

U of M forecast: Tens of thousands of new jobs

■Population has increased for five consecutive years

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Michigan's population increased by 10,585 residents, or at a rate of 0.1 percent from July 1, 2015 to July 1, 2016, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

This trend has continued for five years straight.

More people are also staying in Michigan. (See sidebar) Since people migrate to where they can find jobs, job growth is often paired with population growth. According to the U.S. Census, the increase in population is paired with a decrease in unemployment. On July 1, 2015, the unemployment rate in Michigan

was 5.2 percent. On July 1, 2016, it was 4.5 percent.

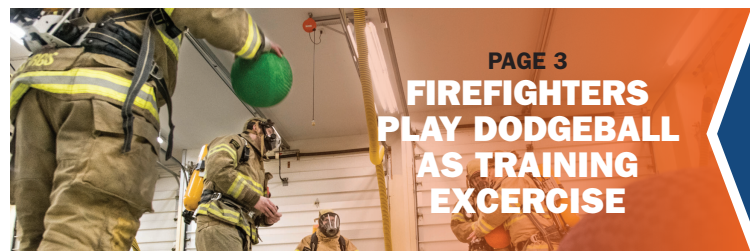
Don Grimes, senior research specialist at the University of Michigan's Institute for Research on Labor, Employment, and the Economy, said "Michigan's population is growing, but at a much slower rate than employment. This is starting to create

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Economic researchers expect Michigan to see tens of thousands more jobs added by the end of 2018. However, the employment rate is rising faster than the population rate.



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Genesee County commissioners pass 'Tobacco 21'

■Vote result prevents 18- to 20-year-olds from buying tobacco products

By Vera Hogan

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Despite a recent ruling by Michigan's attorney general, the Genesee County Board of Commissioners voted 7-2 to pass "Tobacco 21," which will prevent adults ages 18 to 20 from purchasing tobacco in Genesee County.

Commissioners Drew Shapiro of Fenton, representing District 6 in southern Genesee County, and David Martin, District 9, cast the dissenting votes during the Tuesday, Feb. 14 morning meeting.

After the vote, Shapiro said of the yes voters, "They willfully violated the attorney general's opinion. DHHS (Department of Health and Human Services) is the state agency that has authority over our health department and they are bound by the attorney general's opinion by law.

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Spreading some Valentine's Day joy at Crestmont



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Torrey Hill Intermediate School students play checkers at Crestmont Nursing Care Center on Tuesday, for Valentine's Day. All Lake Fenton Community Schools fifth-graders will be out in the community visiting senior care facilities this week. This is teacher Jamie Pattison's class, and they held their Valentine's Day party here. From left is Jackson Besser, Bryce Fogle, Jakson Ketchum and Jaxon Penrod.

More than 30 cats found in condemned house

■Police trying to make contact with 60-year-old disabled resident

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Gaines Twp. — A Gaines Township house was condemned Monday night after police found dozens of cats roaming the property.

The property, at the corner of Grand Blanc and Van Vleet roads, is cluttered with trash and debris.

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A house on the corner of Grand Blanc and Van Vleet roads in Gaines Township has been condemned after police found more than 30 cats during a welfare check.

Area couple gets three years probation for child abuse

■Judge says 32 days spent in jail was punishment enough

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The Deerfield Township couple convicted of second-degree child abuse for isolating their adopted son in their basement was sentenced to three years probation. They were credited with time already spent in jail.

Eric and Angela Corcoran, both 44, spent 32 days in jail. They had faced up to 10 years in prison.

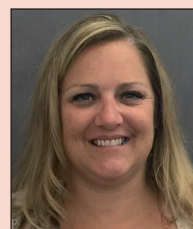
They were convicted in June 2016 after a four-day trial. During the trial, their adopted son, Justin Corcoran, testified that he wanted a family but was isolated in the basement between the ages of 12 and 15 because he had messy eating habits and made "lots of noise" while playing with toys early in the morning, according to the Detroit Free Press.

Justin, who is now 17, said he had attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder and borderline personality disorder.

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Eric Corcoran



Angela Corcoran

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“You can't blame the business owners for hiring immigrants. Be upset with the parents of the teenage Americans, because I cannot find one American teenager that wants to work as hard as a Mexican does.”




“I also would like to know how all the development in downtown Fenton has in any way benefitted the residents? Can't park, hard to get through town, more drunks on road. The restaurant owners that aren't from here are raking in the cash. Where is the upside for us?”



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“My gosh, get off of Andrew Heller's back. We should welcome all points of view. How do you take a stand on a stand when you only listen to one world view?”

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Playing dodgeball can save a firefighter's life

■ Local fire department thinks outside the box for training exercise

By Tim Jagielo

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Argentine Twp. — For a couple hours, the Argentine Township Fire Department was more like middle school gym class than a typical fire department.

It also sounded like five Darth Vaders were playing dodgeball.

On Wednesday, Feb. 8, five of the more than 20 firefighters were in full fire gear, including oxygen masks (minus the helmet and gloves), whipping playground balls at each other from across the engine bay floor.

While the activity looked like it was just for fun, there was a serious purpose behind these optional alternative trainings.

"The more you use the equipment, the more you get used to regulating your air consumption," said Fire Chief Matt Lafferty.

These firefighters played in full gear, breathing oxygen from tanks, just like in a real fire situation. While they were paid to play dodge ball, the lessons they

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Argentine Township firefighters (from left) Dan Sturgis, Todd MacDonell, Kati Whalen, Jason Lecoce and Jamie Ockerman suit up for a game of full-equipment dodgeball on Wednesday, Feb. 8. They play wearing oxygen tanks to learn how to better regulate their breathing, which is very important in a real-life fire situation.



GAME SHOWS OF ALL TIME

SOURCE: TVGUIDE.COM



1. Jeopardy



2. Wheel of Fortune



3. Family Feud



4. Match Game



5. The Price is Right



6. Who Wants to be a Millionaire



7. The Hollywood Squares



8. Password



9. What's My Line



10. The Newlywed Game

TV game show popularity never wanes

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The popular game show "Jeopardy" has been entertaining audiences since 1964.

offered a slight twist. Instead of *answering* the right question, contestants are required to *ask* the right question.

Answer: This game show is almost 53 years old.

Question: What is "Jeopardy?"

America's fascination with game shows is quite apparent, even more so this year when some of the old-time favorites like "Family Feud" and "To Tell the Truth" are back.

"Jeopardy," however, remains one of the longest-running game shows in TV history. It premiered on NBC on March 30, 1964. The trivia-style game

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Power of the press

We've all heard the term 'power of the press.' In nearly all small- and medium-sized communities across America, such as Fenton, Linden and Holly, the 'power of the press' is almost always represented by your local community newspaper.

These newspapers, usually locally owned, continue to thrive as a collective and common gathering place for all residents each week. It should surprise no one that in survey after survey it is these hometown, locally owned and operated newspapers that people trust more than any other media.

And why not? The people who own them, work at them, produce them and deliver them are your neighbors. They are the people who go to church with you, or stop to chat in the grocery store, or volunteer at community functions — or simply give a friendly wave in passing.

In most small towns the reader thinks, consciously or not, that there exists an implied contract between the paper and its readers. It's called trust. Readers trust their local newspaper to tell them the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. They trust their newspaper to promote the things that are beneficial to the community and to aggressively point out those that are not. They trust their newspaper to be the 24/7 watchdog of all things political — even when it might cost the newspaper someone's business. In return, the newspaper expects residents to support the newspaper, as well as its local merchants.

Often, your community newspaper is also the community 'scapedog' when it reports the bad along with the good. We are praised one week and cursed the next. It's a rare day we don't receive a call or visit from an irate reader who threatens to cancel their subscription due to a column, a Hot line or a story they didn't like. Frankly, we don't really care. It's far more important that the Times be respected — and even more importantly, trusted.

