

Times named Michigan's 2016 'Newspaper of the Year'

■ Awarded top honors for fourth time in five years

By Vera Hogan

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Throughout the year, the Tri-County Times enjoys a steady stream of readers who take the time to let us know how much they appreciate our efforts to bring them the best we can in a community newspaper.

Those sentiments are just as appreciated when the accolades come from our peers in the newspaper industry.

For 2016, as was the case in 2012, 2013 and 2014, the Times has been named the "Newspaper of the Year" in the Michigan Press Association's (MPA) "Better Newspaper Contest."

The Tri-County Times was one of the three finalists in the 2016 Advertising Contest.

Judging was conducted by the state of Indiana's Hoosier Press Association, whose

members reviewed nearly 3,400 contest entries submitted by 107 Michigan newspapers.

In addition to the honor of being named "Newspaper of the Year," Times' staffers earned 25 awards in a variety of categories.

Long-time Composition Department Manager **Jennifer Ward** took second place for Best Newspaper Design. See **NEWSPAPER on 19A**

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2016 NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR

Owen Road McDonald's to be demolished

■ New building will be supersized

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Later this summer, there's going to be a big pile of "McRubble" on Owen Road where the McDonald's used to stand — but not to worry, when the dust clears, a brand new, bigger McDonald's is being built in its place.

At its Thursday, Jan. 26 meeting, the Fenton Planning Commission gave McDonald's, 3216 Owen Road, a special land use permit for a new dual order, drive-through window.

See **McDONALD'S on 18A**



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The Owen Road restaurant building that houses McDonald's will be razed and rebuilt in August.

TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD



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Frisco Alvarado, playing the part of Atticus Finch, takes aim at a rabid dog during Fenton High School rehearsals for "To Kill a Mocking Bird" Tuesday night. The performance will be held this weekend at the Fenton High School black box theater. Performances continue on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday Feb. 5 at 2:30.

Local crime stats down in 2016

■ Larceny reports decrease in Fenton and Linden, nearly double in Holly Village

By Hannah Ball

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Crime in the tri-county area in 2016 increased in some areas and decreased in others compared to 2015.

Here are the numbers of certain crimes for the city of Fenton, city of Linden, See **CRIME STATS on 6A**



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Many people assume that a handicap must be physically obvious in order for the individual to park in a designated handicap space.

Parking with an invisible disability

■ More than 90 percent of chronic medical conditions are not physically obvious

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Have you ever seen someone who didn't appear to be disabled park in a handicap parking space? Instead of getting angry, think about how that person might suffer from what's called See **PARKING on 20A**

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“It's literally impossible for illegal immigrants to 'steal American jobs.' An American employer hired them. You should be angrier at those business owners than the people just trying to make a better life for their family.”



“The Paradox of Republicans is that they donate more to charity than Democrats, yet they're against welfare and government programs that help people in need.”



**COMMENT
OF THE WEEK**

“Everywhere in Fenton moms with kids in the car are texting and driving, risking the lives of their children and other drivers. It makes me wonder why the police don't attempt to observe and ticket these drivers who are putting everyone on the road in danger, especially their own kids.”



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Super Bowl ads are often more entertaining than football

■ Some people pass on the game and watch the commercials instead

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There is a reason corporate giants save their advertising dollars for the biggest football game of the year. Super Bowl ads bring in billions of dollars in profit as a result of the 30-second commercials for decades.

Advertisers are reportedly paying an average of \$5 million for a 30-second spot in today's game between the Atlanta Falcons and New England Patriots.

While we anxiously await what surprises are in store for us during today's game, here is a look at the Top 10 Super Bowl commercials of all time:

10. PEPSI'S "YOUR CHEATING HEART" (1996)

A Coca-Cola delivery man thought no one was watching when he grabbed a nice, cold Pepsi out of the fridge. But the man's moment of treason was caught on tape and played before the world over and over again, leaving him with a far bigger mess to clean up than just the Pepsi cans cascading across the grocery store floor.



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9. COCA COLA'S "MEAN JOE GREENE" (1979)

Hall-of-famer "Mean" Joe Greene earned his nickname while playing football at North Texas State University. Green's killer instincts and his ability to crush his opponents earned him the moniker – and a career as one of best defensive tackles of all time. And yet today he is perhaps best remembered for this 1979 classic Super Bowl commercial for Coke.



8. MCDONALD'S "THE SHOWDOWN" (1993)

What do you get when you bring together two of the most talented (and beloved) basketball players of all time, a Big Mac and some friendly competition? A legendary Super Bowl commercial, Remember when Larry Bird and Michael Jordan duked it out for a McDonald's lunch?



7. WIX.COM'S "IT'S THAT EASY" (2015)

Back when they were first-time advertisers in 2015, Wix.com hit the nail on the head with their debut Super Bowl commercial. Five former football greats set out to get their own small businesses



See **COMMERCIALS** on 7A

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Plaintiff says sheriff lawsuit not warranted

■ Believes two names were added inadvertently

By Sharon Stone

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Two plaintiffs in a civil complaint filed in federal court against Genesee County Sheriff Robert Pickell have had their names removed from the lawsuit.

The complaint, filed on Jan. 25 in United States District Court of Michigan Southern Division, by eight county process servers, alleges corruption and racketeering against the sheriff. According to the court document, the plaintiffs claimed they were required to pay annual deputizing fees to Pickell personally in order to receive assignments.

On Tuesday, Jan. 30, Joel Mata said he and Crystal Baker's names were

“I don't believe in this suit. It's not warranted”

Joel Mata
Genesee County
court officer

mistakenly added to the complaint. Mata is retired from the sheriff's department and now works part-time for Bak-

er as a court officer.

Mata said another plaintiff, William Trier, earlier called Baker, who is Mata's supervisor and said there was going to be annual meeting on assignments and a pending class action lawsuit. Mata had a broken leg at the time of the meeting and said Baker went representing both of them. She signed both of their names on the sign-in sheet.

Mata said he believes his and Baker's names were added inadvertently to the lawsuit because their names were on the sign-in sheet. Baker and Mata did not attend any more meetings regarding the lawsuit and were surprised when they saw their names listed on the complaint.

See LAWSUIT on 11A



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This photo, gathered by a drone, is of the southern border of the village of Holly, looking north. Residents in the village also live in the township, and receive some township services. There are approximately 12,000 residents in the village and township combined.

If you live in the village, you live in the township also

■ Holly Township, village relationship unique in tri-county area

By Tim Jagielo

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Holly Township Supervisor George Kullis was voted into office in November, and was surprised to learn that some village residents didn't know that they were also responsible for voting for the township Board of Trustees, in addition to Holly Village Council members.

Residents that live within the borders of the village of Holly are at the same time, residents of Holly Township.

It's an easy thing to miss — while a resident may live in Holly Township, or Rose Township, they may have a Holly mailing address, or even go to Fenton schools.

But there is a big difference between a city and a village — a city is independent of nearby, or surrounding townships. The city of Fenton is completely separate as a government, from Fenton Township. The village of Holly is not independent of Holly Township.

The closest example is the village of Goodrich, which is inside Atlas Township, Genesee County, or Milford Town-

ship and the village of Milford.

According to the Michigan Municipal League (MML), the main difference between a village and a city is this relationship with the surrounding township.

Who does what?

There are approximately 6,000 village residents, and 6,000 township residents, according to Holly Township Treasurer Mark Freeman.

Holly Village Manager Jerry Walker said, "The folks in the township are much more rural-minded than the folks in the village."

See TOWNSHIP on 17A

SUMMARY

■ Citizens in the village of Holly also reside in Holly Township. The village is located within the township boundaries. Village residents enjoy some of the services available in the township.

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The weirdness continues

So, if you're a Senate Democrat, do you filibuster any SCOTUS (Supreme Court of the United States) choice now and in the future because Republicans stonewalled Obama's nominee for nearly a year, or do you take the high road, forget the past and vote on merit?

• **I'm not happy** to admit this but I'd fight fire with fire. (I reserve the right to change my fickle mind.) They set a nasty new precedent by not even allowing the vote. Dems have to respond in kind. It's the only way to deal with bullies. Somewhere down the road the two sides are going to have



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

to agree to behave better or this merry-go-round of 10-year-old behavior is never going to stop spinning.

• **President Trump fired** acting Attorney General Sally Yates for not defending his temporary Muslim ban. Although he

says it's not a ban. It's more of an alternative No Vacancy sign.

• **The Associated Press** reported recently that the guy looking into voter fraud for Trump was registered to vote in three states. He said it's no big deal, though, because he voted for Trump in all three.

• **Trump said the** voter fraud investigation will get to the bottom of "those registered to vote who are dead, and many for a long time." Wait. The dead vote? So that's why the line's so slow at my precinct.

• **So if you're** dead and register to vote, what do you list as your residence – the ground? How long 'til there's a spin-off of "The Walking Dead" called "The Voting Dead?"

• **Just in time** for the Super Bowl, Tostitos has come up with a new bag with a Breathalyzer in it that tells you if you're too drunk to drive. Which is nice but a little weird. But I'd prefer a sensor on cans of beer that alerts me when someone double dips a chip. Now that would be useful. Or how about a sensor that says, "Do you have any idea how many calories are in one corn chip?"

• **Patriots, 38, Falcons, 13.** Not even close. Tom Brady wins the MVP. He's the best quarterback of all time, with inflated

or deflated balls. (Easy now.)

