

Behind the scenes at your community newspaper

■ Never a dull moment in the news business

By Vera Hogan
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The staff at the Tri-County Times has written stories about nearly every business and entity in our community over the course of 61 years. What we rarely write

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about is our own product, even though we are the most high-profile business in the community.

What we do, and how we do it, has an effect on every aspect of every business and every resident in the communities we serve.
Spend a day answering the phones at the Times reception desk and it will quickly become obvious that many, if not most, people are not aware of the cost, in both dollars and manpower, it takes to produce two editions of
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FILE PHOTO
Sharon Stone has been the editor at the Times since 2012. She manages a staff of full- and part-time reporters and photographers.





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A GLANCE AT GERMANY

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‘All we could do was try to comfort them’

■ Fenton man does his part to help stranded whales in New Zealand

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Fenton Township resident Kyle McColm has experienced the most amazing yet tragic event of his lifetime, all in one weekend.
He and hundreds of other volunteers were part of the stranded whale rescue in New Zealand last weekend, making headlines all over the world.
Hundreds of whales swam aground along a remote New Zealand beach, in one of the worst whale strandings in New Zealand’s history.
“The last count was 700,” said McColm 21, on his Facebook page on Saturday, Feb. 11. McColm, a 2013 graduate of Linden High School, is in New Zealand on a 12-month work visa.
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PHOTO COURTESY OF PROJECT JONAH NEW ZEALAND
Fenton Township resident Kyle McColm (not pictured) was among the hundreds of volunteers who helped comfort and save whales that were stranded at Farewell Spit, a remote beach in New Zealand. McColm is there on a 12-month work visa.

‘McDonald’s coming to Fenton was a big deal’

■ Former workers recall what it was like working there in 1976

By Sally Rummel
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McDonald’s had just opened on Owen Road in Fenton in 1976 and Beth Benson needed a job. It was

right before her senior year at Fenton High School, and she needed money to help pay for college.
“McDonald’s coming to Fenton was a big deal,” said Benson, now 57, living in Beverly Hills near Detroit. “When they put the sign up, everyone freaked out. There weren’t any restaurants on Owen
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The layout and look of McDonald’s restaurants have changed several times over the years. The above photo was taken in 1976.

Taco Bell may be coming to Linden

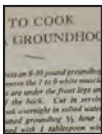
■ Owner proposes new building across from Alpine Marketplace

By Hannah Ball
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Taco Bell is likely coming to the city of Linden. The Planning Commission approved a special land use request for the fast-food restaurant in a 6-0 vote
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“I tried the recipe for baked groundhog that was in the Jan. 31 issue of the Times. It was terrible.”



“There are so many Hot lines about Trump because the media is trying, and failing, to do anything to discredit him because he made fools of them. I did not vote for him but he is now our president. Stop acting like spoiled children and act like an American.”



“To the police, you don’t have to see a woman texting, just pull over any woman in Fenton and check her cell. I guarantee she is texting. To all moms, one of you reading this is going to hurt your child, or worse. It is inevitable.”



COMMENT OF THE WEEK

“My high-schoolers read the Tri-County Times 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.”

NEWSPAPER

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a newspaper each week. So, with that being said...

Here's what we do:

It begins every week on Monday morning. That's when the editorial staff spends two to three hours going over the potential news and feature story ideas that will need to be written and published in the next few editions.

Even though we are usually interrupted by "breaking news," such as a tragic accident on the highway or train tracks, or other on-the-spot news events, we at least know going into the week that we have plenty of interesting, entertaining and informative news and information. These are accompanied by a variety of professional photos to provide our readers with a visual of the event. Each employee in the editorial department is required to bring several story ideas to the table each week. Each story idea must possess a minimum of two legs of the "interesting, entertaining or informative" three-legged stool that all conceptual stories are measured by.

At the same time, in another conference room down the hall, the Times advertising staff is brainstorming to determine the best ways to assist their valued business clients and how best to help them promote their goods and



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

Once a new edition of the Times reaches the presses, the process of rolling out tens of thousands of copies occurs, using state-of-the-art equipment, tons of paper and barrels of ink.

services in our newspaper.