And, like it or not, at the end of the

day, the Times is the only news organization on planet Earth that truly gives a damn about what goes on in, and what happens to, Fenton, Holly or Linden and each of its 46,000 residents.

A Time magazine article titled, 'What Happens When A Community Loses It's Newspaper?' chronicled the nearly identical results of several communities where newspapers closed their doors: Voter turnout dropped dramatically, fewer people ran for offices, incumbents were chronically re-elected, school millages didn't pass, community social events diminished, local businesses closed, unemployment increased dramatically, home values decreased, police and emergency services declined, taxes were increased and crime increased.

It was a lose-lose situation for all involved.

That being said, I would be remiss not to point out that your community newspaper, the Times, is chronically recognized as one of the most successful newspapers in the state, by any measurement. It's why your hometown newspaper was recently named Michigan Newspaper of the Year for the fourth time in five years. It's why we have been serving this area for over 60 years.

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PLEASE NO MORE political comments. The election has been over for months. It is time to move on and heal the country. We will never bring the country together as long as TV, radio, and papers allow us to complain about everything Trump does.

MY HIGH SCHOOLERS read the Tri-County every week. It not only educates them, it improves their reading and comprehension skills and keeps them in the loop of what is going on in our community.

WHILE TRUMP KEEPS everyone busy with the immigrant crisis, the GOP is figuring out how to undo as many consumer protections as possible so that big banks can become richer, riskier and more powerful.

MR. TRUMP, YOU can only beat a newspaper with another newspaper. How's that working for you?

MADE IN THE USA. I can't wait to spend some money on some real honest-to-goodness made-in-the-USA products. God bless.

SO THE PRESIDENT signed an executive order authorizing the building of the border wall. It's guaranteed to keep out all Mexicans, unless they can somehow get their hands on a ladder or a shovel.

SO THE MEXICAN woman who was deported had a forged Social Security card. She was here for 22 years and ap-

parently did not apply for citizenship ever. Obama overlooked this forgery and let her stay. This tells me we had a president that told illegal immigrants to break laws because it doesn't matter.

I AM SO glad that the media has, after a news conference, a talking head explain what I had just heard. Liberals may need that, but I don't.

TO THE PERSON in Sunday's paper who talked about world chaos because we wanted change. The man we voted for is trying to take our country back to what it should be, not what it is now.

MELANIA TRUMP BECAME a U.S. citizen in 2006. Look it up before you state untruths.

WITH THE NEW speed limit law and gravel roads, I think the authorities should lower the speed limit along Houser Road to either 25 or 35 mph — 45 is way too fast for the way the road is.

A HOT-LINER WAS upset that Reagan opposed Communists in Hollywood. President Reagan caused the fall of 21 dictators in the Soviet Union and Warsaw Pact nations. Reagan's actions freed about 400 million people without a war. Why would any American criticize this great world leader?

IN ANSWER TO a previous writer, Reagan wanted to tear down the Berlin wall to free Germans. Trump wants to build a wall to keep Americans free. He's doing the job that Congress and previous presidents failed to do. See Article 4, Sec 4 of the constitution.

SO TRUMP CREATED 20,000 jobs in his first two weeks. That would be an average of 40,000 in a month. Obama created 250,000 jobs in his last month in office. Wait, that probably is just 'fake news.'

I WONDER HOW many of the open immigration protesters are just illegal drug users worried about their supply being cut off.

READ OR REREAD '1984' and then compare that to what Trump is doing. Scary.

TO THE PERSON in Sunday's paper stating Melania is an illegal alien, I suppose you have proof of this, right. Probably not, just want to run your mouth.

GUYS, IT'S THAT time of year again. Valentine's Day. Don't sweat the flowers and the candy, but think of a heartfelt gift.

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"Show me the money!" from 'Jerry Maguire' with Tom Cruise."

James Holtyn
Fenton



"Definitely 'You're killin' me, Smalls!'"

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Brighton



"'Suicide Squad,' when Harley says to the Joker, 'That's easy. Would you live for me?'"

Madison Wennersten
Fenton



"'P.S. I love you.' It's just a cute relationship and all of the little things they say to each other."

Taylor Kammer
Gaines



"'Just keep swimming' in 'Finding Nemo' and 'Finding Dory.'"

Barbara Rollier
Fenton Township

News briefs

Flint Scottish Pipe Band celebrates 101st anniversary

The Flint Scottish Pipe Band, one of the oldest bagpipe bands in North America, will hold its 101st anniversary party on Feb. 25 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Davison. Doors open at 6 p.m. with entertainment from 6:30 to 12 p.m. Four bagpipe bands and others, including the Roane Celtic/American Folk Band, will perform along with Scottish and Irish dancers. Traditional Scottish foods and a cash bar will be available. Advance tickets are available. A Scotch Whisky Tasting Event will follow on Friday, Feb. 26, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Davison K of C Hall. For more information, visit flintscottish.com and click on "Ceilidh."

Local officials support goose nest, egg destruction program

The Fenton City Council voted unanimously Monday, Feb. 13, to support the Lake Fenton Property Owners Association in its quest to rid the lake area of goose nests and eggs. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requires that the association have Fenton City Council approval before conducting a Canada Goose nest and egg destruction program on Lake Fenton. In his letter to the city, George Dyball, president of the Lake Fenton Property Owners Association, said, "We are pursuing this program as a means to control the population of Canada Geese in an effort to benefit the health, safety and welfare of the lake residents." According to the resolution, by supporting it, the city "clearly understands that any birds removed and relocated during this program may be killed." On Monday, Feb. 5, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees voted to support the lake association in this effort as well.

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"I agree that smoking is a problem, but the place for this decision is at the state level," Shapiro said.

"We took an oath of office a few weeks ago to uphold the law. No way am I going to risk spending a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine."

Shapiro said he has a fiduciary responsibility to protect the taxpayers he represents in Genesee County. "Philip Morris and R.J. Reynolds have deep pockets," he said of the giant tobacco corporations.

"Genesee County does not. I don't want our taxpayers to have to foot the bill for laws that are more symbolic gestures.

"We are five minutes from two other counties. Smokers can get cigarettes there. People can give them cigarettes and that's legal."

Shapiro stressed that he agrees smoking is a problem. "It's horrible. We all know someone with cancer. But we need to remove the emotion when making decisions like this."

The driving age was set at the state level, the drinking age is set at the state level. Shapiro said he wouldn't mind if the tobacco buying age was determined at the state level as well.

"There are 82 counties in the state of Michigan," said Shapiro. "This should not be a county to county decision."

Attorney General Bill Schuette issued a ruling on Friday, Feb. 3, that says the city of Ann Arbor is in violation of state law by passing an ordinance in July 2016 prohibiting anyone under the age of 21 from buying tobacco products.

In his ruling, Schuette explained, "On January 1, 1972, the Age of Majority Act took effect as enacted by Public Act 79 of 1971. The Act declared that 'a person who is at least 18 years of age on or after January 1, 1972, is an adult of legal age for all purposes whatsoever, and shall have the same duties, liabilities, responsibilities, rights, and legal capacity as persons heretofore acquired at 21 years of age.'" MCL 722.52(1)

Schuette concluded that it is his opinion that the Age of Majority Act preempts a city ordinance that provides "a person shall not sell, give or furnish a tobacco product in any form to a person under 21 years of age."

He further wrote that the ordinance directly conflicts with state law by barring



Drew Shapiro

the sale or furnishing of tobacco products to 18 to 20 year olds because the Age of Majority Act prohibits treating these young adults differently from persons 21 years and older with respect to their legal capacity to purchase tobacco products.

The Genesee County Board of Commissioners took its first vote on Jan. 30 to support "Tobacco 21," the nationwide movement to prohibit the sale of tobacco products to anyone under 21 years old. The majority voted in favor of the ban, but agreed to a conduct a final vote at the board's Feb. 14 meeting, giving the Genesee County Board of Health, acting on behalf of the Genesee County Health Department, a chance to discuss it further.

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.