• **My other Super Bowl** predictions: One, I won't watch a second of pregame. I don't need to know about a backup linebacker's childhood battle with chicken pox. Nor do I need the "wacky hijinks" of the Fox football analysts. Two, the commercials will be a huge disappointment because they always are. The weepy ones are too weepy, the funny ones aren't and the bawdy ones are just plain stupid.

• **A fur-free terrier** is said to be a front-runner to win the upcoming Westminster Dog Show. Why would anyone want a hairless dog? A bark-less dog, maybe. A poop-less dog, certainly. But hairless cats (my mom has one) look like they're from outer space and leave oil on anything they brush against. Brrr. Although it would be fun to have a dog you could name Patrick Stewart.

• **"The 'self-image'** is the key to human personality and human behavior. Change the self image and you change the personality and the behavior." – Maxwell Maltz.

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ANOTHER SHAMEFUL DAY for America as refugees from the most ravaged and desperate countries in the world are turned away and left to a miserable fate. Resist.

THE LIBERAL-LEFT media is exaggerating the refugee problem. They are controlling the sheep like Democrats by inciting fear. The protesting liberals are demonstrating compassion to immigrants, but on the flip side would abort their own child tomorrow. Go figure.

WHEN ASKED IF Congressman Bishop supports torture and banning people of certain religions from entering our country, his office could not tell where he stands.

HUMPTY TRUMPTY SAT on a wall. Humpty Trumpty had a great fall. The House and Senate with billions combined won't stop cheap labor from any walls they're behind.

JUST SO YOU know, if I see a little drone helicopter flying over my house, it will be trashed by the time you find it.

MOST EVERY COIN has another side. For the Argentine Township car impounding, do like I do — keep your car plated, registered and insured so you can do anything you want.

PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY AND hav-

ing one's voice heard is a tenet of the Bill of Rights, good for the country, and good for the economy. From bus tickets to train tickets and restaurant meals, hotels, think how much the economy in major cities is improving. Remember, it's free to vote, too.

BIKERS ARE ALREADY proclaiming victory for a Trump second term. Given Trump's record, they're not too sure about the first lady.

TO THE HOT-LINER who thinks local gas is worth a few cents more, the point is they don't pay any more to fill their tanks so why are they charging us more?

THE CONSTITUTION ALSO guarantees me life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, freedom of discrimination from race, color, creed, sexual preference, and it also protects me from your religious beliefs.

I AM SO grateful for the press. They are part of our democracy and they keep us informed about things we may not know about, both locally and nationally.

REGARDING THE INFRASTRUCTURE in place due to the wreck on Lahring Road bridge, now's the time to put a permanent light on North Road before somebody gets killed at that intersection.

NOBODY EVER VOTED for Bannon. Trump and his angry crew need to go.

ANYONE WHO'S MARRIED knows this as fact. When women don't get their own way, they throw a fit until they do. Hillary lost. Get over, go home, and grow up.

I KNEW IT was only a matter of time before someone got hurt on the Argentine dam. Why don't you spend our money where it matters and fix it?

I CAN HARDLY wait to see who Trump picks as Supreme Court Justice. I suspect that no matter who it is, the Democrats have made it clear that they will not support it.

I'M SURE GLAD President Trump isn't out there issuing executive orders like that rotten old Obama did. Oh wait, he's issuing three or four a day. He'll be up by a thousand by the end of the year.

ALL YOU BLEEDING heart liberals who want to stand with candles at the White House, I've got an idea for you. I'll buy you a ticket and you can go to Syria.

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See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

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What is your earliest memory of McDonald's?

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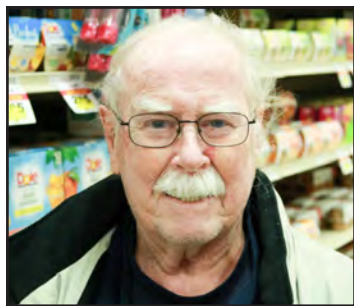
"I remember going there as a kid just for a plain hamburger, like what they have now but only that."

Rick Johnson
Fenton



"When my kids were young in the '60s, it was served outdoors and we would order from there."

Frances Sweeney
Fenton Township



"Back in the day, it was delicious. I used to love the Quarter Pounder burger. The last one I had wasn't that good; I get the chicken nuggets now."

James Fish
Holly



"1962, in Flint off Saginaw Street. We were school shopping and my parents said 'We are going to McDonald's.' At the time, it was special."

Bill Butts
Holly



"I lived in Downey, California where the original McDonald's was built and the burgers were just 10 cents."

Kathy Hamilton
Fenton

What's a meme?

■ New internet trends arise and disappear

By Hannah Ball

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The realm of social media is an entirely different world, and a different language, than real life.

Memes are created, Snapchat stories are shared, and acronyms like “TFW,” “TBH,” “TL;DR” and many more circulate online every day. These trends, also called fads, come and go as new ones arise.

In the easiest definition, memes, pronounced so it rhymes with “team,” are pictures with words typed over them. Basically, they’re on-line posters.

Google’s definition states memes are “an element of a culture or system of behavior that may be considered to be passed from one individual to another by nongenetic means, especially imitation.”

The second Google definition states memes are “a humorous image, video, piece of text, etc., that is copied (often with slight variations) and spread rapidly by internet users.”

Memes follow and show cultural trends in a satirical and shareable way.

These online posters go through a cycle where they’re popular for about



two weeks to a month, and then new, more popular memes take their place.

One popular meme that arose soon after election day was pictures of former Vice President Joe Biden plotting ways to “booby-trap” the White House in preparation for then President-elect Donald Trump’s tenure.

Some presented scenarios similar to how 8-year-old

Kevin McCallister booby-trapped his house in the movie “Home Alone.”

At the time, people were worried about Trump’s presidency and used humor as a way to dispel hard feelings. Many big media sources wrote about the memes, and while they aren’t as popular today, they’re still shared.

See MEME on 8A

Memes are usually a joke, meant to satirize cultural issues and act as signifiers for the current internet landscape and societal trends.

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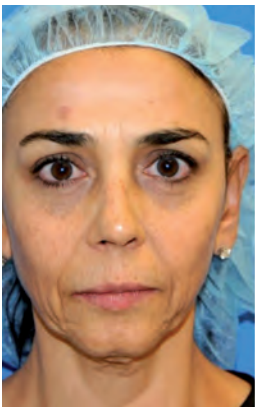
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Nancy Hyde (left) of Rose Township laughs with Curtiss Lovelace of Fenton while Jack DuFresne of Fenton and Jane Storey (right) of Fenton Township play pinochle last Friday at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center. Card games are played every week as part of the senior Friday Program. The afternoon includes bingo, lunch, socializing and cards. A group of 10 is an average amount, and it's a free sponsored activity.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHAT HAPPENED TO the horses that use to hang out at the horse farm on Torrey Road? My kids and I always enjoyed driving by and waving to them.

I DIDN'T VOTE for the Donald but he is now my president. Because of that I will be taking my tax return and buying medical supplies and ammunition.

THE POINT OF raising tariffs is to bring the manufacturing back to the United States. Time to see some 'Made in the USA' stickers on products. Be part of the solution.

TO THE HOT-liner who said 'if it's not a religious ban, then why are all the Christians let in? Hate will breed more hate.' Ignorance will breed more ignorance. I hope you don't have children.

CRIME STATS

Continued from Front Page

Argentine Township, Fenton Township and Holly Village.

City of Fenton

Information provided by Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro and michigan.gov

In the city of Fenton, there were no homicides in 2015 or 2016. Police reported 45 breaking and entering incidents in 2015, and 22 in 2016.

There were 72 larceny from auto reports in 2015, compared to 55 in 2016. The retail fraud rate decreased from 78 in 2015 to 68 in 2016.

In 2015, police reported 100 non-aggravated assaults, compared to 91 assaults in 2016 in Fenton.

Police report 84 operating while under the influence crimes in 2015, compared to 89 in 2016.

City of Linden

Information provided by Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter

Crime decreased in the city of Linden. The number of homicides and assaults stayed the same, with zero and seven respectively taking place in 2015 and 2016. Police reported three breaking and entering crimes in 2015, compared to one in 2016.

There were four reports of operating while under the influence in both 2015 and 2016. Police reported three retail fraud crimes in 2015 and none in 2016. Larceny from auto complaints dropped from seven to two from 2015 to 2016.

Argentine Township

Information provided by Argentine Township Police Chief Daniel Allen and michigan.gov

There were zero homicides in Argentine Township in 2015 and 2016. Police responded to nine larceny from auto complaints in 2015, compared to three in 2016.

There were 72 assaults in 2015, and 27 in 2016. Police reported 32 drug offenses in 2015, and four in 2016. There were 28 reports of operating while under the influence in 2015, and seven in 2016.

The rate of breaking and entering decreased from 14 in 2015 to 10 in 2016. There were zero reports of retail fraud in 2015, and one in 2016.

Holly Village

Information provided by Holly Police Chief Michael Story

There were no homicides in Holly Village in 2015 and 2016. Police saw an increase in larceny from auto complaints from 27 in 2015 to 53 in 2016. Story said the 2016 number contains multiple victims for the same incident.

Police responded to 49 incidents of assault in 2015, compared to 41 in 2016. Both numbers contain all categories of assault. In 2015, there were 22 breaking and entering incidents, and 24 in 2016.

In regards to retail fraud, there were six reports in 2015 and five in 2016. Police wrote 15 reports for operating under the influence in 2015, and eight in 2016. There were 11 reports of drug possession in 2015, and six in 2016.

