Population has increased for five consecutive years

By Hannah Ball
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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

See POPULATION on 8

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.

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.

See ‘TOBACCO 21’ on 5

More than 30 cats found in condemned house

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

By Hannah Ball
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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.

See CATS on 6

Area couple gets three years probation for child abuse

Judge says 32 days spent in jail was punishment enough

By Hannah Ball
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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.

See CHILD ABUSE on 6

Comment of the Week

“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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3295 Silver Lake Road, Fenton
Playing dodgeball can save a firefighter’s life

Local fire department thinks outside the box for training exercise

By Tim Jagielo

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 learned about their breathing, which is very important in a real-life fire situation.

Argentina Township firefighters (from left) Dan Sturgis, Todd MacDonell, Kati Whalen, Jason Lecoe 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.

TV game show popularity never wanes

By Vera Hogan • vhogan@tctimes.com; 810-433-6823

The popular game show “Jeopardy” has been entertaining audiences since 1964. It also sounded like five Darth Vaders were playing dodgeball.

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Power of the press

W e’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 this 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.

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**MIDWEEK TIMES**

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

**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 immigation policy. He will go down as one of the worst presidents ever.

I DON’T KNOW the one doing all the whining about the drivers in Fenton. I drive through Fenton every day. Everyone seems to be just fine.

LET ME GET this straight, Tri-County Times. I love the hell out of your paper and I can’t get enough of it. But on the front page issue, you’re telling us its 42 cents per issue but you’re charging us $7! That means you owe me money back. Can’t get enough of the Times. Keep it flowing.

[Editor’s note: Without a subscription, the cost per issue is $1.]

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**Newsbriefs**

**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 Flintsccottish.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 Property Owners Association to support the Lake Fenton nest and egg destruction program on Lake Fenton. In his letter to the city, George Dyball, a member of the association, said 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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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 administrators 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 35 mph sign will be replaced with a 35 mph sign on South LeRoy Street, near High and Union.

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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 Tyronne 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 hit within the club. Eric is one of the hardest working men I know. He was very successful 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.
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 barring 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, detention, 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.

### 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 much 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 Democratic nucleon-option Senate rules. One-party rule shouldn’t be the status-quo.

### TRAINING CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

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

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

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.
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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 rural areas.

“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 Pena 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.

JOBS 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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-Toy F.

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“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.

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IF, WHAT IF, Donald Trump is right?

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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.


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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.

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Presidents known for ‘oops’ actions throughout history

Compiled by Vera Hogan

President’s Day will be observed on Monday, Feb. 20 this year. Just like a kid whose birthday close to Christmas 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 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 lose. He faced 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 Borland Agreement. The uproar that followed this incident ended 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 ‘breach’ 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 Cubandictator 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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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.

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Lake Fenton’s Cameron Jackson

Seventeen heading to regional action from Goodrich district

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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.

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Lake Fenton’s Parker Mitchell (back to photo) prepares to attempt a shot while teammate Liam King (left) looks for a possible pass into the post.

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

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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 squad added its most impressive credential by capturing the outright divisional title at Mt. Holly by crushing the field in the divisional meet.

Fenton/Linden won the slalom portion of the meet with 23 points and won the giant slalom portion with 22 points, meaning the squad won the event with 45 points, or 24 points less than second-place Holly/Oxford. Fenton/Linden varsity ski coach Tim Hiscock knew he had a strong team from the start of the season.

“We knew leading into our first race that we had a strong team,” Hiscock said.

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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.
Holly seniors spark victory vs. Dragons, 64-49

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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.

For the Bronchos in the second quarter with the Dragons being in the double bonus barely halfway through the quarter.

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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 763.92. The tournament hosts, Fenton, placed fifth (881.24) while Lake Fenton placed seventh (662.82). In middle school action, 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, Linden 1: Linden’s Grace Gergel led the Eagles with a 174-125-259 series.

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

Boys BOWLING

► Swartz Creek 30, Fenton 9: Alex Keith led the Tigers with a 193-136-319 series.

► Kearsley 29, Linden 1: Naythan Walter led the Eagles with a 152-164-216 series while Kyle Miller had the team’s high game with 115.

► Clio 21, Holly 10: Jenna Royle had a 190-235-425 series. Eddie Sanner had a 215 game.

Boys BASKETBALL

► Kearsley 62, Fenton 59: Fenton held a 49-42 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 Saron and Garrett Straig netted eight points each. Dylan Antcliff led Clio with 16 points.

In JV action, Linden captured a 59-29 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 Strong, Gannon Welch, Noah Giacomantoni 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 Klock and Evan Hill had eight and seven points, respectively.

GIrlS BASKETBALL

► Swartz Creek 51, Holly 46: Rebecca Fugate netted 31 points, six rebouds and six steals. Paige Reid chipped in 15 points and five steals while Payton Price and Sami Haid had five rebouds 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 Kostowski was second on the all around and won the beam. Miranda Schon was second on the floor and third on the beam and vault. Jessica Richert was third on the bars.

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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.

“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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Online Exclusives

► 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.

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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 Taurus 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.

DVD RELEASES

ARRIVAL When mysterious space-crafts touch down across the globe, an elite team - lead by expert linguist Louise Banks (Amy Adams) - is brought together to investigate. As mankind teeters on the verge of global war, Banks and the team race against time for answers and to find them, she will take a chance that could threaten her life, and quite possibly humanity.

PG-13, 1 hr. 56 min. Drama, Mystery, & Suspense

THE EDGE OF SEVENTEEN A new coming-of-age movie in the vein of Sixteen Candles and The Breakfast Club - an honest, candid, often hilarious look at what it’s like to grow up as a young woman in today’s modern world. Everyone knows that growing up is hard, and life is no easier for high school junior Nadine (Hailee Steinfeld) when her all-star older brother Darian (Blake Jenner) starts dating her best friend Krista (Haley Lu Richardson).

R, 1 hr. 38 min. Comedy, Drama

liked it (Audience score on rottentomatoes.com) 83%
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Crossword Puzzle

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