Shapiro abstained from voting at that meeting and said at the time, "Smoking is certainly a public health issue and I appreciate the intent of this change."

Shapiro, however, favored taking the age restriction from the ordinance and making it a May 2 ballot referendum.

On Friday, Feb. 3, Shapiro said, "If commissioner (David) Martin and I had not insisted that this be sent back to committee, Genesee County would currently be in violation of state law."

It was thought that Schuette's opinion would render this a non-issue.

"Needlessly pitting our people against the state over symbolic gestures with little to no tangible benefit is not why our constituents elected us," Shapiro said on Feb. 3.

On Tuesday, Feb. 14, he said, "I took an oath to uphold the laws of Michigan. I will not violate that oath for anyone. My constituents deserve that."

It will take 90 days for the resolution to take effect.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

EIGHT YEARS OF Obama led to higher taxes, higher regulations, failed policies regarding education, EPA, crime, and policies in the Middle East, ISIS, and a failed immigration policy. He will go down as one of the worst presidents ever.

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Council approves downtown speed limit changes

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Some speed limit changes are coming to downtown Fenton and nearby streets. On Monday, Jan. 23, the Fenton City Council heard information on the installation and/or change to speed limit signs in four areas, but tabled voting on the matter until its February meeting.

Several residents disagreed with the traffic study and spoke against raising the speed limit, especially since there are no sidewalks in the areas involved.

At the Jan. 23 meeting, Robert Tisch, a South LeRoy Street resident, provided a petition signed by residents affected by the proposed traffic control order, who disagree with raising the speed limit. Thomas Halligan and Lynda Chase also expressed their disappoint-

ment about the proposed increase, citing safety concerns.

According to Police Chief Rick Aro, the changes are needed to comply with the recent traffic study.

He said, "After the Streetscape was completed, city administration wanted to take a look at the speed limits on South LeRoy to determine if they were still appropriate.

"We decided to use a traffic study to do that," said Aro. "A traffic study is a much more comprehensive method of examining and possibly changing speed limits." The results were examined by the city's traffic engineer, Pete LaMorie of Progressive Engineering in Grand Rapids, who then made recommendations regarding changes.

"The temporary changes to the speed limits were made last fall," said Aro. The speed limit on South LeRoy between Silver Lake Road and West Shiawassee will decrease from 30 miles per hour to 25 mph. A new sign will reflect that change.

A new 30 mph speed limit sign will be installed on South LeRoy Street, south of Elizabeth Street on the west shoulder of the roadway facing north.

The 30 mph sign will be replaced with a 35 mph sign on South LeRoy Street, north of Jayne on the east shoulder facing south. A new 35 mph sign will be installed on the west shoulder facing north south of South Holly Road.

The 30 mph sign will be replaced with a 35 mph sign on South LeRoy Street, near High and Union.

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Gaines Township Police Chief Mark Schmitzer said they had a hoarding situation at the Gaines Township home that was condemned Monday night.

CATS

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Around 11 a.m. on Tuesday, approximately six cats could be seen walking around the property.

Genesee County Animal Control was called and was on scene early Tuesday.

Gaines Township Police Chief Mark Schmitzer said they were called to conduct a welfare check at the property for a 60-year-old disabled man who hadn't been seen in a few weeks. When they arrived, a window was open and when they knocked on the door, it came open.

Schmitzer said the lights and the heat were on.

"We had a hoarder situation. It was up to our armpits," he said. They then called the Gaines Township Fire Department for assistance.

Crews searched the house for the

man but could not find him. Schmitzer said he still hasn't been able to make contact, and he's chasing down a few addresses.

Schmitzer estimates they found more than 30 cats, and that the odor was bad.

"The fire department had to use full protective gear," he said.

Genesee County Animal Control Director Paul Wallace said they were on scene Tuesday morning and they saw seven cats. He described them as "healthy" and "not too friendly."

"We left food for them. We will support the township's operation and help them capture the cats when the time comes... there are the normal legal issues that they've got to work through before we can begin moving animals," Wallace said.

Schmitzer said they will ask the owner to sign over the cats. If not, they could get a court order.

“We had a hoarder situation. It was up to our armpits.”

Mark Schmitzer
Gaines Township police chief

CHILD ABUSE

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Other witnesses testified that he was not allowed upstairs by himself, and he had to use a camper toilet as bathroom facilities. Other allegations included that meals were left on the top of the stairs and he was forced to eat alone.

A social worker from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Child Protective Services testified that Justin was treated very differently than the Corcoran's biological children.

The alleged abuse started in 2012 and continued through February of 2015.

Judge Michael P. Hatty recognized that Justin had food, shelter, clothing, and access to and from the basement, but that he felt isolated from the family. He said the 32 days the couple spent in jail was punishment enough, according to the Detroit Free Press.

In August 2016, according to the Livingston Daily, Hatty denied the Corcoran's attorney's request for a new trial after a Tyrone Township woman's reports.

Linda Vivian told the Livingston County Prosecutor's Office that she saw Justin in the summer when she visited her daughter who lives on the same lake as the

Corcoran family. Vivian said he was well dressed, appeared to be well fed, she saw him swim in the lake frequently and use her daughter's slip and slide, according to Livingston Daily.

She said Justin seemed fine when they talked, and that she saw him leave and re-enter the house at will.

In a November 2015 Tri-County Times article, a friend of the Corcorans, Joe Durocher, said, "I met the Corcorans when they joined the Silver Lake Ski Club in 2006. They are an outgoing family and were an instant success within the club.

"Eric is one of the hardest working men I know. He was

recently promoted to a supervisory position within his job. Angie also had a great job working for a local hospital.

"Eric has been 'one of the guys' for years and has volunteered for tough jobs. Angie served as a spotter in my uncle's boat for six years and was a spotter for me this past year. I never had a complaint. My girlfriend is friends with their daughter and said, 'she's a well rounded, smart young woman.' Her little brother and Justin (the 16-year-old) used to often play together at ski practices. This family was no different than any other," he said.

“...their adopted son, Justin Corcoran, testified that he wanted a family but was isolated in the basement between the ages of 12 and 15...”



Mark McCabe
67th District Court
Ask the
judge

Immigration laws

Most legal observers agree that there have been a number of interesting legal issues involving President Donald Trump and the implementation of certain changes in our national policies.

An example of this is seen in the Executive Order that President Trump signed on Jan. 24, 2017 regarding immigration.

The Order suspended visa entries by foreign nationals from seven countries into the United States for 90 days, indefinitely barred Syrian refugees, and suspended all refugee admissions for 120 days.

The Order has been the subject of much debate and is currently being reviewed by the federal courts. Whatever happens from both a legal and historical perspective this is not the first time that there has been disagreement over immigration in our country.

For example, in 1798 the then Federalist majority Congress passed four laws, which collectively were called the 'Alien and Sedition Acts.' Federalist President John Adams signed them into law the same year despite intense constitutional and other criticism from the members of the Democratic-Republican Party headed by Thomas Jefferson.

The following are the briefest of summaries of the Acts:

(1) The Naturalization Act extended the time period from five years to 14 years that an immigrant had to live in the United States before becoming a citizen.

(2) The Alien Enemies Act allowed for the immediate arrest, detainment, and deportation of male citizens of an enemy nation in time of war.

(3) The Alien Friends Act allowed the deportation of any noncitizen in peace or at a time of war suspected of plotting against the government.

(4) The Sedition Act made conspiracies against the government and false, scandalous, or malicious writing against Congress or the President illegal.

Three of these Acts ended or were repealed when Thomas Jefferson became president in 1800. However, a version of the Alien Enemies Act remains the law today.

The United States Supreme Court has never ruled on the constitutionality of any of these laws.

There have been a number of other immigration laws passed since 1798, which have seen strong support on one side and criticism on the other.

I think it is fair to say that whatever the final decision is as to the Executive Order, we potentially are seeing history in the making.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Dodgeball is one alternative training activity the Argentine Township Fire Department uses for team building, and practice in using equipment.