The composition department staff, in the meantime, is preparing for the onslaught of articles, photographs and advertisements they will need to design and place on pages with utmost precision.

After their meetings, the editorial and advertising staffs go back to their normal work, keeping in mind that tight deadlines loom large twice a week, 52 weeks a year.

Reporters make and receive constant

phone calls, send and receive countless emails, research facts, then attend municipal, governmental and school board meetings, sporting events and other community or school functions and then, finally, write their articles.

Once the reporters have filed their stories to be edited and the advertising staff have worked with their clients and graphic designers to create the ads (each of which must be "different"), the whole "shootin' match" goes to the composition department, which then lays out the Midweek edition on Tuesdays and the Weekend edition on Friday. After all the pages are checked and double-checked for accuracy, it is all transmitted electronically to the plate room and printing press.

Once it gets to the press, the amazing process of rolling out tens of thousands of copies occurs — using state-of-the-art equipment, nearly two tons of newsprint and who knows how many barrels of ink — every week.

The Midweek edition is mailed to subscribers every Wednesday. The task of getting thousands of newspapers printed, folded, labeled, stamped and then delivered to the post office for Wednesday delivery is a very detailed, and deadline-oriented process. Show

up 10 minutes late and your paper will not be delivered until Thursday, which will mean that the Times front desk staff will field endless calls from irate subscribers demanding to know where their newspaper is. To our credit, that has only happened three times in 10 years.

The Midweek paper is, by the way, the less-difficult edition. Our Weekend edition is even larger, more complex and more deadline oriented.

Imagine, if you will, the same process as above but with twice the number of pages, twice the number of sections, as well as 10 to 16 advertising supplements included, as well as special Featured Sections 26 weeks per year.

After all the newspapers are folded, collated and bundled, they leave the printing facility and are delivered to the Fenway Drive warehouse where a staff of inserters and bundlers expertly handle the complex task of inserting hundreds of thousands of advertising supplements that are meticulously numbered and

documented, to be directed to the correct location, carrier and/or driver.

One question we are often asked is, "why don't you mail the weekend edition also?"

The answer is two-fold. One, we know that many of our drivers depend on the income they earn delivering the Times. Many of them have full-time jobs during the week and delivering the newspapers provides them with additional income.

Secondly, due to the bulk and size of the weekend edition, it would be nearly impossible to have the multiple newspaper sections and advertising supplements all counted, collated, bundled and addressed in time to be delivered by the USPS on Saturday.

Tri-County Times subscribers receive 104 editions per year, delivered to their doorstep, as well as guaranteed stop/starts for a vacation. Snowbirds' Midweek editions are rerouted via the USPS to their winter homes. If for some reason a subscriber does not receive their Sunday Weekend edition on time, it will often be delivered to their homes on Monday morning. Comically, the cause of a missing newspaper is almost always theft by a neighbor that is not a subscriber. Subscribers can also request a complimentary Times newspaper tube and mounting bracket.

We do all of this, like clockwork, every week, for a subscription rate of 42¢ per edition.

Although the Times is perceived by many to be a "free" newspaper, that is not the case, according to Business Manager John Evans. "We actually are a subscription-based publication. That's why the Times costs \$1 at newsstands, and \$44 per year for home delivery."

Evans said that in the past Mr. Rockman wanted everyone to receive the newspaper, even if they couldn't afford it, but that is no longer feasible. "Many com-

munity newspapers have traded quality for total market coverage. We won't do that. We have a great product that pays for itself over and over."

Evans added that advertising supplements will continue to be delivered to every home by drivers and carriers.

The Times presently employs 23 full-time staff members at its Fenway Drive location, as well as 14 part-time inserters and bundlers and other part-time employees. In total, the Times employs 51 individuals.

In addition to payroll, the Times, like any other business, pays for its facilities, taxes, utilities, phones, insurance, computer equipment, photo and video equipment, printing and printing materials trucks and truck maintenance, and much more.

When you subscribe to the Tri-County Times, you don't get a "snippet" of news and information like you would on the TV or radio news. You get the "whole" story. If a building burns down, for example, we can tell you what it was originally, how long it's been there, what family owned it and the entire history of the building.

You can't get that anywhere else.

