dixon, IL. She had seven grandchildren, Meghan, Matthew, Zachary, Abigayle, John, Morgan, and Mackenzie. Carol went to High School at Lincoln High School in Ferndale, MI. She went to Highland Park Junior College for two years. She married the love of her life, Charlie, on October 10, 1959. Over the years, she lived and raised her family in Ferndale, Atlanta, GA and Fenton. The latter is where she has lived since 1974. Carol was the strong, caring, and nurturing matriarch of her family with a fantastic focus on her husband and children. Over the past 25 years she also had a tremendous loving and close relationship with her grandchildren. This love and affection transcended into Carol's public life as well. She always had a smile and a friendly greeting for everyone she met. It was not uncommon for Carol to offer a big smile and a hug to her friends, family and even new people she just met. She will surely be missed! There will be a celebration of life in Carol's honor on February 19, 2017 at 1 PM at Coyote Preserve Golf Club 9218 Preserve Drive, Fenton, MI 48430. In lieu of flowers we ask that donations be made to The American Heart Association.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★
★ Moderate ★★ Challenging ★★★ HOO BOY!

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
The changes you've waited to see in your work situation might not be happening quite as quickly as you'd hoped. Although the pace is slow, it's ongoing. Expect to hear news soon.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
You should be feeling very proud of the fine effort you've made to get that important project done. Now take some time out to celebrate with family and friends. You've earned it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
You're close to reaching your objectives. That's the good news. But be careful: Your aspects show lots of potential distractions looming. Stay focused and keep your eyes fixed on your goals.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Be careful not to let that suspicious Cancerian mind create a problem where none exists. What you might believe is an act of betrayal could be nothing more than a misunderstanding.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
Your Lion's heart overflows with self-confidence. All you need to do is tap into it, and you'll be able to handle any change that must be made regarding that recent surprise development.

VIRGO (Aug 23 to Sept 22)
The need to watch what you say becomes increasingly crucial this week. Be as temperate as you can with your comments and avoid arguments for the sake of controversy.

LIBRA (Sept 23 to Oct 22)
A longtime family problem presents new demands. But this time, you won't have to go it alone: Someone else is asking to help share your responsibilities. Let it happen.

SCORPIO (Oct 23 to Nov 21)
A period of feeling vulnerable is about to give way to a stronger, more self-confident aspect. Use this new strength to reaffirm promises you've made to others and yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22 to Dec 21)
A creative dilemma stalls your progress. Instead of letting it raise your ire, use the time to re-examine your aims and, perhaps, come up with a new target.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 to Jan 19)
Your nimble will finds a way for you to work out those newly emerged problems plaguing your new project. Stay with it. The results will be well worth your efforts.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20 to Feb 18)
You might feel overwhelmed at having to decide which new opportunity you should follow. Best advice: Check them all out and see which offers what you really want.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
Continue to tread water before you even consider plunging into something that never seemed quite right. Some facts will soon emerge that can help you make a decision.

WEDNESDAY JUMBLE

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

DRAYT

GRABE

HEEZEW

COTALE

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NEW BIBLE Jumble Books Go To: <http://www.lyndale.com/jumble/>

I'm exhausted

MAKING COOKIE DOUGH FOR THE BAKE SALE LEFT HER ---

9 28

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here:

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

KING FEATURES

ACROSS

1 Tavern

4 Tosses in

8 Slays, "Sopranos" style

12 Altar affirmative

13 Voice in an iPhone

14 Law office aide, for short

15 "Sinkers"

17 Caspian feeder

18 Teut.

19 Financial rescue

21 Decapitate

24 Fish eggs

25 Greek vowel

26 Coffee holder

28 Family member

32 Tatters

34 Physique

36 Grabbed

37 Astronaut John

39 Speck

41 Work with

42 Wet wriggler

44 Persistent attacks

46 Bug

50 To the — degree

51 Smell

52 Bafflers

56 Otherwise

57 Throw

58 "To be or — ..."

59 Start a garden

60 — Stanley Gardner

61 Wildebeest

DOWN

1 Auction action

2 Commotion

3 Fiber

4 Religious retreat

5 Cacophony

6 Defeat soundly

7 Shankar's instrument

8 Rich

9 Gambling game

10 Herr's wife

11 Shaker contents

16 "Golly!"

20 Debtor's letters

21 Ice mass

22 List-ending abbr.

23 Fix the sound-track

27 Deity

29 Cold symptom

30 Misplace

31 Stretches (out)

33 Showed disdain

35 Two, in

38 Butterfly catcher

40 Feels pins and needles

43 Workshop machine

45 Ordinal suffix

46 Troubles

47 Not working

48 American Beauty, e.g.

49 Rain hard

53 Web address

54 A billion years

55 Disco fan on "The Simpsons"

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DVD RELEASES

JACK REACHER: NEVER GO BACK

Tom Cruise returns as Jack Reacher in this sequel based on Lee Child's bestselling novel Never Go Back, which finds the itinerant problem-solver accused of murder, and learning that he may have a child he has never met.

PG-13, 1 hr. 58 min.
Action & Adventure, Drama

45% liked it
(Audience score on rottentomatoes.com)

MASTERMINDS

In this action comedy based on true events, directed by Jared Hess (Napoleon Dynamite; Nacho Libre), David Gantt (Zach Galifianakis) discovers the true meaning of adventure far beyond his wildest dreams. He is an uncomplicated man stuck in a monotonous life. Day in and day out he drives an armored vehicle, transporting millions of other people's money with no escape in sight.

PG-13, 1 hr. 30 min.
Comedy

38% liked it
(Audience score on rottentomatoes.com)

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with yes



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\$15.49

with yes

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