TRAINING

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learned could save a life.

Some firefighters don't use their equipment as often as others, said Lafferty. These trainings ensure they're familiar with their gear.

They were able to play dodge ball and learn about how much oxygen they use from their tanks, and work on reducing it.

Firefighter Jamie Ockerman had the best oxygen consumption. She said she saves air by taking every other breath.

Firefighter Todd MacDonell used the most oxygen — but he's also 6-feet, 5-inches tall and weighs more than 300 pounds. Knowing who uses the most, or least oxygen will help them decide how to pair up in a real fire situation.

"We're trying to come up with ideas that are not your typical trainings, where you're sitting through a lecture," said Lafferty.

ferty. It's about getting everyone together to have a good time, but also learning important lessons, and developing skills for the job.

“We’re trying to come up with ideas that are not your typical trainings, where you’re sitting through a lecture.”

Matt Lafferty
Argentine Township fire chief

In previous sessions, they made a giant “Jenga” set, and used extrication equipment like the Jaws of Life, to play with large wooden blocks. Lafferty said that it helps them almost “form a dexterity” with these life-saving tools.

The ideas were suggested by the training committee, which is comprised of fire department members who sometimes get ideas

from online sources. Lafferty said they try to have these alternative training exercises every month.

This isn't the only training they do — they have monthly mandatory training, which is more traditional. The firefighters have to continue training to keep their medical first-responder licenses current.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I SEE TRUMP'S first military raid was a disaster. Perhaps if he served in the military instead of maligning those like John McCain who did serve he wouldn't make as many mistakes.

WHY IS VIETNAM defector Trump so popular among the same crowd who screamed about Vietnam defector Clinton?

WHY ARE REPUBLICANS, who now control the House, Senate and the White House, crying about what Obama did?

ONLY ONE REASON a person will take a handicapped parking space when they don't deserve it — they feel entitled and justify it to themselves somehow. This goes for those who misuse one intended for a family member not in the car at the time. It is wrong.

HAS ANYONE ELSE noticed the absurd amount of trash and litter around the area? Does this come from the trash trucks or do we just have too many with the attitude that someone else can pick up my trash? The fence along North Road and U.S. 23 is a prime example. Where do you think that came from? Please walk across the road and pick it up.

I LEARNED A long time ago that politics and religion should only be argued in college — when you know everything.

THE HOLLYWOOD LIBERALS should stick with what they know — acting like someone else.

I'D LOVE TO let all the good refugees in. Please assure me as to which ones they are.

TODAY'S BITTER POLITICAL environment can be traced back to the passage of Obamacare. It was an act of one-party rule and left 'resistance' as the only option for Republicans.

I'M WATCHING TO see if Republicans place national interests ahead of politics by reversing the Democrats' 'nuclear-option' Senate rules. One-party rule shouldn't be the status-quo.

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POPULATION

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a problem, where the desired job growth begins to run into the limits imposed by slow population growth.”

Grimes said many firms around the state are running out of people to hire, especially for jobs that have higher skill and education requirements.

According to an economic forecast by the University of Michigan, the economy saw an increase of 69,000 jobs in 2016. It's projected that the state's economy

will continue to grow these next two years by adding 41,600 jobs in 2017 and 50,000 in 2018.

“Michigan's employment is growing in almost all industries. The strongest growth has been in motor vehicle manufacturing and the industries, like professional services where white collar auto industry jobs are counted,” he said.

The strongest job growth has been around the larger metropolitan areas like Detroit and Grand Rapids, which Grimes said have grown faster than smaller metropolitan areas and rural areas.

“The strongest growth has been in motor vehicle manufacturing and the industries, like professional services where white collar auto industry jobs are counted.”

Don Grimes

University of Michigan's Institute for Research on Labor, Employment, and the Economy senior research specialist

“Although there are exceptions, like the Ann Arbor metropolitan area and the Grand Traverse City area, which have had relatively rapid employment growth,” he said.

Even though jobs are continually coming to Michigan, the payroll employment levels will regain only a portion of the jobs lost in the decline before the Great Recession, according to the forecast.

The possible trade war with Mexico could also negatively affect Michigan jobs and business.

“The initial way that this would hurt Michigan is that the supply chain within the manufacturing industry is very integrated between the U.S., Mexico, Canada, and indeed the entire world, and that supply chain would undoubtedly be disrupted, at least for the first few years by a trade war,” Grimes said.

Big media have mentioned the possibility of a trade war due to the rising tensions between President Donald Trump and Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto over who will pay for the wall Trump wants to build on the border between America and Mexico.

“Car manufacturers, for example, might have difficulty getting new parts from Mexico suppliers, and indeed those parts would undoubtedly cost more because of a trade war. Sudden shocks to a complex system are simply not good

for the operation of that system, at least in the short run,” he said.

It would take years to re-source new parts and build new plants. Grimes said after a few years, Michigan's motor vehicle industry would probably adjust to higher tariffs on Mexican imports.

“But in the meantime a trade war would be very costly and disruptive,” Grimes said.

MORE STAYING IN MICHIGAN

The state experienced a decrease in the number of people leaving the state between 2015 and 2016. This year's net migration is a loss of 5,328, which is the second lowest of the decade, according to the U.S. Census.

JOB EXPECTED TO COME TO MICHIGAN

University of Michigan's forecast predicts that job gains between now and the end of 2018 are projected to include 22,000 construction jobs, 33,000 jobs in professional and business services, 14,000 jobs in leisure and hospitality, and 18,000 jobs in trade, transportation, and utilities along with the 1,000 jobs the government hires per year.

MICHIGAN COMPARED TO THE U.S.

- **Michigan is the 10th-largest** state in America, with a strong lead over the following states New Jersey and Virginia. Michigan has 9,928,300 residents, while New Jersey and Virginia's populations stand at 8,944,469 and 8,411,808 respectively.
- **The Great Lakes State** had been number nine until 2014, when North Carolina experienced significant domestic migration gains.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHAT EXACTLY HAS Donald Trump and his family done to deserve all this hate that is out there? He won an election for President. He wants to make America great again. We are a country of immigrants, not refugees. He is trying to make the entry of the refugees a safe one for Americans. Liberals have turned this into an atrocity.

SO, WHAT I am witnessing in our world currently is that if a Democrat does not win the White House we will be in total turmoil. Protesters blocking traffic, setting fires, punching people who do not agree, etc. Obama has successfully groomed this pathetic world and he is standing off to the side enjoying it immensely.

THEY ARE NOW advertising for people to teach them how to protest and how to disrupt town halls. Is there a difference here between how ISIS recruits people other than so far they are not trained to kill?

HELL HAS FROZEN over. The Pope, Sen. McCain, Michael Moore, and Dick Cheney all agree on one thing — Donald Trump is dangerous.

WHAT THE PEOPLE of the village of Holly really love are their water towers. What they don't love is the mold that grows on the bottom half of the towers. If you are going to build it, clean it.

IT'S FEBRUARY, WE'VE had a soft winter so far and the litter from the human race is abundantly clear for all to see. I, as one resident, am ashamed we take so little pride in our community as to discard trash in such a reckless manner.

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TV GAME SHOW
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The syndicated show debuted in 1984 and now more than 30 years later, Jeopardy continues to be one of the highest-rated syndicated programs.

The secret to its success is its ability to engage its audience at home, who can play along and say, "What a dummy" when the TV contestant gets an answer wrong.

Host Alex Trebek has guided the show since 1984.

Fenton City Councilwoman Cherie Smith said Jeopardy was always her favorite game show. "My head is full of useless trivia and obscure information," she said. "I've watched Jeopardy since the 1960s when Art Fleming was the host."

Trivia buffs got another chance to test their superior skills from the kitchen table when "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" came on the scene. It began its reign on TV in 1998 as a nighttime program, starting with host Regis Philbin. When it went to daytime, Meredith Vieira took over as host, followed by Cedric the Entertainer and Terry Crews. The show is still on the air with Chris Harrison as the current host.