Anyway, this is our home and our community. We'll be there for you, we trust you'll be there for us.

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Even if aliens invade,
we won't run a story about them.

We will, however, run a story on how our
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John Evans

Times business manager

A day in the life of a caretaker

■ Taking care of the disabled includes trouble finding parking and opening doors

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This is part one of a story about Kristyn Stillman, 36, of Holly and her 25-year-old sister, Ashley Wright. Stillman is primary caretaker for Wright, who has cerebral palsy, along with severe mental and physical retardation.

Most moms in their 30s wait for their children, who are around the ages of 5 or 6, to get off the bus from school every day. One Holly resident collects her 25-year-old, wheelchair-bound sister from the bus after she gets home from school.

It's become part of Kristyn Stillman's daily routine.

For about four years, Stillman, 36, of Holly, has been the caretaker for her sister, Ashley Wright, who's been in a wheelchair since she was 3.

Wright experienced a severe lack of oxygen to her brain when she was born. She was diagnosed with cerebral palsy along with severe mental and physical retardation. She has seizures, but medication controls them.

Stillman said her sister is at the level



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Kristyn Stillman helps her sister, Ashley Wright, off the bus after school in Holly on Thursday.

of an 8-month-old. She can't walk, feed herself, or use the bathroom.

"She's literally reliant on everybody else for her daily needs," she said. "She's completely dependent on someone to feed her and change her and do everything for her."

"I get her up around 8:20. I feed her breakfast, give her medication, get her on the bus," Stillman said.

Wright goes to school at Karl Richter Campus in Holly, where they do occupational therapy, speech therapy, and physical therapy, like helping her to stand and ride a bike.

She comes home from school around 3:15, and then she'll play with her toys and watch TV. The family feeds her dinner, and then Wright plays more in her room. She'll go to bed around 8:30, 9 p.m.

Stillman also has two boys, ages 2 and 3.

"That's really hard. Having a 2- and (almost) 4-year-old make life as complicated as it is," she said. "We just can't go

out to a random family dinner. We just can't get up and go to any place we want to because we've got to deal with parking for her, and places that are actually handicap accessible."

Traveling with someone who's disabled is not easy.

The custom wheelchair Wright uses costs the price of a small car, Stillman said, and they had help through a disability clinic. However, she said that company no longer has enough funding through Medicare to provide wheelchair services so they'll have to switch companies when she's due for a new one this August.

Stillman drives a \$67,000 specialty, handicap-accessible van. She said getting into big stores like Target, Walmart, and Sam's Club isn't a problem, but only if she can find a parking spot that's handicap-van accessible. A lot of handicap parking spaces don't have

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“She’s completely dependent on someone to feed her and change her and do everything for her.”

Kristyn Stillman
Holly resident



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The Stillmans' house is laid out specifically to accommodate Wright's wheelchair. This complex lift system cost \$17,000.

Learning to speak a second language

■ Those with different writing styles are hardest to learn

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Parlez-vous francais? Hablas espanol?

If you can speak a second language, you're included in the approximate 17 percent of Americans who can speak more than one language, according to Forbes.com.

Jessica Hunter, foreign language coordinator and Spanish instructor at Mott Community College, said, "Most Americans aren't bilingual. It's gotten lower and lower. We're one of the few countries in the world that don't celebrate bilingualism."

She said one reason is because America is spread out compared to Europe, where it's easy to travel from country to country. This creates a need for Europeans to learn more languages.

"Even if that need was present, it's the language of business right now," Hunter said.

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Random thoughts (or rants)...

Trump says he's super smart. But is he? Is he really? I mean, c'mon, he keeps insulting the intelligence community. How smart is that? I'm not the sharpest tool in the shed but even I know you don't taunt people with access to spy satellites, listening devices and poison darts, OK? • **But seriously, you** don't mess with spies. They can take you down. Trump's a fool. He even tweeted this: 'The real scandal here is that classified information is illegally given out by 'intelligence' like candy.' But how does he know it's them? Maybe it's his



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

own staff and they're leaking info because they realize, 'Oh my God, this guy really is nuts?'