In 2015, police reported 100 non-aggravated assaults, compared to 91 assaults in 2016 in Fenton.

Fenton Township

Information provided by Genesee County Sheriff's Office

There were 18 non-aggravated assaults in 2015, compared to 12 in 2016. Police reported 15 breaking and entering incidents in 2015 in the township, and six in 2016.

In 2015, there were 10 larceny from auto complaints, compared to eight in 2016. Police reported 32 incidents of operating under the influence of drugs in 2015, and 12 in 2016.

Holly and Rose townships

Michigan State Police report that numbers from Holly Township and Rose Township will not be available until the most recent crime reports are completed. There was, however, one homicide in Rose Township in 2016.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

YOUR ROAD TURNS into a muddy mess? You should try living out at McCaslin Lake one good time. I bet your road would seem like seventh heaven.

HOW ABOUT IF we forget to pay our taxes just like you forgot to grade our roads? The roads out here are horrible. They can do something about it.

THANK GOD THE Republicans in Congress did 'stonewall' the Obama initiatives as he tried to lead us down the path to total socialism.

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FEB. 5

2012: On this day in 2012, 36-year-old Josh Powell, who had been in the public eye since police labeled him a person of interest in the 2009 disappearance of his 28-year-old wife, Susan, locks out a social worker then kills himself and his two sons, ages 5 and 7, by setting fire to his Graham, Washington, home.

FEB. 6

1998: A judge reinstates the suspended sentence of school teacher Mary Kay Letourneau and sends her back to prison for seven years after she is caught violating a no-contact order with her former student Vili Fualaau, when she is found in a vehicle with the boy. During the summer of 1996, Letourneau, then 34 and a married mother of four, began a sexual relationship with her former sixth-grade student, then 12. Following her prison sentence, the couple married on May 20, 2005, when Letourneau, then 43, and Fualaau, then 22. The couple's two daughters served as flower girls.

FEB. 7

1891: The members of the Dalton Gang stage an unsuccessful train robbery near Alila, California — an inauspicious beginning to their careers as serious criminals. Bob, Emmett, and Grat Dalton were only three of Lewis and Adeleine Dalton's 10 sons. Despite the "gang," the majority of the Dalton boys became law-abiding citizens, and one of the older brothers, Frank, served as a deputy U.S. marshal.

FEB. 8

1924: The first execution by lethal gas in American history is carried out in Carson City, Nevada. The executed man was Tong Lee, a member of a Chinese gang who was convicted of murdering a rival gang member. Lethal gas was adopted by Nevada in 1921 as a more humane method of carrying out its death sentences, as opposed to the traditional techniques of execution by hanging, firing squad, or electrocution.

FEB. 9

1960: Adolph Coors disappears while driving to work from his Morrison, Colorado, home. The grandson of the Coors' founder and chairman of the Golden, Colorado, brewery was kidnapped and held for ransom before being shot to death. Eight days after Coors was kidnapped, a car was found on fire in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The gasoline-fueled fire had been deliberately set.

FEB. 10

2014: Shirley Temple Black, who as a child in the 1930s became one of Hollywood's most successful stars, dies at her Woodside, California, home at age 85. The plucky, curly-haired performer sang, danced and acted in dozens of films by the time she was a teen; as an adult, she gave up making movies and served as a U.S. diplomat.

FEB. 11

1916: Emma Goldman, a crusader for women's rights and social justice, is arrested in New York City for lecturing and distributing materials about birth control. She was accused of violating the Comstock Act of 1873, which made it a federal offense to disseminate contraceptive devices and information through the mail or across state lines. In addition to advocating for women's reproductive rights, Goldman was a champion of numerous controversial causes and ideas, including anarchism, free speech and atheism.

COMMERCIALS

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with the help of a brand new website — and agent Rex Lee. Filled with humor, creativity and some of our all-time favorite NFL players, this commercial quickly became a legend.

6. REEBOK'S "OFFICE LINE-BACKER WITH TERRY TATE" (2003)

You know that guy in the office who you'd really like to take down? In this fun Reebok Super Bowl ad from 2003, we got to sit back and smile as linebacker Terry Tate brought order to the office in his new job at Felcher and Sons. A tribute to the movie *Office Space*, the ad let us live out a few fantasies as we imagined what would happen if tackling became the new office protocol.



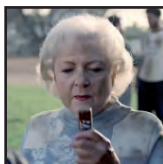
5. WENDY'S "WHERE'S THE BEEF" (1984)

The iconic Wendy's commercial brought the phrase "Where's the beef?" into our national lexicon. Even today, you can still catch people using it to complain when they receive a less than scrumptious dish or a tiny portion. Impressively, the ad is as funny now as it was in 1984.



4. SNICKERS FEATURING BETTY WHITE (2010)

Old ladies getting tackled is funny, but even more hilarious is watching Betty White complain to a guy in his 20's, "Come on man, you've been riding me all day." Playing on the Snickers tagline, "You're not you when you're hungry," see what happens when a young guy gets a little bit too hungry out on the field.



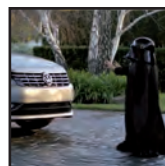
3. APPLE'S "INTRODUCING MACINTOSH" (1984)

Irony doesn't even begin to describe this unforgettable 1984 Super Bowl commercial. Just as the introduction of the Macintosh computer ushered in a new era of household computers, this Apple ad changed the way that Super Bowl commercials were made. The one-minute mini-movie was directed by Ridley Scott and promised that Apple's new Macintosh would put an end to conformity and spark innovation and individuality. The epic commercial, a reference to George Orwell's 1984, introduced the concept of the mini-movie to the Super Bowl ad world.



2. VOLKSWAGEN'S "THE FORCE" (2011)

This 2011 Super Bowl ad is almost as famous as Star Wars itself — and even more adorable. A tiny Darth Vader struggles to find the force. With the help of perseverance, a Volkswagen and a behind the scenes assist from Dad, we all smile as a little boy's dream comes true.



1. OLD SPICE'S "THE MAN YOUR MAN COULD SMELL LIKE" (2010)

And here it is — the best Super Bowl ad of all time. This Old Spice commercial has all the makings of a masterpiece. Sexy actor? Check. Brilliant writing? Check. Impressive film effects? Check. Humor? Check. Watch it over and over ... It just keeps getting better.

Sources: Superbowlcommercials.com and superbowl-ads.com



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HOT LINE CONTINUED

I THINK IT'S absolutely wonderful that through science and the discovery of the blood, the DNA proves that there's only one race on his earth, the human race. We're all related. From the blackest man to the whitest man.

THIS IS ABOUT Trealout Drive and how bad it is. It really needs to be redone. Other people are complaining about it. Wood Street needs to be redone also.

TO ANIMAL OWNERS, could you please remember your animal in the cold? I have a hard time going from point A to point B and I see all these cats outside and I'm sure there are some dogs.

IF, WHAT IF, Donald Trump is wrong?

VERA HOGAN WRITES the most interesting articles. I've read them all and have learned a lot from them. With four boys, you've certainly experienced an adventurous life.

CAN SOMEONE TELL me what additive they put in the water? I have lived in different cities around the state, I've had well water that was horrible, but I got used to it. After three years here, I cannot drink Fenton water. It has a smell and taste that reminds me of a hospital.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

I LOVED VERA Hogan's article on Ed Angeluski.

CHANGE DOES NOT start in the offices of legislators. It starts with crowds of angry people, expressing their constitutional right to assembly for the betterment of the people.

IT'S SO SAD to see siblings, relatives, and co-workers say such mean things to each other on Facebook, on, of all things, politics. The only thing it will do is cause stress and heartache.

MUSLIM BAN? NO its not. The propagandist (aka the media) would have you believe it is a Muslim ban, but it is not. There are 40 Muslim countries in the world. Seven countries that are a threat to the U. S. have been banned. Also, Mr. Obama slowed processing of immigrants for six months in 2011.

BEFORE HE BECAME our greatest President, Reagan was president of the Screen Actors Guild. Reagan testified before Congress as to the communist domination in the movie industry. President Reagan destroyed the Communist Soviet Union but it appears that nothing has changed in Hollywood.

I SEE WHERE Obama is already saying things in regard to our new president. Figures. I guess he couldn't get a tee time for that time. He'll probably blame that on Trump also.

NOW I KNOW how a moderate German felt in 1933 Germany.

I DIDN'T VOTE for Obama, so I understand the feelings of sadness when a candidate I didn't support won. However, I didn't riot or join mobs. I accepted the fact he was the president. So should you now.

'TAKE OUR COUNTRY Back' as the Republican mantra goes, rather 'back to the dark ages where the intolerant, self-serving, special interests prevail over the virtues of benevolence and sacrificing for the greater good.'

I COULD NOT agree more with the King's column on liberal media. They choked on their own propaganda and now don't have the decency to stand up and admit to it.

THE POPE, DICK Cheney, Michael Moore, McCain all agree on one thing — Trump is dangerous.

School news**LAKE FENTON SCHOOLS FOUNDATION GRANTS \$5,500**

The Lake Fenton Community Schools Foundation granted \$5,500 to Lake Fenton teachers during its Jan. 18 annual meeting. Awards ranging from \$250 to \$500 were granted to five Torrey Hill teachers, four middle school teachers and one teacher at the high school. Foundation President, Vince Eible, said "the grants help fill the gap by funding projects that would not be possible within the district's annual budget. Without these awards, teachers often paid for these projects themselves." Beginning in 2006, the foundation has now reached a \$50,000 granting milestone, that would not have been possible without a dedicated Board of Directors, and support from businesses and individual donors, and their "sail away" entertainment events, Annual Lifetime and teacher of the Year Dinner in May and fifth quarter auction in October. The foundation is bringing back popular magician "Baffling Bill" on March 4, 3 p.m. at Lake Fenton High School. Tickets for \$10, \$8 and \$5 will be available at West Shore, Torrey Hill and Lake Fenton Middle School beginning Feb. 6.