"Who Wants to be a Millionaire" soared in popularity because winning was actually doable and the prizes were big.

Some of the other popular TV game shows include "Wheel of Fortune," which began in 1975, "The Price is Right" in 1972, "Family Feud" in 1976, and "Let's Make a Deal" in 1963. And who can forget "The Dating Game," "The Newlywed Game" and the "The \$100,000 Pyramid."

Denise Penwell said she loves "The Price is Right," "Jeopardy," and "Let's Make A Deal." "I love how excited people get when they win. I love seeing people happy and having so much fun," she said.

Amy Mayhew of Holly said "Family Feud" is her favorite because host Steve Harvey is hilarious and really makes it more than just a game show.

Jan Garrett said she always loved "Wheel of Fortune," "Family Feud" and "The Newlywed Game."

"Wheel is fun, love the challenge," said Garrett. "Feud is fun and light-hearted and promotes conversation. And my husband and I love seeing how well we'd answer the Newlywed questions."

"Match Game" was another popular TV game show that has recently been revived.

Former Holly resident Janet Leslie said, "I'm enjoying the revival of 'Match Game.' It was stupid in the '70s and it's stupid now, but they've hit just the right nostalgic note to make it kitschy fun. The brief revival of the '\$100,000 Pyramid' was good, too. That was always one of the better game shows."

Linda Russell said she is never really home to watch game shows. "I loved 'The Newlywed Game,'" she said. "They brought that back a couple years ago. It was a lot of laughs and always made my husband and I talk about whether or not we would be able to guess each other's answers."

The jury is still out on the new shows, like "The Wall." While local viewers say it is exciting, not everyone can be good-natured about losing a million dollars or more because their spouse or partner made a decision they thought was best.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WELL, THE IRANIANS are up to it again, thanks to Comrade Obama and all you liberal Democrats. Here we go.

GREAT, OBAMA MADE a deal to take refugees that our allies won't take due to their hard line stance on immigration.

THEY ARE ARRESTING and deporting illegal immigrants. Don't blame Trump. This is Obama's doing, impeach him.

CONGRESS ALLOCATES WHERE money goes and Congress has been Republican for the last six years. Before you make a statement that pertains to government, maybe you should understand how it works first.

LET'S NOT FORGET that we are all human. Please be kind to one another despite differences in opinion.

ONE OF THE main reasons for raising the FHA rates was to prevent another

subprime crisis, which ushered in the last depression.

I CHECKED AS best I could on the charitable foundations of Clinton and Trump. I found two sites where it states that the Clinton Foundation gives between 5.7 to 6 percent to charity. I was able to find only one site for Trump's donations, which were nearly 50 percent.

IT'S TRUE THAT Republicans donate more to charity but they aren't against welfare. They're against welfare as a way of life — which is something the Democrats want to perpetuate.

I REALIZE THAT it's our constitutional right to peaceful protest, but frankly, I'm getting tired of it. Don't these people have jobs?

WHEN YOU SAY no one makes a profit from public schools, did you forget about the teachers union? They are the main opposition to learning.



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HOT LINE CONTINUED

IF, WHAT IF, Donald Trump is right?

IF YOU'RE WRONG and keep quiet, you're wise. If you're right and keep quiet, you're married.

IN 1961, THE reins of political power in Detroit fell permanently into Democratic Party hands. In 1967, riots erupted, taxes were raised. People moved on and took their jobs and cash.

AS A LIBERAL, I would certainly open up my home to help an immigrant get a fresh start. It's the Christian thing to do.

PEOPLE WHO MAKE cars receive a well-deserved, multi-thousand dollar check while those who educate our children continue to watch their benefits reduced, their pensions disappear and their salaries cut. What is wrong with this picture?

THE FIRST THINGS Putin's Republicans did were to gut ethics law, remove sanctions on so-called President Trump's KGB handlers and reopen the Wall Street casino.

TOO BAD GOP leaders that use Twitter are not articulate enough to send clear messages, but then there are always 'alternate interpretations and facts' or 'fake news' for damage control.

TO THE PERSON who marched to end the Vietnam War. Congratulations. Ten million Southeast Asians lost their lives because of your success. Congratulations.

A BIG SHOUT out to the Fenton Rotary Club for sponsoring 'The Big Debate' Saturday at Lake Fenton High School. Thank you for providing scholarships, trophies, and certificates to the debaters and doughnuts, coffee and pizza to everyone.

ALL I HEAR is the liberal media this, the liberal media that. Is the Republican media a bunch of honest saints? I think not. They're every bit as bad.

THE DEMOCRATS ARE protesting and trying to stop everything President Trump is trying to do, and then they will whine that he isn't fulfilling his campaign promises. If Republicans had done the same to Obama, they would have been called racists.

IT WAS A nice surprise to see The King return in the Jan. 29 Times. So I was looking forward to reading him in today's paper but was really let down when I saw Heller's face greeting me.

THE REASON THE first order of business was to dispute the crowd at the inauguration was to address the immature, lying, and false reporting of the media. Hard to get things across to the people with wrong information and a shame these networks have gotten away with it so long.

ALMOST ALL THE Hot line comments are about Trump, good and bad. I don't even bother reading the Hot lines anymore.

CHIEF PROMISE-A-lot in the White House acts like he's the only president who ever promised to control crime, regulate immigration and create jobs. Good luck to him.

IVANKA TRUMP, THE president's daughter, seems like a first class young woman. Many young people have risen above the anger and prejudice of their parents.

UNCONTROLLABLE LITTLE DOG provokes big dog in his yard and little dog gets hurt. Where is her fence? End of story.

Presidents known for 'oops' actions throughout history

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President's Day will be observed on Monday, Feb. 20 this year. Just like a kid whose birthday close to Christmas in December is overshadowed by the holiday, some may think the same holds true for George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

While Lincoln's actual birth date is Feb. 12, and Washington's Feb. 22, the two American holidays got consolidated into one in 1971, when the two birthdays became a single holiday, Presidents Day, to be observed on the third Monday in February.

The intent was to not only honor Washington and Lincoln, but all the past presidents of the United States.

While the country is divided on their opinions of newly elected, outspoken President Donald J. Trump, there have been other presidents with "blunders" under their belts.

President Bill Clinton

Charming and suave, Clinton could not overcome the problems associated with alleged sexual relations with White House intern Monica Lewinsky. The scandal that followed allegations of sexual misconduct drew major reactions from around the world.

His repeated denials of any misconduct only added to the outrage. It resulted in a vote to impeach him by the House of Representatives in 1998. The Senate did not vote to oust him from office but this incident left an indelible mark on his presidency.



President Ronald Reagan

Reagan is accused of broken international agreements and helping to fund a revolution. He allegedly supplied weapons to Iran, breaking an arms embargo. Then he allegedly used the gains to fund a revolutionary group called Contras in Nicaragua on the sly, which was in violation of Boland Agreement. The uproar that followed this incident ended in major Congressional hearings. Reagan is still a beloved former president but many still point to these events as a marker of a man willing to break the rules when it suited him.



President Richard Nixon

The Watergate scandal is one of the all-time biggest involving a serving U.S. President. Watergate 'broke' when five men were caught breaking into the Democratic National Headquarters at the Watergate business complex, in 1972. An investigation into this break in — and



the one at Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office (Ellsberg had published the secret Pentagon Papers) — revealed the cover up that Richard Nixon and his advisors had attempted. Nixon resigned on Aug. 9, 1974, before he could be impeached.

President John F. Kennedy

The Bay of Pigs Invasion was a futile exercise by United States-backed Cuban exiles to overthrow the government of the Cuban dictator Fidel Castro. After the increased conflict between U.S. government and Castro's leftist regime led President Dwight D. Eisenhower to break off diplomatic relations with Cuba in January 1961, the invasion plan was approved by Eisenhower's successor, John F. Kennedy. The U.S.-backed forces suffered a decisive and clear defeat, causing strong embarrassment for the Kennedy Administration.