• **And by saying** his spies shouldn't have said anything, isn't Trump tacitly admitting

that, yes, he knew weeks ago about Flynn but didn't tell the nation? So what's worse, hiding the truth or revealing the truth that's being hidden?

• **'The Morning Joe'** show on MSNBC has banned Kellyanne Conway, saying her fibs render her no longer credible. I'm standing and applauding. That's what all journalists should do. You lie, you don't get on, including the president. Alternative facts, my patoot.

• **All of this** said, I think it's a bit early to be tossing around words like treason and Watergate about the Flynn episode. But it's not too early to ask why Trump, Flynn and the rest of them were acting like they were in office before they were in office.

• **Kim Jong Un's** half-brother died after being sprayed in the face with an unknown liquid at an airport. My guess is it was Axe body spray. That stuff is toxic at 20 yards.

• **Can you imagine** anything worse than being one of Kim Jong's relatives? I'm telling you, at Thanksgiving, I'm making sure that guy gets the mashed potatoes first.

• **Trump is expected** to sign a repeal of an Obama-era regulation created following the Sandy Hook massacre that

would have prevented mentally ill people from buying guns. Thank goodness, too. Because if there's one thing the second amendment guarantees, it's the right for crazy people to conveniently and affordably buy combat weaponry to slaughter dozens of little kids. God bless, America. Thank you, NRA. Ain't you proud.

• **About TV news** reporters talking about the latest Trump scandal, the lovely yet formidable Marcia observed the following on Facebook the other day: 'It's sounding like they've moved from ubiquitous use of 'doubling down' to 'let's not get out over our skis.'

Please people, can we stop speaking in cliché?' Naturally, all of her smart aleck friends then responded using clichés like 'down in the weeds,' 'stay in your lane' and 'boots on the ground.' Because that's what friends do.

• **Spring training** has begun down in Lakeland, Florida. Winter can kiss my sweet behind. Spring is here. But only down there right now. Here it's just not here yet. But soon!

• **Wow, reviewing this**, this was an angry and political column today. Apologies. But these are angry, political times.

• **'No man has** a good enough memory to be a successful liar.' — Abraham Lincoln

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■ ■ ■
ALL OF THE DOWNTOWN development has helped to increase property values in the community. When you add diversity (business types, income levels, education, age) good things tend to happen. Fenton has nearly 13,000 residents and is not small town America. It is small city America and is a great place to live.

■ ■ ■
I UNDERSTAND YOUR concern about over politicizing shows like the Oscars, but by boycotting it doesn't that make you more over-political than them?

■ ■ ■
WE ALSO HAD a meeting with that inspector from the city of Fenton. When he's in the area, investigating a complaint, he looks around and notices things. I mentioned that I own another home in Long Island. They have weekly garbage can inspections and far fewer taxes a year. They also shovel my sidewalk.

■ ■ ■
THE MEDIA DOESN'T really need to say anything about Trump. Just telecast him saying outrageous things.

■ ■ ■
WHEN PRESIDENT OBAMA took his well-deserved golf vacations, I'm sure the citizens paid to protect him while he was playing golf. When Trump plays, since he probably owns the whole course, wouldn't it be a lot cheaper for him to play 18 holes there if he owns the place?

■ ■ ■
THE NEW ADMINISTRATION is loading in some of the most brilliant business people known. This is being called one of the best cabinets since Ronald Reagan's

in the early '80s. Thank you Mr. Trump for bringing in brilliant successful people and not emulating the communist slugs that Obama put into place eight years ago.

■ ■ ■
I STUMBLED ACROSS a find here in Fenton. I've studied it, looked at it, photographed it, and I think it's true. It's a real dinosaur footprint. Please pave my roads.

■ ■ ■
I LIKE TO think I'm technologically savvy. I like automobiles, I own quite a few, but to spend \$50,000 for a self-driving robotically controlled car kind of defeats the purpose of driving. I enjoy driving my cars, trucks, and SUVs. When the day comes that I'm too old to drive, I'll put away my license.

■ ■ ■
THANK GOD WE have a president who has the full support of our law enforcement and military. We forget that Obama was anti police and anti military and is responsible for many of the problems we are now facing.