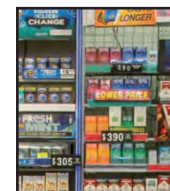
WHAT YOU MISSED
in the
MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following is what you missed in the **Wednesday, Feb. 1, Midweek Edition** of the Tri-County Times. To subscribe and receive both the Sunday Weekend and Wednesday Midweek editions, please call (810) 629-8282

County passes first round of 'Tobacco 21'

Raising the age to buy tobacco products in Genesee County could be decided by voters.

**911 surcharge request will go on May 2 ballot**

Fee on monthly phone bills could go up from \$1.24 to \$1.86 if voters approve the increase in May.

Vicious dog ordinance considered

Argentine Township resident urges action after pets repeatedly attacked, allegedly by neighbor's dog.

MEME

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Memes are usually a joke, meant to satirize cultural issues and act as signifiers for the current internet landscape and societal trends. The Biden memes are all fake—there's no official word of Biden booby-trapping the White House.

Another popular meme that made "meme" a household term is the picture of the supposed white and gold dress that surfaced in 2015. The picture sparked much debate over what color the dress actually was, and it was widely shared and disseminated.

The dress quickly turned into a meme when internet users chose to make fun of people debating such a topic.

Knowyourmeme.com is a helpful source to find out where certain memes originated.

Gifs are another popular trend. These are very short videos from movies, shows, and real life that are often used as reactions to something else. For example, a gif of someone rolling their eyes could be used as a reaction to something online.

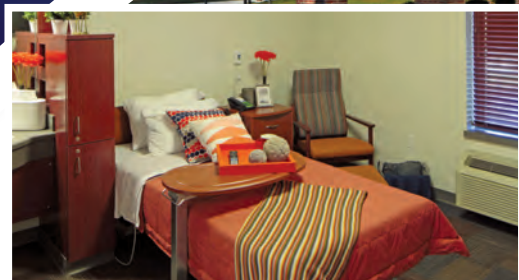
Hashtags (#), originally known as the pound symbol, have also taken over the internet sphere. People use hashtags to join a conversation. If they include a certain, widely used hashtag with a tweet or Instagram post, other users can search for that tag and find the post.

Other social media trends include Snapchat and Instagram stories. These are not written stories like books or articles, but numerous short videos that make up a story.

Users can upload these videos to Snapchat or Instagram, and many people and businesses are taking advantage of live videos. Facebook and Instagram now offer a live video option, where users can livestream what they're doing. Big media has also started to livestream. Millions of people around the world watched live from their computer, tablet, or phone President Trump's inauguration.

Internet users also frequently use "text talk" online. For example, "TFW" means "that feeling when," "TBH" means "to be honest," and "TL;DR" means "too long; didn't read."

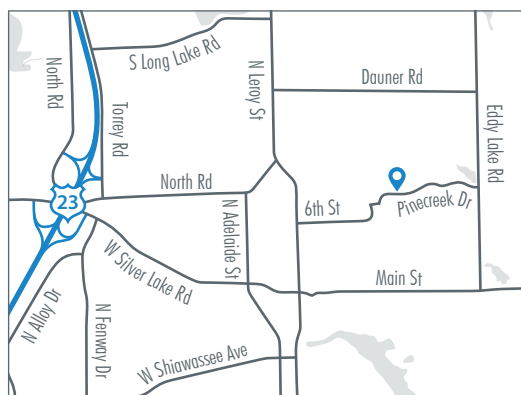
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Father Jim Rolph, Associate Pastor
Saturday Mass5:00 pm
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Sunday Mass.....8 am, 10 am, & 12 noon
Weekday Mass Tues.-Thur.9:00 am
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Wednesday Evening..... 7:00 pm

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Sunday School..... 10:00 am

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Sunday School..... 11:15 am
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Contemporary Service 10:30 am
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Celebratory Worship..... 10:00 am
Children's Sunday School..... 10:30 am
Fellowship..... 11:30 am

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | HANNAH BALL

A Fenton High School student helps a young boy dressed as Spiderman across a balance beam, which was one of the stations in the superhero obstacle course at World of Wonder on Jan. 21.

Future superheroes of America

Local school trains kids to save the day, indulge their imaginations at fun event

By Hannah Ball

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Fenton — Do you have what it takes to be a superhero?

Young students from Fenton Area Public Schools' World of Wonder and other local schools found out if they had what it took by adorning costumes of their favorite superheroes on Saturday, January 21 at the first superhero training event.

A wall of bricks was no match for a 6-year-old dressed like Hulk, and a 4-year-old Spiderman easily made his way through a challenging obstacle course. Meanwhile, 7-year-old Elsa easily defeated the bad guys without breaking a sweat.

Linda Mora, principal of World of Wonder, said she wanted to balance out the annual Enchanted Princess Ball with another event more suited for boys.

“I feel like we should not only have an event that's really girly. I always said it'd be really cool to do a superhero event and make it action packed to appeal to boys and girls. Boys tend to want to do more physical stuff,” she said.

Those physical events included completing an obstacle course by crawling through a tube, walking on a balance beam, and

navigating their way through strings, which were meant to be lasers, and completing other tasks.

The kids also made personalized capes, climbed a rock wall, learned how to drive a small fire truck, and defused bombs, which were ordinary balloons they had to pop. Kids also posed in front of a green screen for a superhero picture after picking out a background of their choice.

Melissa Polidan, who brought her three kids, said they were “very excited” about the event. “They didn't know what to expect,” she said. “And they love any-

thing that's busy. It's so creative, everything that they put together.”

She said her kids loved every station, especially the obstacle course.

Approximately 70 kids attended, and many were in costume. Spiderman and Supergirl were popular, along with Captain America and Elsa. Fenton High School students volunteered to help run the stations.

This was the first year for the event, and Mora said tickets sold fast the previous day. “Everyone's saying really good things,” she said. “We're just really about being a community.”

In future years, she'd like to have people dressed up as popular superheroes attend the event and spend time with the kids. “I think the kids would enjoy that. I think in the future I'd like to get cutouts from movies, like a Spiderman cutout,” she said.

“I always said it'd be really cool to do a superhero event and make it action packed to appeal to boys and girls.”

Linda Mora
World of Wonder principal



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Ava Vorhies, 9, dressed in her Supergirl shirt and cape, gets ready to knock down a wall of foam bricks with Hulk gloves.

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By Vera Hogan

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Tell us about your job.

I have served as the Rose Township clerk since November 2008. I am a certified Michigan Municipal Clerk and last year she achieved the Master Municipal Clerk designation after completing extensive additional training and education.

How long have you lived in Rose Township?

I have lived in Rose Township for almost 50 years.

Tell us about your family.

I have been married to my wonderful husband, Mark, for 10 years. Our families consist of my brother, sister-in-law and two adult nieces. On Mark's side, I have three adult, married stepchildren, two grandchildren with another on the way soon. On our farm, our four-legged family members consist of horses, dogs, cats, and chickens.

Where are you from originally and where did you go to high school and college?

I am originally from Rose Township and graduated from Holly High School. I received my Master of Business degree from Cleary University in Howell in 2001. I have 22 years' experience in the private sector financial service industry with extensive project management and problem-solving skills.

Tell us about your job as the Rose Township clerk.

The clerk's office is the lifeline, especially as it relates to the election process. A few of my responsibilities include voter registration, running elections and training election inspectors, township meeting minutes, publishing legal notices, payroll, accounts payable, human resources, maintaining the general ledger, township FOIA coordinator,



"The November 2016 general election was the biggest, busiest, and smoothest running election Rose Township has completed so far."

custodian of all township records, running the township website and public access channel, and issuing the clerk's newsletter.

What do you love about your job?

I love all the many aspects of my job. I am always learning especially as the laws change daily and I must keep up with new legislative updates. Regarding elections, I am very proud of my brilliant high school and college student election inspectors. A couple of years ago, I recruited several Holly High School AP Government students to be our election inspectors. These students are our future leaders and I want them to learn about elections with hands-on experience and training so they can be as informed as possible about the different aspects of the election process.

The November 2016 general election was the biggest, busiest, and smoothest running election Rose Township has completed so far. Our election results were perfect, and everything matched up when we went through the grueling hand recount process.

What are the challenges with your job?

I am very diligent and take my position as clerk seriously. It is a challenging position because most of the responsibility of the township falls in the clerk's office and decisions have to be made that make everyone happy.

How long do you plan on doing this kind of work?

I thoroughly enjoy my position as the Rose Township clerk. I plan on holding the Clerk's position as long as the

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TIM JAGIELO

Debbie Miller has enjoyed her career as the Rose Township clerk for many years, and takes very seriously her responsibility to residents in that community.

residents continue to elect me into office. Rose Township residents can have complete confidence that I will provide superior service and will always respect any issues they feel are important.

What do you like to do in your spare time?**LAWSUIT**

Continued from Page 3A

According to court records, an amended complaint, which did not include Mata and Baker's names, was filed with the court on Jan. 30.

"I don't believe in this suit," said Mata. "I've spent half my life there. I have nothing against the sheriff."