President Grover Cleveland

This was a juicy scandal that hit Grover Cleveland when he was running for the presidency in 1884. A woman named Maria C. Halpin, a widow with whom he had had a relationship, named him as the father to her son. On receiving the claim, he agreed to support the child and even agreed to place him in an orphanage when she was no longer in a position to raise him. He was open and honest about the entire episode, which surprisingly helped him in his election. The revelation of the issue gave birth to the chant "Ma, Ma, where's my Pa? Gone to the White House, ha, ha, ha!"



President Andrew Jackson

Andrew Jackson served his term under plenty of scrutiny after it turned out his wife was still married to another man. He had married her under the assumption that she was divorced.



President Thomas Jefferson

In 1802, Jefferson was accused of having an intimate relationship with his slave, Sally Hemings. To top it off, he was also rumored to have had a child with her. He vehemently denied the allegations, and remained president for the next seven years. In the later years, DNA evidence pointed to the likelihood of Jefferson having fathered Hemings' children.



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Blue Devils' offense heats up versus Goodrich, 89-79

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Lake Fenton — It seems every time Lake Fenton and Goodrich collide for a boys basketball game in recent seasons it's been a contest to remember.

Last year the games involved great game-winning shots for the Blue Devils. On Friday night, the game involved scoring, and lots of it. The two teams combined for 168 points, but when the contest was over, the Blue Devils' offense was a bit better resulting in an 89-79 victory for the hosts.

The point total was a season-high for the Blue Devils, eclipsing the 80 Lake Fenton scored in an 80-76 victory at Flint Hamady.

Perhaps the only person not completely thrilled by the performance was Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Jake Erway.

"The reason we scored 89 points and won is because we allowed 79, so we had to score that many," Erway said. "Thank God we did put the ball in the basket."

Put the ball in the basket is exactly what Lake Fenton did.

Lake Fenton's Cameron Jackson **CONTINUED AT TCTIMES.COM**

Fenton/Linden girls ski team are queens of the mountain, win divisional title

By David Troppens
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It's been a year of domination for the Fenton/Linden varsity girls ski team at Mt. Holly.

The squad has dominated its opposition in dual meets, cruising to an undefeated record against divisional foes at Mt. Holly. The team's top skier, Zoe Weinberg has dominated every individual regardless of gender, making it a habit to not only post the best times for the women on any given day of competition, but for the entire field. Finally, the squad even had its JV team dominate a recent tournament.

But recently the Fenton/Linden co-op

Seventeen heading to regional action from Goodrich district

By David Troppens
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Seventeen tri-county wrestlers advanced out of Division 2 district action at Goodrich High School toward Saturday's regional round. Holly had seven wrestlers advance while Linden qualified six. Fenton had four. The top four wrestlers in each weight class advanced to regional action.

The Bronchos had three advance to the finals and one win a district title. Nathan

Young (103) won his title by beating Brandon's Corbin Hallberg by decision. He was the area's only district champion. Cade Dallwitz (171) and Blake Querio (285) also made it to the finals, but lost matches. Dallwitz faced Marysville's Nino Bastianelli in the final, losing 10-2. Meanwhile, Querio took on Goodrich's Blake Coffell in the title match but lost a 5-2 decision.

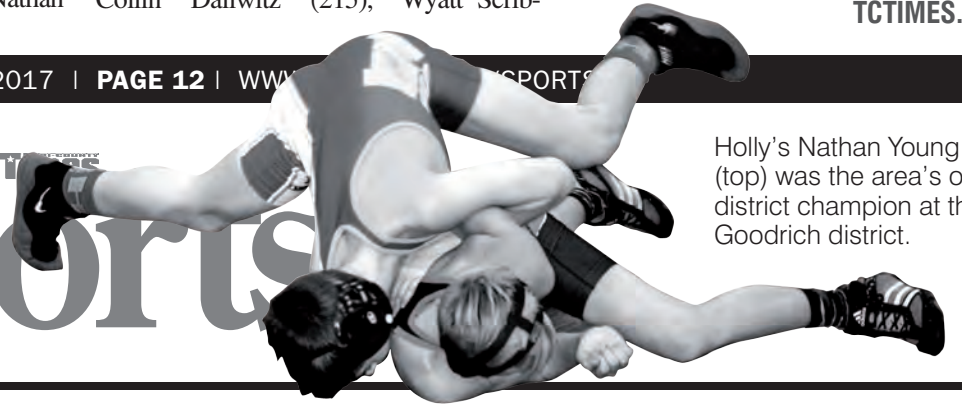
Other Holly wrestlers placing third were Collin Dallwitz (215), Wyatt Scrib-

ner (130), Carsen Cuthbert (140) and William Greer (160).
"We were very pleased with our effort," Holly varsity wrestling coach Don Pluta said. "Hopefully they will wrestle well at the regionals. The kids still need to take their energy level up a notch during competition if they expect to qualify for the state finals."

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Holly's Nathan Young (top) was the area's only district champion at the Goodrich district.

Five district champions for LF wrestlers

■ Nine Blue Devils advance to the regional round

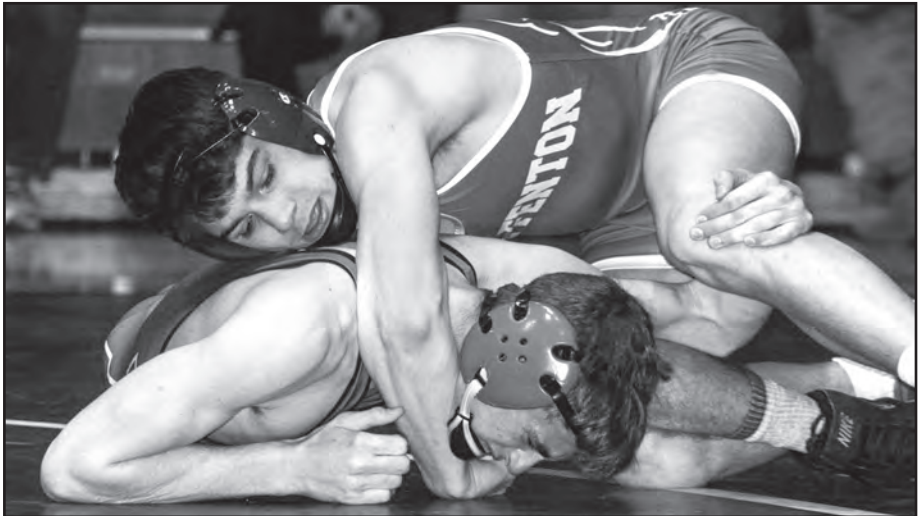
By David Troppens
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Nothing comes easy for the Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team. But one suspects the Blue Devils like it that way.

The Genesee Area Conference champions had to compete in what was probably the toughest Division 3 individual district in the state on Saturday at Williamston High School, but still came out of the event with nine wrestlers advancing to individual regional competition. Regionals will be hosted at Williamston High School as well.

Of those nine wrestlers qualifying, five won district championships and two qualified for the finals.

"The boys wrestled really well this past weekend and to qualify nine out of the toughest D3 district was impressive," Lake Fenton varsity wrestling coach Vance Corcoran said. "Now we move to the toughest regional in the state which has Dundee in the mix. The boys are wrestling tough and peaking at the right time. We are looking to advance a few more kids to the Palace in a couple of weeks."