■ ■ ■
YOU'RE WRONG, LIBERALS are not the ones who lost. American people are the ones who lost. It's just that people who voted for him aren't bright enough to realize that yet.

■ ■ ■
BETSY DEVOS ISN'T interested in educating children. She paid \$9.5 million (to get that job). You think she's not going to recuperate that and make some?

■ ■ ■
I DIDN'T REALIZE until I read the Times Hot lines this past Sunday that world chaos didn't start until President Trump took office. I'm sure it was peaceful prior to that.

■ ■ ■
TRUMP IS A disgrace to this country. Factcheck.com reported he lies 85 percent of the time. Resign, Trump, if you aren't impeached.

■ ■ ■
COULD THE GROUNDHOG be wrong? It's Valentine's Day and there is a robin in my yard.

■ ■ ■
TRUMP PROMISED TO 'drain the swamp' but all he has done is restock it with his Wall Street big-wigs. The swamp remains to the detriment of us all.

■ ■ ■
SO TRUMP IS a fascist? Part of the definition of fascism is a forcible suppression of opposition. Any fool can see who the real fascists are, just turn on the news and you'll see numerous examples of the left opposing everything and everyone involved with Trump, including using violence. The left is the major problem in this country.

■ ■ ■
THAT FAMILY SHOULD be ashamed of themselves and deserve prison time. Three years of neglect and abuse to an adopted child with mental illness?

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What was the best vacation you ever had?

Compiled by Tess DeGayner, intern

streettalk



"In high school when I went to Disney with my family. We are going back this weekend."

Julie Wendell
Fenton



"I went to Italy and Switzerland in the same trip about two summers ago."

Chelsea Barnett
Fenton Township



"Probably to Chicago. My wife and I went last year by train."

Bill Sullivan
Fenton



"Silver Lake Sand Dunes. I did not wear shoes for a whole week."

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"Cooperstown, New York to play baseball."

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\$259,000



12435 Hoisington Rd. • Gaines
\$200,000



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\$200,000



2429 Valley Lane • Grand Blanc
\$170,000



14340 Swanee Beach Dr. • Fenton
\$200,000



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News briefs

Fenton woman among winners in annual Miss Hibernia contest

Francine Staudacher, 18, of Fenton, was named second runner-up in the 35th annual Miss Hibernia competition on Feb. 11, representing her family and their Irish heritage. Staudacher and two other young women will serve at Flint St. Patrick's Day festivities as they receive their college scholarships. Jenna Holt of Northwood University was overall winner and the first runner-up was Madeline Rasberry of the University of Michigan-Flint. Holt and Rasberry are Davison High School graduates and Staudacher is a senior at Powers High School. Staudacher is the daughter of Thomas and Regina Staudacher of Fenton. Contestants had to be women of Irish descent, between the ages of 16 and 22 and never married.

The State Bank holds successful holiday campaign with Food Bank of Eastern Michigan

The State Bank was pleased to present the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan with a check for \$22,596, following its annual holiday campaign. The 2016 State Bank campaign raised 7.6 percent more than in 2015, from all seven Genesee County branches. In the 13-year partnership between The State Bank and the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, The State Bank has contributed a total of \$164,706, or 988,236 meals, to fight hunger right here in the community. "At The State Bank, we take great pride in giving back to the communities in which we serve," said Ron Justice, president and CEO. "Doing so through the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan is a great fit. The services they offer help combat one of the biggest problems we face in this area, and we are happy to do whatever we can to join in on that fight."



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Former Holly Village President Ryan Bladzick outlines a proposed plan which would make part of Holly Township become part of Holly Village.

Part of Holly Township could become part of Holly Village

■ Possible agreement could extend village into Grange Hall Road corridor

By Tim Jagielo

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Holly—The plan is still in the proposal stages, but if it passes, Holly Village will pick up more territory west of Patterson Elementary along Grange Hall Road.

A committee presented the idea to the Holly Township Board of Trustees during its meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 15.

Committee member and former village president Ryan Bladzick and Village Manager Jerry Walker outlined the plan, which would extend village services to all parcels within the new areas.

Bladzick said there are 320 parcels affected, and more than 100 voting residents. The area covers approximately 290 acres, and contains the partially developed Pulte subdivision south of Grange Hall Road.