"I don't want to be a part of it. It's not warranted."

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Spare time? My spare time is spent tending to the four-legged family members on the farm and maintain my family home. I have an interest in preserving our population of honey bees, they are an important part of nature and the food supply.

Tell us something people would be surprised to know about you?

I used to participate in downhill ski races and I still love to ski and golf.

In what other committees and organizations do you participate?

I am the secretary for the Oakland County Clerks Association Legislative Committee, the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks Legislative Committee, chair of the OLHSA (Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency) North Oakland Advisory Committee and a member of the OLHSA Executive Board. I am looking forward to working on the Rose Township 180-year anniversary committee.

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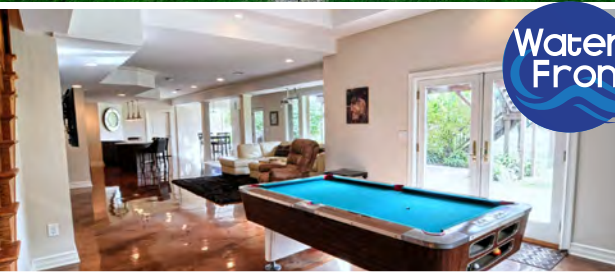
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Your overall health depends on regular dental care

■ Your regular health routine should include dental visits and good at-home oral hygiene

By Sally Rummel

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If you haven't been to the dentist in awhile, now is a good time to pick up the

phone and make an appointment.

Regular dental visits should be as much a part of your health care routine as brushing and flossing your teeth every day. Your dental health care professional can spot problems early on when treatment is likely to be simpler and more affordable. They can also help prevent many problems from developing in the first place.

Not only is good oral health important

for your teeth and gums; it may also detect other diseases or medical conditions that have symptoms that appear in the mouth.

How often should I go to the dentist?

The American Dental Association recommends that you visit your dentist at least once a year, or at an interval determined by your dentist, for a routine exam and cleaning.

You should get your teeth cleaned more often if you have periodontal disease, chronic conditions like diabetes or heart disease, or are a smoker.

Going to the dentist regularly, with the frequency depending on your dentist's recommendation, will be less costly with fewer procedures, than if you procrastinate and end up with cavities or gum disease.

What should I expect at a regular dental appointment?

The dentist or hygienist will ask you about your recent medical history, examine your mouth and decide whether you need X-rays, depending on your age, risk of disease and symptoms. X-rays can diagnose problems that would otherwise go unnoticed, including damage to jawbones, impacted teeth, abscesses, cysts or tumors and decay between the teeth.

Checkups almost always include a complete cleaning from the dentist or hygienist, using special instruments to check your gums for gum disease.

He or she will scrape below the gum line to remove built-up plaque and tartar that can cause gum disease, cavities, bad breath and other problems. The hygienist will also polish and floss your teeth.

The dentist will perform a thorough examination of your teeth, gums and mouth, then will feel your jaw and neck, looking for signs of disease or other problems.

Signs you should see a dentist:

- Your teeth are sensitive to hot or cold
- Your gums are puffy and/or they bleed when you brush or floss
- You have fillings, crowns, dental implants, dentures, etc
- You are pregnant, because hormonal changes can affect your oral care
- You'd like to improve your smile
- You have persistent bad breath or a bad taste in your mouth
- You have pain or swelling in your mouth, face or neck
- You have difficulty chewing or swallowing
- You have a family history of gum disease or tooth decay
- You have a medical condition such as diabetes, heart disease, eating disorders or are HIV positive
- Your mouth is often dry
- You smoke or use tobacco products
- You are undergoing medical treatment such as radiation, chemotherapy or hormone replacement therapy
- Your jaw sometimes pops or is painful while chewing or when you first wake up, or you have an uneven bite
- You have a spot or sore in your mouth and it isn't going away

If you have regular visits with a dentist, you can keep many of these problems from developing.

The American Dental Association recommends cleaning between your teeth once a day by flossing. Plaque that isn't removed by brushing and flossing can eventually harden into calculus or tartar. Flossing may also help prevent gum disease and cavities.

HELPFUL HINT from a local dental hygienist:

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Want a brighter smile?

■ Here are your best options for whitening your teeth in 2017

By Sally Rummel

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Your smile says a lot about you, and the whiteness of your teeth can enhance that smile.

When it comes to whitening your teeth, you can opt for either dental office-based teeth bleaching or at-home products. Keep in mind that bleaching only whitens natural teeth, not crowns, veneers, bridges, implants, etc.

There are pros and cons to each option, but you should have a conversation with your dentist before trying at-home bleaching products.

At the dentist office

Your dentist will get the job done faster, because he or she uses a much stronger bleaching solution than at-home kits.



Heat, light or a combination of the two will also speed and intensify the whitening process.

The cost of in-office tooth whitening varies, but generally ranges from \$500 to \$1,000, according to Webmd.com. Many local dental offices offer specials to make whitening more affordable.

At-home teeth bleaching options

To be sure teeth whitening is worth your time and money, talk to your dentist before using any over-the-counter tooth whitening kits. These kits work best for people with yellow teeth and are less effective for people with brown teeth.

Some sensitivity may result from teeth whitening procedures, so experts from Consumer Reports suggest brushing with a toothpaste for sensitive teeth a week or so before whitening, and continue to use during home treatment.

Tooth-whitening strips and gels

Applied to the teeth with a brush or a thin strip, these peroxide-based tooth-bleaching products need to be applied once or twice a day for 10 to 14 days. Results last four or more months and cost

from \$10 to \$55.

According to Consumersearch.com, the best whitening strips are Crest 3D White Luxe Whitening Strips Professional Effects. Best whitening gel is Plus White 5 Minute Bleach Whitening Gel. For immediate results, use the Rembrandt 2-Hour whitening Kit.



Tray-based bleaching systems

A mouth guard-like tray is filled with a peroxide-based bleaching gel or paste and placed over your teeth for one to several hours a day for up to four weeks. These can be custom-fitted by your dentist for the most effective results, or bought over-the-counter. The cost can range from \$150 to \$600.



Tooth whitening toothpaste

These products are mildly abrasive and may brighten teeth by about one

shade. They also contain chemicals or polishing agents that help scrub stains from teeth without the aid of a bleaching agent.

Some whitening toothpastes contain peroxides, but they aren't left on the teeth long enough to have a true whitening benefit.

According to consumersearch.com, the best whitening toothpaste is Crest Optic White.

How to maintain your whiter smile

Whether you use an at-home tooth whitening system or have your teeth bleached by your dentist, the results will be maintained longer by brushing, flossing and rinsing daily.

To keep your teeth white and bright, you should avoid acidic and tannin-rich foods and beverages such as: black teas and coffee; white and red wine; sports drinks; carbonated beverages (dark and light); berries and other richly colored foods and sauces like soy, tomato and curry.





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How to encourage kids to take care of their teeth

Parents of young children know that getting kids to brush their teeth can sometimes feel like pulling teeth. Kids have a long history of disliking dental care, which can frustrate parents who know the importance and long-lasting benefits of proper dental hygiene.

While many youngsters may never excitedly run to the bathroom to brush their teeth, parents can try various approaches to get kids to embrace proper dental care.

• **Start early.** Parents should not hesitate to begin cleaning kids' teeth once the first tooth appears. The earlier dental care is part of a child's routine, the more likely he or she is to accept it as part of everyday life. The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry recommends using a soft-bristled brush with a small head. Ideally, use a toothbrush designed for infants, brushing teeth once per day at bedtime. The AAPD advises taking kids to visit a pediatric dentist when the first tooth appears, or no later than the child's first birthday.

• **Make it** a group effort. Young children love to imitate their parents' actions and behaviors, and moms and

dads can use that adoration to their advantage when trying to get kids to brush their teeth. Brush teeth together as a family, making it seem like an enjoyable twice-daily activity. Get down on kids' level and show them how to brush. If kids are resistant, engage them in conversation while brushing so they don't even realize they're cleaning away.

• **Involve kids** in choosing their dental care products. While parents should be mindful of the type of toothbrush their children use, always sticking with products recommended by their child's pediatric dentist, let youngsters choose their toothbrush and toothpaste. Kids might prefer a particular flavor of toothpaste, and a colorful toothbrush with a favorite film or television character might make kids more enthusiastic and less fussy about brushing.

• **Compliment kids** after positive dental appointments. When pediatric dentist appointments go well, compliment children and express your pride in them for taking dental hygiene as seriously as they do.

askyourdentist

What is the most important reason to have regular dental checkups?

Compiled by Sally Rummel



"For oral cancer screenings, which are done at every cleaning appointment when the dentist does your exam."

— **Donald Chapin, DDS**
Chapin Dental in Linden



"To reduce oral bacteria, which will help make your entire body healthier."

— **Patricia McGarry, DDS**
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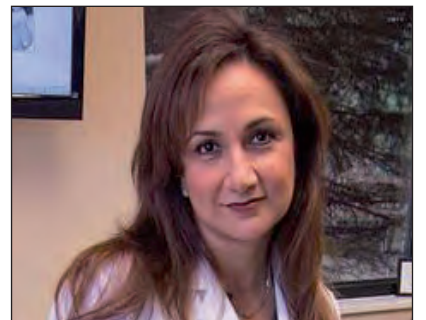
"Regular cleanings and exams will help keep your mouth free of plaque and bacteria, which can cause serious health issues. An oral exam and X-rays can catch any problems in early stages."