The Blue Devils two two-time defending state champions won district crowns. Jarrett Trombley (130) remained undefeated at 47-0 by cruising to the final and defeating Portland's

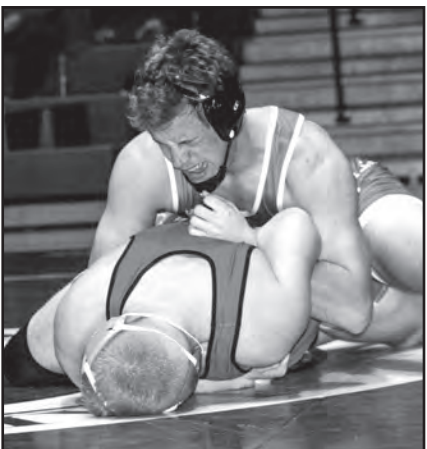


Desmond Gardner by injury default. Trent Hillger (285) is the other returning two-time champion. He improved to 48-0 with a pinfall victory against Corunna's Brandon Blair in just 1:31.

Three others won district crowns — Hunter Corcoran (125), Sean Trombley (140) and Jackson Nevadomski (152). Nevadomski improved to 47-1 by defeating Portland's Hayden Mavis by pinfall in 4:36. Meanwhile, Corcoran upped his mark to 46-2 while winning his title. He defeated Powers's Eric Spidle by a 13-5 decision.

Trombley was the final Lake Fenton district champion, earning his by beating Williamston's Quinton Lopez in the final 6-1.

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Two of Lake Fenton's nine regional qualifiers are Sean Trombley (top photo to the right) and Ryan Franks (photo above on top).



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The Fenton/Linden varsity girls ski team celebrates their divisional season championship. The squad now prepares for Wednesday's regional competition.

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Fenton defeats Swartz Creek/Flushing co-op, comes close to state times at MISCA

By David Troppens

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The Fenton varsity boys swimming and diving team had a busy week last week.

The squad had two normal meets and also went to the Michigan Swim Coaches Association (MISCA) meet on Saturday.

The end results were some dual victories and some opportunities to post some fast times against great competition at the MISCA meet.

The Tigers (3-0) defeated the Swartz Creek/Flushing co-op 120-65 on Thursday. During the meet, Swartz Creek also named their pool the Dick Richards Natatorium in honor of their past long-time coach who recently died. Fenton swimmers wore "D.R." on their chests.

"I was very proud of them helping the honor of coach Richards who was a great influence and mentor for me when I began coaching," Fenton varsity boys swim coach Brad Jones said.

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Fenton's varsity boys swim team posted the initials 'D.R.' on their chests to honor ex-long-time Swartz Creek swim coach Dick Richards during the meet Swartz Creek named their facility the Dick Richards Natatorium.

Holly seniors spark victory vs. Dragons, 64-49

By Dale M. Smith

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Holly — After losing so much talent the last two years, the Holly Bronchos boys basketball team has fielded a team this year with many players with limited experience. After a very slow start to the season, the rapidly improving Holly squad avenged an early season defeat to the Dragons at the Horseshoe Friday night, earning a 64-49 victory.

Led by seniors Austin Harless, Luke Copley and Nick Fenner the Bronchos overcame a turnover prone evening with hustle and solid work on the boards. Of the

three, Harless is the only one with much prior experience at the varsity level. Copley played on the varsity last year but his minutes were limited. For Fenner, this is his first year on varsity.

After a tough loss last week at Clio, the Bronchos came out of the gate very strong before a large and loud Snowcoming crowd. Holly led 12-4 early and held a 22-16 advantage at the end of the first quarter.

Fouls then became a big problem for the Bronchos in the second quarter with the Dragons being in the double bonus barely halfway through the quarter.

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■ Lady Devils fall to Goodrich Martians

Lake Fenton — Life as a girls basketball team trying to prove themselves can be tough in the Genesee Area Conference.

It seems everyone is state-ranked or at least one of the programs respected tremendously in the state.

It makes it hard for some of those teams trying to improve, to realize if they truly are improving at times, especially when the team's record is 1-8 in conference action.

That's where the Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team finds themselves.



■ Idoni's 29 points sparks Tigers past Kearsley

Chloe Idoni couldn't be stopped on Friday night.

Fenton's sophomore post player scored a game-high 29 points and grabbed 15 rebounds in the Fenton varsity girls basketball team's 62-49 victory against Kearsley.

Fenton jumped to an 18-7 lead, and

the team's offense was productive the rest of the night. However, Kearsley started playing better offensively as the night progressed as well. While Idoni was nailing 10-of-13 shots from the field, Kearsley's Zaria Mitchner was scoring a career-high 21 points for the Hornets.

■ Griffins' offense sparks two recent victories

The Fenton/Linden varsity hockey team knows how to score goals.

The Griffins proved that point during the weekend.

The co-op squad scored 19 goals in two games, resulting in two lopsided victories.

The Griffins opened the weekend with a 10-5 victory against Pinckney on Friday and then concluded the weekend with a 9-1 victory on Saturday against United, a co-op hockey squad which includes Holly and Lake Fenton students.

PREP REPORT

COMPETITIVE CHEER

► Fenton hosts Fenton Invitational:

Linden's varsity squad placed third out of 12 squads with a team score of 692.26. Kearsley took first with a team score of 763.74. The tournament hosts, Fenton, placed fifth (681.24) while Lake Fenton placed seventh (662.62). In middle school activity, Fenton placed sixth (376.80) while Linden placed ninth (312.52).

GIRLS BOWLING

► **Swartz Creek 26, Fenton 4:** Destiny Flood (182), Zoe Simmerman (115) and Angela Hanners (206) all bowled their best games of the season against the Dragons. Hanners had a 378 two-game series.

► **Kearsley 29, Linden 1:** Linden's Grace Gergel led the Eagles with a 174-125-299 series.

► **Clio 20, Holly 10:** Jenna Royle led the Bronchos with a 188-198-384 series. Kaitlyn Meier had a 215 game.

BOYS BOWLING

► **Swartz Creek 30, Fenton 0:** Alex Keith led the Tigers with a 183-136-319 series.

► **Kearsley 29, Linden 1:** Naythin Walter led the Eagles with a 152-164-316 series while Kyle Miller had the team's high game with a 165.

► **Clio 21, Holly 9:** Glenn Rose had a 190-235-425 series. Eddie Sanner had a 215 game.

BOYS BASKETBALL

► **Kearsley 62, Fenton 55:** Fenton held a 45-41 lead after scoring 21 points in the third quarter, but allowed 21 fourth-quarter points enabling Kearsley to earn the Metro League victory. Drew Miller led the Tigers with 17 points while Chandler Ford led Kearsley with a game-high 21 points.

► **Clio 52, Linden 43:** Linden scored 15 first half points, resulting in a 25-15 halftime

deficit. Linden got as close as four points in the second half. The Eagles were paced by Gavin Lund's 10 points while Cole Sarkon and Garrett Strang netted eight points each. Dylan Antcliff led Clio with 16 points.

In JV action, Linden captured a 52-29 victory. The Eagles led 42-18 entering the fourth quarter. Seeger DeGayner netted 15 points while Brendan Miller netted 11 points. Max James had eight points.

► **Kearsley 59, Linden 41:** The Eagles played a make up game on Monday at Kearsley with mixed results. The varsity team lost as Gavin Lund led the Eagles with eight points. Garrett Strang, Gannon Welch, Noah Giacomantonio and Nick Koan had seven points each.

In JV action, the Eagles used a 31-point third quarter to earn a 69-36 blowout victory of Kearsley. Brendan Miller led the Eagles with 19 points while Seeger DeGayner netted 15 points. Richie Linn had 12 points while Travis Klocek and Evan Hill had eight and seven points, respectively.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

► **Swartz Creek 51, Holly 46:** Rebecca Fugate netted 31 points, six rebounds and six steals. Paige Reid chipped in 15 points and five steals while Paytron Price and Sami Hild had five rebounds each.

► **Clio 52, Linden 36:** Erin Gillespie led the Eagles with 10 points while Sterling DeGayner netted nine. Cam Williams had eight.

GYMNASTICS

► **LFLF loses to Tecumseh:** The Linden/Fenton/Lake Fenton co-op team posted a team score of 133.35, but lost to Tecumseh. Carly Kozlowski was second on the all around and won the beam. Miranda Stephens was second on the floor and third on the beam and vault. Jessica Richert was third on the bars.