The board did not vote on the topic—the next step is to seek feedback from the residents affected. Bladzick said that if they don't like the plan, the idea will be dropped.

The ball is in the hands of the Holly Township Board, which will schedule meetings with affected residents. None have yet been scheduled.

This "425 Agreement" is a 25-year

contract between the village and township, which signs jurisdiction over to the village of the agreed upon area. Either side can opt out with 60 days notice. If the agreement isn't canceled, it becomes permanent after 25 years.

If the proposal passes, all parcels will be under the Village jurisdiction, and receive all the services, and pay all the taxes of a village resident, which according to Treasurer Mark Freeman, is 14.1 mills, compared to the 4 mills of the outer township.

“We also feel that having these services will accelerate growth in those areas, which will have a positive benefit on the current residents’ property values as well.”

Ryan Bladzick
Proposal committee member

The online discussion and the feedback from residents at the meeting have been mixed. While some have expressed concerns about joining the village water system, the plan doesn't call for adding any new tap-ins. In the proposed area, the village has already extended its water service into that part

of the township, and resident are already on the system.

Bladzick said the benefit to the residents is the increased services and potentially home values as well. He said that the business corridor on Grange Hall Road will be able to benefit from access to Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and community development resources.

“We also feel that having these services will accelerate growth in those areas, which will have a positive benefit on the current residents’ property values as well,” he said via email.

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NOTICE ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP

Please be notified that the Argentine Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Meeting on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at the Argentine Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lake Rd, to consider the following Variance:

William Brancheau and Nina Cambron are requesting a Variance to build a 48' x 36' pole barn (accessory building) on a lot across from the home to use for storage and a workshop. Described as 01-32-526-033, Lots 55 and 56 Crosbys Plat McKane Lake.

A complete copy of this tax description may be viewed at the Township office during regular office hours.

Denise Graves, Clerk
Argentine Township

Police&Fire
report

LARCENY FROM AUTO IN HOLLY

On Feb. 15, Holly police were dispatched to a residence in the 4200 block of Grange Hall Road to investigate a larceny from automobile (LFA) complaint. The 25-year-old female resident said her Ford Focus was parked in her driveway the previous night. In the morning, she noticed the driver's side door was partially open. Someone had rummaged through the car but nothing appeared to be missing. The woman thought she had locked her car, however, there were no signs of forced entry.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE

The Holly Police Department is investigating a domestic disturbance, which occurred on Feb. 12 at a home on Emily Street. The victim, a 42-year-old Holly resident said he had the 43-year-old mother of his child lived together. Dispatch advised responding deputies that the woman had assaulted the 42-year-old man and left the scene in her car. The case remains under investigation.

HIT AND RUN IN HOLLY

Holly police responded to a hit-and-run crash on East Maple Street at 5 p.m. on Jan. 25. The 59-year-old victim from Holly told police that he was driving east on East Maple. A minivan backed out of a private drive and struck the passenger side of his vehicle. The minivan fled eastbound on East Maple. A witness to the crash followed the suspect van and took several photos with their cell phone. The registered owner of the van has not been identified and the van has not been located.

FIGHT ON NORTH ROAD

On Feb. 9, the Genesee County Sheriff's Office responded to an assault complaint in the 1500 block of North Road in Fenton Township. Two people were fighting. No charges were filed.

HEROIN OVERDOSE

Deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office responded to a home in the 4100 block of Farnar Drive in Fenton Township on a report of a 41-year-old man who had overdosed on heroin. Emergency personnel administered Narcan to the man and he was transported to a local hospital for treatment.

LOOKING
BACK
at this week in
NATIONAL HISTORY

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

FEB. 19

1847: The first rescuers from Sutter's Fort reach the surviving remnants of the Donner emigrant party at their snowbound camp in the high Sierra Nevada Mountains. A series of events, including a shortcut that turned out not to be short at all, led the Donner Party being trapped by an early winter storm that arrived in the mountains the previous October. The panicked emigrants constructed makeshift tents out of the canvas from their wagons, hoping a thaw might still save them. Warmer weather never came, and by mid-December their food supplies were running low. Fifteen of the strongest emigrants set out to seek help in December. Three weeks later, having endured violent storms and been reduced to cannibalism to stay alive, seven survivors reached an Indian village, where news of the disaster was quickly dispatched to Sutter's Fort near San Francisco.