— **Ken Ackley, DDS**
Oak Tree Dental in Fenton



"Going to the dentist for checkups should be a part of your regular healthy lifestyle, not a place to go because you have a problem. That's why it's important to get kids here by the time they are 1 year old. It sets the stage for their entire healthy life, and teaches Mom and Dad how to properly care for their child's teeth."

— **Steven Sulfaro, DDS**
Sulfaro Family Dentistry in Holly



"The most important reasons are early detection of oral cancer, removal of plaque buildup to prevent cavities and gum disease and diagnosing issues under the surface that can only be seen on X-rays. Keeping up on your dental health will save you money and peace of mind in the long run."

— **Nikki Mazhari, DDS**
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"Routine dental checkups are the best way to keep your teeth healthy and catch any issues that may arise earlier. It's always easier and most cost effective to prevent disease than it is to treat dental problems."

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Bevins Lake is one of several lakes in the Holly area.

TOWNSHIP

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In practical terms, villages are pockets of centralized, municipal services. Holly Village services include water, trash removal and recycling, police, fire and a department of public works. Residents within the village pay more taxes and ideally receive more services.

Township residents handle their own water, sewer and trash removal, while the North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) handles Holly and Rose Township fire calls. The Michigan State Police handles policing in the township.

Both village and township 911 calls are answered by an Oakland County service.

Because the village is part of the township, the township is responsible for some important activities that a city usually handles itself. Township Clerk Karin Winchester is responsible for handling elections for the entire township, village residents included.

While village residents can vote for the

township board, the township residents cannot vote for the Village Council.

By contrast, city of Fenton residents vote in their own elections, and unlike Holly, cannot for vote on the Fenton Township ballot.

The Holly Township administration is responsible for property assessment and tax collection for village homes as well.

The township also dust-treats gravel roads in the village.

"It's kind of a unique situation," said Freeman. "It's in our interest, and the taxpayers' interest to have a good working relationship."

Freeman and Walker agree that communication and cooperation are better than they have been in the past.

Efforts to achieve cityhood by the village have been attempted previously, but not achieved.

There are also different kinds of townships. Charter townships, such as Fenton and Grand Blanc, cannot have a village inside its borders. Nor can parts be annexed for a city or a village, and it must have its own police and fire services.

“The folks in the township are much more rural-minded than the folks in the village.”

Jerry Walker
Holly Village Manager

Police & Fire report

LARCENY FROM AUTO IN HOLLY

The Holly Police Department is investigating a larceny from auto complaint, which was filed on Jan. 21 at 7:36 p.m. The victim told police that the incident occurred overnight in the driveway of a home on Center Street. The victim reported that an undisclosed amount of money was missing. The vehicle was unlocked.

ITEMS MISSING FROM TRUCK

A larceny from auto complaint was filed by a resident on Hadley Street in Holly Village on Jan. 21. According to Holly police records, the victim said it was apparent someone had gone through his truck when he got in it in the morning. Cash, a GPS and lotto tickets had been stolen. The vehicle was unlocked. The case remains under investigation.



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The new drive-through window will go with the new building they are constructing at the same site. The Planning Commission also gave site plan approval for the new, bigger restaurant.

The current restaurant will be completely demolished, with a new 5,218-square-foot McDonald's constructed at the same site. In addition to the dual order drive-through window, parking improvements also are planned.

McDonald's owner Mark Pfau confirmed the new plans. He said demolition and construction will take place in August. He said plans have not been finalized as far as how much seating the new restaurant will provide.

The current store has a basement, but according to Pfau's staff, the new store will not.

Frank Martin, the architect on the job said it will take about 80 days from the start of demolition to completion of the new building.

“This store is being prepped for the ‘experience of the future’ concept at McDonald’s.”

Mark Pfau*Owen Road McDonald's owner*

McDonald's has been serving fast food patrons at the Owen Road location for well over three decades. Prior to the influx of businesses along the Owen Road corridor, it stood alone as the only fast-food restaurant for many years.

The restaurant was remodeled in the early 1990s, making it a more

“homey” environment for the adults, and more fun for the kids with the enlarged, towering play area.

“This store is being prepped for the ‘ex-

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Mark Pfau owns eight McDonald's restaurants, including the one on Owen Road in Fenton.

perience of the future’ concept at McDonald's,” said Pfau of the new construction.

The Owen Road McDonald's is one of eight owned by Pfau. It is unknown if all of them will undergo the same kind of changes as the Owen Road facility.

Features Writer Sally Rummel contributed to this report

HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO SENATOR SCHUMER, I am shedding tears, too, but for a different reason. These Democrats, particularly our leaders, have an obligation to bring our country together. We must work together as a country. Instead they're openly proud of the fact they will do everything they can to destroy the Trump administration.

■■■

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She also took second place for Best Page Design for her creative work called "Hypnosis." In the same category, she earned an honorable mention for "Wine Country."

Web Content Editor **Vera Hogan** earned second place in the *Best Editorial* category for "Get off my TV," an editorial about the impact of direct advertising by the wealthy pharmaceutical companies.

Sports Editor **David Troppens** took first and second place in the *Best Sports Column* category. His first-place win was for "I am an extreme runner — okay maybe I'm not," and second place for "Between Lions' Lambeau victories, I have changed."

Troppens took third place in the *Sports Writing* category with "Koan's hit, Marshall's pitching leads Eagles to state championship."

Features writer **Sally Rummel** took first place in the *Business/Agriculture*

News category for her story called "Local businesses step up to help Flint." Rummel also took third place in the *Feature Story* category for "Passion for yoga takes her to India."

As has been the case every year, Media Editor **Tim Jagielo** earned an impressive number of awards for his work in 2016.

In the *Feature Photo* category, Jagielo earned second place for his photo "Few incidents during July 4th festivities." In the *News Photo* category, Jagielo took third place for "Thousands attend funeral for fallen trooper."

In the *Best Multimedia* category, Jagielo earned third place for "Adopt-A-Pet Fenton An Adoption Story," and honorable mention in the same category for "Downtown Icon: The Cornerstone Story."

Jagiello earned first place in the *Sports Photo* category for "Lake Fenton Sailing Club hosts Masters Championship."

Staff Reporter **Hannah Ball** took second place in the same category for her photo "Flying Star Rodeo" photo. A

long-time Times freelance photographer, **Mark Bolen** took third place in the same category for "Linden's Ryan You," and honorable mention for "Fenton resident and Powers running back Reese Morgan."

Ball took second place in the *Spot News* category for her coverage of a local tragedy, called "FAMILY DIES — More details emerging regarding deaths."

Once again, the Times online staff was honored with an award for its website (tctimes.com), taking third place in the *Best Website* category.

One of the Times' staffers favorite sections called "Community" earned an honorable mention in the *Special Section* category. The section includes the talents of everyone in the Composition, Advertising and Editorial departments.

The Times took two awards in the *Community Business Promotions* category. Advertising Director **Gail Grove**, with the help of graphic designer **Tom Vander Meulen** took second place for "Restaurant Week." Grove took third place, with the

help of graphic designer **Mary Powell** for "Shop Linden."

Senior Online Marketing Specialist **Mindy Robertson**, with the help of Composition Department staff, took first place in the *Home Services* category with the ad "Dave Lamb — Bermuda High Coming to Michigan." Robertson took third place in the same category for "Dave Lamb — Don't Call a Salesman."

Last but not least, in the *Real Estate* advertising category, Advertising Consultant **Terese Allen**, with the help of graphic designer **Mary Powell**, took second place for "Dave Broadworth Real Estate."

"As editor since 2012, I am so grateful and proud of everyone at the Times," said Sharon Stone. "It truly is a team effort as we strive to be the best community newspaper for our valued readers and advertisers."

Gail Grove, advertising director, said "It's such an honor to be given these awards from our peers. And I do believe we have always been the number one community newspaper in our area."



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DONALD TRUMP NEEDS to start a program that will allow people to sign over their disability and Social Security money to help to any refugee who needs it, and all the liberals need to sign over their benefits for Social Security to these refugees and forfeit their golden years.

WE HAVE A president who has promised to do all he can to get our jobs back from other countries. He's doing all he can to get these jobs back to America.

BARACK OBAMA WAS the biggest hypocrite that ever walked into the White House. He openly mocked and made fun of Christians every chance.

MY SISTER AND I want to thank the man who paid for our lunch at Leo's on Saturday, Jan 28 around 11:30. What a kind thing to do for a couple old gals. Thank you again and bless you.

IT'S BEEN PROVEN that illegal immigrants and legal immigrants commit fewer crimes than American citizens do. They're not the problem.

I HAVE NO doubt America is in crisis. Trump is creating chaos throughout the world. He is using the same bullying tactics with other countries and those who disagree with him. He does not deserve any respect.

TO THE GENTLEMEN who blatantly ran a red light turning onto Poplar Street from North Road, maybe next time I'll just hit you.

ONE OF THE main reasons for raising the FHA rates was to prevent another subprime crisis, which ushered in the last depression.

PARKING

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"invisible disabilities," according to invisibledisabilities.org.

Elberta Parks, a Fenton Township resident, said, "Just because you don't look like you're handicapped does not mean that you are not. I had a run in with a man about handicap parking because I was parked in handicapped and I did not look handicapped. Well, I was not the one that was handicap."

Parks regularly drives her 24-year-old daughter around so she is allowed to park in handicap parking spaces. Parks said her daughter has cystic fibrosis and had a double lung transplant this past September.

Not all disabilities or impairments are readily evident to the onlooker, according to invisibledisabilities.org. Someone doesn't have to use a walker or a wheelchair to be considered disabled.