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Tracey M. Cunningham

1955-2017
Tracey M. Cunningham - age 61, of White Lake passed away February 13, 2017. Loving wife of Greg; devoted mother of Jessica Baril, Nathan Cunningham and Loredana Cunningham; dear daughter of Donna Wood and the late Clayton; daughter-in-law of Jim Cunningham and the late Jackie; sister, of Joe Wood, Irene (Ben) Anspaugh, Kim Wood, Murray (Judy) Wood, Stephanie (Roger) Larson, Canice (Greg) Wood-Smith, Nicholas Wood. She was preceded in death by Rusty, Shea and Jeffrey Wood. Also cherished by many nieces and nephews. Mrs. Cunningham was the Office Manager at Monarch Investments and was a member of The River Church. Funeral Services will be held Friday, February 17, 2017 at 10:30 AM at The River Church, 8393 East Holly Road, Holly. Officiating Pastor Jim Combs. The family will receive friends Thursday, February 16, 2017 from 3-8 PM at the Riverside Chapel, Simpson-Modetz Funeral Home, 5630 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford, and at the church on Friday 10 AM until time of service. Interment St. John's Cemetery. Online guest book www.modetzfuneralhomes.com.



William T. Hoetger

1925-2017
William T. Hoetger - age 91, of Fenton, died February 12, 2017. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Monday, February 20, 2017 at Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church 10235 White Lake Rd., Fenton. Burial in Fairview Cemetery, Linden. Visitation will take place 2-5 PM and 7-9 PM Sunday, February 19, 2017 at Sharp Funeral Home Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton and from 10 AM until the time of service Monday at the church. Those desiring may make contributions to Fenton Right to Life. William was born February 25, 1925 in Detroit, the son of William and Ruth (Bruckman) Hoetger. William was a veteran of the United States Army and served during World War II. He married Phyllis Swartz on April 6, 1946. She preceded him in death on April 28, 2007. He was president of Lettering Inc. in Detroit. During his retirement he had The White Dove Ceramic and Gift Shop and then The White Dove Art Reproductions. He is survived by his children, Lynnette Hoetger of Fenton, Deborah (David) DeVries of Troy, NY, and William P. (Jacqueline) Hoetger of Fenton; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Irene Hoetger and Carol Swartz; several nieces and nephews. William was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Phyllis; and brother, Charles. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Helen A. Wirth

1915-2017
Helen A. Wirth - age 101, passed away Sunday, February 12, 2017. Helen was born in Bay City, on September 3, 1915, the daughter of Claud and Mabel Bowers (Peck). She graduated from Bay City Central High School in 1933 and married her high school sweetheart Louis F. Wirth, Jr., on January 1, 1936, at the First Methodist Church in Bay City. Helen and Louis were married 77 years, until his passing in 2013. Truly in love to the very end. The couple lived in Midland for 40 years and were members of the First United Methodist Church. Helen often accompanied Louis on his business travels as far away as Australia, Japan and Taiwan. Following Louis' death, Helen moved to Vicinia Gardens in Fenton, where her life was enriched by the Vicinia staff, residents and her special caregivers Cindy Holzer and Cheri Ducasay. Helen had an extraordinary gift of making everyone she knew feel special, loved and beautiful, often using her hallmark phrase, "Bless your little heart." Helen is survived by daughter, Janis Kay Bock (Cal) of Linden; son, Donald Louis (Linda) of Nashville, TN; grandchildren, Carol Dolata (Randy), Kristyn Godlew (Mark) and Jeremy Wirth (Kristy); great-grandchildren, David, Kate (Chris), Joe, Jenny and Mae; special niece, Karen Zipser; sister-in-law, Phyllis Wirth; and many nieces and nephews. Cremation has taken place. Visitation will be held from 12-4 PM on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W Silver Lake Rd, Fenton, MI 48430, immediately followed by a memorial service. Memorials may be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital, 2900 N. Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607; www.shrinerschildrens.org.



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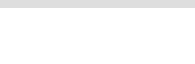
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
You don't like rejection. But instead of trying to "ram" your ideas through to an unreceptive audience, stand back and wait for a more favorable environment later this month.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
Job commitments call for the tidy Taurean to charge into those problem-plagued projects and get them into shape. Then go ahead and enjoy the fun and friendships of your expanding social life.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
The pressures of the workplace are beginning to ease. While you still need to stay connected to your ongoing commitments, you'll be able to take more time to relax with family and friends.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
You might feel that you need to prove how much you can do. But be careful not to take on more than you can handle, or you risk being bogged down. An Aries has a message for you.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
Financially it could be a little tight for a while. So resist the urge to splurge on things you don't really need. There will be time enough to indulge yourself when the money squeeze eases later this month.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
You demand trust from others. But someone is creating a situation that could put your own trustworthiness in question. Be sure to keep all lines of communication open.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
A problem delays the recognition that you hoped to receive for your hard work. But all will soon be resolved. Remember to make patience your watchword this week.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Those wonderful ideas could expand your workplace prospects and ultimately lead you on a new career path. Your personal life also opens up new vistas.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
So much seems to be swirling around you these days that you might find it hard to focus on priorities. Best advice: Take things one at a time, and you'll get through them all.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Work out situations with what you have, and avoid the temptation to create complications where they don't exist. This applies both at home and in the workplace.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Keep your keen senses open to possible changes in personal and/or professional situations. Knowing what might lie ahead gives you an edge on how to handle it.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
Personal pressures at work could create a problem with your performance. Best advice: Focus on the job ahead of you. If necessary, you can deal with the other issue later.

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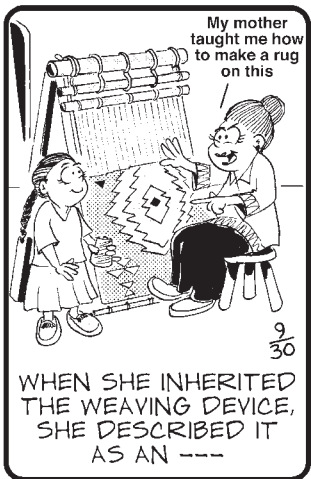
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3/\$10 When you buy 3 Lesser or Greater Quantities **\$4.49** with yes



Tender Green Asparagus

\$1.99 lb. with yes



Soft 'N Good, Sunbeam or Holsum King White Bread or Sunbeam Whole Grain White (24 oz.) or Hillbilly Bread (20 oz.) or Aunt Millie's Deli Buns (6 - 8 ct.)

2/\$3 with yes



Chobani Greek Yogurt 4.23 - 5.3 oz.

Sale Price **10/\$10** 2 FREE when you buy 10

FINAL PRICE 12/\$10 Final Price when you buy 10 with yes



Cottonelle Ultra Bath Tissue 6 ct. mega or 12 ct. double rolls

\$5.99 with yes

Paczki are Here! for Limited Time Only Fat Tuesday is February 28, 2017



DIGITAL COUPONS.

Sale Price **\$2.97** DIGITAL COUPON OFFER **-50¢ off 1**

FINAL PRICE \$2.47 with yes with DIGITAL coupon

Spartan Butter Quarters (16 oz.) or Spreadable with Canola (15 oz.)



Sale Price **\$2.49** DIGITAL COUPON OFFER **-50¢ off 1**

FINAL PRICE \$1.99 with yes with DIGITAL coupon

Nabisco Oreo Cookies 10.1 - 15.35 oz.



3-DAY FUEL SAVINGS!

SAVE 75¢ per gallon on fuel



Thursday, Feb. 16 through Saturday, Feb. 18

When you spend \$100* or more on Groceries in one transaction with 

*Limit 1 offer per transaction with yes card. Fuel discounts are limited to a \$100 purchase. See back page for your participating fuel station. Items excluded from fuel promotion: purchase of prescriptions, tobacco, lottery, stamps, gift cards, beer, wine, liquor, sales tax & service counter items.