Approximately 96 percent of people with a chronic medical condition live with an invisible illness, according to disabled-world.com.

A few invisible reasons a person may have a handicap license plate or placard include a back injury, brain injury, heart condition, neurological disorders, seizure disorders, chronic injuries, recent or upcoming organ transplants, oxygen impairment, pregnancy, prosthetic limb, surgery, and many others.

Approximately 10 percent of people in the U.S. have an invisible disability,

“It’s disheartening how people react without knowing the whole story. People are so quick to judge.”

Shannon Tischbein
Linden resident

which is about 32 million people, according to disabled-world.com.

On a post on the Times Facebook page regarding this subject, many people chimed in with their own experiences.

Vickie Gould, a past Fenton resident who suffers from Lyme disease, said, "I haven't had trouble finding (a handicap parking space) when I need it. I have had nasty looks and things like that when I've parked in the spot."

Lyme disease can cause severe joint pain, neurological problems, heart problems, liver inflammation, severe fatigue, and other problems, according to Mayo Clinic. Gould said she's much better now, but was basically bedridden for a few years.

Shannon Tischbein of Linden said, "People look at me and assume I'm illegally parked. I have an invisible disease that limits me. People have actually warned me to move my car." She suffers from primary pulmonary hypertension, which is high blood pressure in the lungs, according to John Hopkins Medicine. It can cause a person to have trouble breathing, fatigue, dizziness, chest pain, fainting, and other symptoms.

"I was diagnosed and got my handicap license plate when I was 27 so needless to say I have had looks and words spoken to me for 13 years. It's disheartening how people react without knowing the whole story. People are so quick to judge," she said.

Handicap license plates and placards

Handicap parking spaces are marked by the painting of the handicap sign on the ground and the standing sign in front of the space, according to Fenton Department of Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki. "Public lots require one (handicap) space for the lot plus an additional space for every 25 parking spaces in the lot," he said.

The Michigan Secretary of State's Office and Department of Motor Vehicles regulate who receives disability license plates and placards. A person may have both.

People who qualify for a disability plate or placard must "be blind or have any condition that significantly limits their ability to walk or requires a wheelchair, walker, crutch or other



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assistive device," according to michigan.gov. Those who drive people who are disabled can also acquire a plate or placard.

Disability parking placards are limited to one person, and permanent placards are valid for four years. Temporary disability placards are valid from one to six months and are issued to people whose condition is expected to improve, according to michigan.gov.

Permanent disability plates are yellow and contain the handicap sign.

Who qualifies?

In order to qualify to park in handicap parking spaces, drivers must fill out a form with a physician's statement of patient's disability. According to the Michigan Vehicle Code, a licensed physician, chiropractor, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, or optometrist may identify the certain characteristics required to qualify someone as disabled.

Characteristics include the following:

- **Blindness**, to varying degrees
- **An inability to walk** more than 200 feet without having to stop and rest
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HOT LINE CONTINUED

SOMEONE SAID THAT Trump haters reminded them of spoiled children, throwing a temper tantrum who didn't get their way. Well, people have told me that's what Donald Trump reminds them of.

MY COMMENT STATED that Republicans always look more stern and angry than Democrats across the board always.

IT'S TOO BAD we cannot let some of the good, needy refugees in. However, if Obama had taken ISIS seriously when they were first forming, we might not be at this point. Women who use children as a cover have also been used as terrorists.

THERE'S JUST AS many Democrats that are Christians as Republicans. They just don't try to own it, talk about it, or campaign on it. But they live on it.

DONALD TRUMP IS the biggest snowflake of them all.

JUST AS KRIS Kristofferson and Bill Clinton have laid to rest the myth of Rhodes Scholars, Trump has laid to rest the myth of the moral majority.

IF SOME WOULD define 'exclusionary' as keeping others of our choice outside of our borders, would we also define it as keeping them out of our homes, or keeping them out of our own cars or bank accounts? Where does exclusionary and individuality separate themselves?

BECAUSE OF TRUMP'S immigration ban, a Muslim man and his family who gave information to the U.S. so he could get his green card, was denied entrance to the U.S. Trump is a backstabber who makes American look like one giant fool.

I DON'T REALLY mind Donald Trump, I just can't stand Republicans.

THE POPULARLY EXPRESSED explanation of the phrase is 'to whom much is given, much is expected.' It's not 'to whom much is given, much will be taken.'

THE FACT THAT our emergency service departments, like the 911 dispatcher center, barely receive enough money to function, should worry everyone. Instead of building a wall, let's put that money to paying cops and firefighters more. They deserve it.

THE VIETNAM WAR that killed 58,000 of our boys ended because people took to the streets and I was one of them. We should be so grateful that we have freedom of expression in this country to make our voices heard.

Giving a second chance at life

■ **Local 74-year-old man still going strong after donating kidney nearly 11 years ago**

By **Hannah Ball**

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Are you willing to go under the knife to save someone's life?

Jim (Grateful Jim) Sjostrom of Fenton Township was willing when he donated a kidney to a friend of his who had been on dialysis for more than two years.

Sjostrom said his friend's health had been going downhill fast before the operation. They were both 63 at the time. His friend almost got a new kidney three times, but they fell through because the potential donors weren't healthy enough.

However, on April 26, 2006, they both went under the knife, hoping Sjostrom's kidney would be a success for his friend.

One doctor told Sjostrom he shouldn't go through with the surgery because he has two short renal arteries instead of one long one. They went to the University of Michigan Hospital where a different doctor performed the operation.

"It (the surgery) wasn't bad at all. I was in the hospital for two days," he said, adding that the surgery for a kidney transplant is a lot more advanced compared to past decades. "It's not as dramatic as you think and it could save somebody's life, even if you don't know the person."

In order to be a match, you must go to the hospital to be tested. You do not need to be related to the recipient to donate.

According to allinahealth.org, the tests start with a blood test that determine your blood type and if it will match the recipient's blood. If your blood is compatible, two more tests will be done. One is tissue typing, which tests for drugs. If you abuse drugs, including alcohol, you cannot donate.

The last test is cross-matching, which tests to see if the recipient will react to the donor's kidney. If there's no reaction, the surgery can happen, according to allinahealth.org.

Donors go through other tests like a physical exam, urine collection, chest

X-ray, an electrocardiogram to test heart rhythm, and a few others.

"The transplant was totally successful and my dear friend got an additional healthy wonderful life," Sjostrom said.

"He and his wife traveled, danced, and loved an extra seven and a half years. He passed away at 71."

His death was not the result of the kidney transplant. Most donors don't experience any negative complications, according to kidney.org.

"I, myself a donor, have not experienced anything negative from donating and I am now 74 and as healthy as ever," he said.

He's talked to other people who considered becoming a donor about the experience. One man called him and asked if he would be able to run a marathon a few months after surgery.

Sjostrom, who's a runner, told the man he's ran about 100 races and five marathons.

"I went back to running 37 days after I did it," he said.

That man donated a kidney as well.

"I am urging all of you to consider checking how many of God's children are in a dire need of a kidney right now. A donor bumper sticker I love the most reads 'Don't take your kidneys to heaven. God doesn't need them there,'" he said.



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Fenton's Justin Beemer looks to see his time during a recent event this season. Beemer took part in four first-place finishes in a four-team meet. Holly also competed in the meet.

Fenton swimmers prove their dominance in four-squad meet

By David Troppens

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The Fenton varsity boys swimming and diving team faced three different squads on Tuesday night.

The Tigers still took the top spot in 10 of the 12 events and swept the top three positions in three races. That's how dominant Fenton can be.

The Tigers defeated Owosso 149-32, Notre Dame Prep 129-54 and area Metro League rivals Holly 143-37 in a four-team meet on Tuesday.

"We are swimming very well right now," Fenton varsity boys swim coach Brad Jones said. "We have great senior leadership which has allowed us to work through the hurdles of snow days and pool maintenance much easier. Our focus right now is getting ready for MISCA and league."

Kyle Banner took part in four firsts, and was the only Fenton participant to earn two individual firsts. He won the 200 freestyle (1:55.65) and the 500 freestyle (5:14.39). He also teamed with Evan Bartow, Noah Sizemore and Justin Beemer to win the 200 medley (1:49.56) and with Bartow, Joel Diccion and Beemer to win the 400 freestyle (3:35.63).

Four others won individual events. Diver Ethan Krantz took the top spot in diving (180.85) while Iddings won the 200 individual medley (2:16.51). Other individual firsts were earned by Beemer in the 50 freestyle (24.19), Bartow in the 100 butterfly (59.30) and Diccion in the 100 backstroke (1:02.67). The squad also won the 200 freestyle with the team of Noah Sizemore, Iddings, Spencer Gabler and Diccion (1:42.31).

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Tigers beat Brandon, set up battle with Flushing

By David Troppens

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The Fenton varsity girls basketball team is playing its best basketball of the season right now.

After losing the squad's second Metro League contest of the season, if the Tigers had any chance to earn at least a share of the conference crown, the Tigers knew they probably would have to win every league game until Fenton faced Flushing again.

The Tigers (8-1 in the Metro) have won seven straight league games and have accomplished that task after earning a 47-28 victory against the Brandon Blackhawks on Tuesday.

Flushing is 9-0, putting the Tigers one game behind

the league leaders. If Fenton wanted to have any realistic chance of earning at least a share of the Metro League crown, they had to defeat Flushing on Friday when the two teams had a rematch. Results of that game can be found at tctimes.com.

The Tigers should've been a confident bunch entering that contest considering their seven-game Metro victory streak, which included the victory on Tuesday night.

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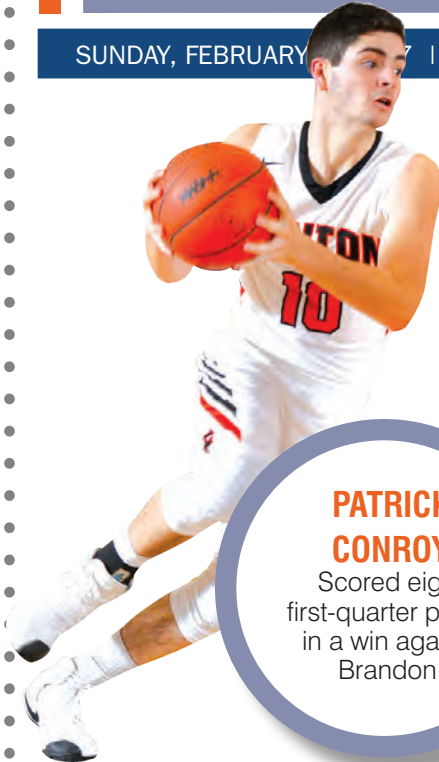


TAYLOR MOWERY

Mowery scored nine points in Fenton's 47-28 victory against Brandon.

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PATRICK CONROY

Scored eight first-quarter points in a win against Brandon.

Tigers get an 'A' for effort

■ Fenton works hard, defeats Ortonville-Brandon, 52-39

By David Troppens

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The last time Fenton faced Brandon in boys varsity basketball action, Fenton varsity boys basketball coach John Gilbert wasn't overly impressed with the team's defensive effort, and his squad lost a 65-54 verdict.

The second time the two teams faced, it was a different story. Gilbert was pleased with the team's effort, resulting in a pretty convincing 52-39 victory against the Black-

hawks on Tuesday.

"We really outplayed them in the second half," Gilbert said. "Defensively it was like the Linden game. We didn't let them do what they wanted. The guys did a great job with that. We lost to them at our place. We were playing hard during (in that game) but not hard enough to keep people from doing what they wanted to do. That's how they beat us. They outworked us at our place. This time we outworked them and that was a huge plus."

Fenton jumped to a 15-9 first-quarter lead based on eight Patrick Conroy points. Brandon cut the gap to 22-20 by halftime, but the Tigers controlled the second half.

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Team unity helps spark LF's easy win vs. Bentley, 75-39

■ Miller honored for collecting over 1,000 career points

By Dale M. Smith

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Lake Fenton — On a night when Lake Fenton standout Jalen Miller was being honored for collecting his 1,000th career point against Beecher on Friday night, the Lake Fenton Blue Devils rolled to an easy win

against the visiting Bentley Bulldogs, 75-39 on Tuesday.

Miller was honored before the game as only the second player in school history to reach the 1,000-point milestone. Not one to rest on his laurels, the talented senior scored four points in the first minute and had nine at the 5:35 mark of the first quarter while leading the Devils to an early 11-0 lead.

Miller will be the first one to tell you that this team is

more than a one-man show. That was quickly evidenced by fellow senior Parker Mitchell coming off the bench late in the first quarter and dropping in two 3-pointers in less than a minute to push the Lake Fenton lead to 21-5. Meanwhile, Miller had 11 points, two rebounds and two steals as the Devils were up 23-8 at the end of the first quarter.

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DALE M. SMITH

With his mom, Monica Holmes, presenting him the ball, Jalen Miller is honored with his 1,000-point ball on Wednesday.

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Lady Devils not looking for excuses

■ Garty-less LF falls to New Lothrop; VanBuren looks to other reasons for the loss

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Lake Fenton — Just a little over a week ago the Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team had what may have been its most impressive victory since the turn of the new century, collecting an upset victory against fourth-ranked Hamady.

On Tuesday, the Blue Devils struggled and found themselves on the other side of the spectrum. Playing without their leading scorer and their starting point guard Hannah Garty, the Blue Devils struggled mightily against New Lothrop, losing a 51-22 verdict to the Hornets.

But Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Brian VanBuren wasn't about to blame the entire loss on Garty's illness that kept her out of the game. After all, illness and injuries are part of the game. Instead, he focused on some things that could've been better despite Garty being out of the lineup.

"There's no doubt she is our leader. She is our leading scorer and points were hard to come by," VanBuren said. "But we had two key stats. We were 5-for-10 from the free-throw line and we turned the ball over 27 times. I don't think we've turned it over 27 times against anyone all year, and we've played teams that were more aggressive than they were, especially in fullcourt sets. Those are the two key stats. So, yes, we missed her. I 100 percent acknowledge that. But there were two things we could control — sitting low in our stance and not fouling them, and two taking care of the basketball."

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Lake Fenton's Kenneisha Golson attacks the basket during a recent contest. The Blue Devils lost to New Lothrop on Tuesday, 51-22.

Eagles struggles continue, lose to Kearsley, 60-52

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It's been a tough run for the Linden varsity boys basketball team in recent weeks.

That rut continued on Tuesday as the Eagles lost their fourth straight Metro League game, dropping a 60-52 contest.

The Eagles scored just 14 first-half points, resulting in a 22-14 halftime deficit. The Eagles started playing better offensively in the second half, but Kearsley never slowed down themselves, making it tough for the Eagles to close the gap in the final 16 minutes.

"It was another frustrating night for us," Linden varsity boys basketball coach Chris Root said.

"We couldn't get anything going offensively again. We need to find a way to get in rhythm. We'll keep working."

Ty Hoerberling led the Eagles, scoring a team-high 14 points. Twelve of those 14 points came in the second half. Aaron Sarkon netted 10 points while Corbin Sines and Gavin Lund had nine points each. All of Sines's points came in the second half. Cole Sarkon netted six points.

Linden travels to Mt. Morris as part of the Coaches vs. Cancer series between the Flint Metro League and the Genesee Area Conference.

PREP REPORT

GYMNASTICS

► **LFLF Gymnastics at Jeanne Caruss Meet:** The co-op squad including athletes from Lake Fenton, Linden and Fenton placed sixth at the meet out of 19 teams. Miranda Stephens was fourth in the all-around, taking the top spot on the beam. Blake Hutchings took sixth in the all-around and was fifth on the vault, seven on the bars and eighth on the beam. Sabra Robinson was ninth in the all-around competition, taking 10th on the vault.

WRESTLING

► **Fenton vs. Millington, Croswell-Lexington:** The Tigers defeated Millington 51-28, but lost to Croswell Lexington 45-30.

Jayden Rittenbury, Mario Ramirez, Will Galvin and Devin Fuller went 2-0 during the meet. Wyatt Williams, Chloe Wagner, Tommy Adams, Jake Church, Connor Putman and Dalton Wagner each went 1-1 in varsity action. Lucas Zywick won a match as well.

GIRLS SKIING

► **Fenton/Linden 26, Holly/Oxford 52:** Zoe Weinberg can not be stopped. Weinberg completed a perfect divisional season, winning both the giant slalom (45.41) and the slalom (1:03.78) against Holly/Oxford. In the giant slalom, Ashlyn Smith placed second (47.44) while Rachel Smith was fourth (48.60). Milo Keranen capped the team's scoring, taking fifth (48.52). Annie Koester was ninth overall in the division (49.40) while Emma Hiscock was 10th (50.12). In slalom competition Keranen was third (1:10.43) while Ashlyn Smith placed fourth (1:12.85). Hiscock was sixth (1:13.47). Rachel Smith also placed in the top 10 of the entire division with a time of 1:16.69.

► **Fenton/Linden 29, Powers 49:** Zoe Weinberg was tops on Mt. Holly regardless of gender in the giant slalom com-

petition on Tuesday, helping the Fenton/Linden co-op squad to the easy win. She posted a combined time of 45.62 seconds, nearly 3/10ths of a second faster than any boy or girl finisher at Mt. Holly on Tuesday. Milo Keranen placed third (49.13) while Ashlyn Smith was fourth (49.47). Rachel Smith placed fifth (50.38). On Monday, Keranen placed second in the slalom (1:03.63) while Emma Hiscock was third (1:08.19). Annie Koester placed fourth (1:09.00) while Smith took seventh (1:21.64).

BOYS SKIING

► **Fenton/Linden 28, Powers 46:** The Fenton/Linden co-op won the giant slalom portion 15-22 with Chad Booher taking first with a combined time of 46.03 seconds. He also was the fastest male in the division for the day. Brendan McInerney placed second (46.78) while Tommy Kemp was third (46.98). Parker Bundy placed eighth (49.42). In slalom action, McInerney was first (56.71) while Booher was second (56.88). Kemp placed third (57.06) and Devon Mann was seventh (1:08.73), rebounding on his second run after a crash during his first run.

BOYS BASKETBALL

► **Linden JV 53, Kearsley JV 28:** Travis Klocek led Linden with 13 points while Seeger DeGayner netted 10 points. Brendan Miller had seven points while Jacob Conly had five points. Braden Banasiak and Johnny Irwin netted four points each.

► **Linden JV 52, Brandon JV 46:** Brendan Miller paced the Eagles with 22 points while Seeger DeGayner netted 11 points. Travis Klocek netted eight points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

► **Fenton freshman 30, Flushing 11:** Erica Behnfeldt led Fenton with seven points while Maria Ebert, Lauren Bossnberger and Breanna Trecha each had five points.



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