FEB. 20

1974: Reg Murphy, an editor of The Atlanta Constitution, is kidnapped after being lured from his home near the city. William Williams told the newspaperman that he had 300,000 gallons of heating oil to donate to the poor. The 33-year-old Williams abducted Murphy at gunpoint. For the next 49 hours, Williams drove Murphy around the city, stopping to phone in ransom demands to the newspaper. Williams claimed to represent a right-wing militia group and insisted on receiving \$700,000. Finally, managing editor G. James Minter delivered the money to Williams and Murphy was released.

FEB. 21

1965: In New York City, Malcolm X, an African American nationalist and religious leader, is assassinated by rival Black Muslims while addressing his Organization of Afro-American Unity at the Audubon Ballroom in Washington Heights.

FEB. 22

1980: In one of the most dramatic upsets in Olympic history, the underdog U.S. hockey team, made up of college players, defeats the four-time defending gold-medal winning Soviet team at the XIII Olympic Winter Games in Lake Placid, New York.

FEB. 23

1885: A 19-year-old man named John Lee is sent to the gallows in Exeter, England, for the murder of Ellen Keyse, a rich older woman for whom he had worked. Although he insisted he was innocent, Lee had been convicted and sentenced to death by hanging. However, after the noose was put around his neck and the lever that would release the floor beneath his feet was pulled,

something malfunctioned and Lee was not dropped. Strangely, the equipment had been tested prior to the hanging attempt.

FEB. 24

1988: The U.S. Supreme Court votes 8-0 to overturn the \$200,000 settlement awarded to the Reverend Jerry Falwell for his emotional distress at being parodied in Hustler, a pornographic magazine. The Supreme Court unanimously overturned a lower court's decision, ruling that, although in poor taste, Hustler's parody fell within the First Amendment's protection of freedom of speech and the press.

FEB. 25

1949: Actor Robert Mitchum is released from a Los Angeles County prison farm after spending the final week of his two-month sentence for marijuana possession there. In the fall of 1948, Mitchum, was smoking a joint at a small party in the Laurel Canyon area of Los Angeles when detectives burst in and arrested him. Mitchum died in July 1997.

Source: History.com

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I THINK THE Times should reserve a section in the Hot lines for driving tips. Here's mine. If you are entering southbound U.S 23 and if your speed is only 35 mph, you are a hazard. If you don't have the skill to enter the freeway safely at the ambient speed, you should stay on the surface streets.

A DEMOCRAT HOT-LINER said if you tell a lie long enough it becomes the truth. That can't be true. Lyndon Johnson promised minorities a great society over 50 years ago. This lie still hasn't become the truth.



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- Mary

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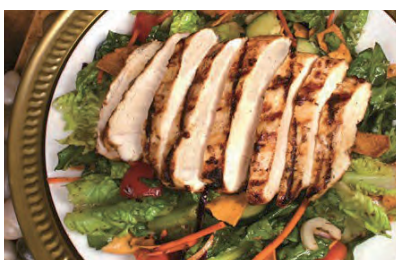
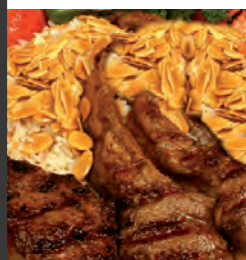
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Meet
KATHY MERRY

- State lobbyist
- Advocate for education
- Wife, mom and grandmother

By Sally Rummel

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Kathy Merry lives in Tyrone Township and has been in education for 40 years, but not always in the classroom. She's a lobbyist for Wayne County's 33 school superintendents through Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA), similar to the Genesee Intermediate School District. She is married to Joe Merry and has two sons, two step-daughters and seven grandchildren.

What is your job like as a state lobbyist?

I take issues to Lansing and Washington, D.C. that are important to Wayne County's 33 school superintendents. I focus on school policy and funding.

How has your job changed education in Michigan?

I would like to think I help legislators understand the ramifications, good or bad, of legislation they are looking to support or oppose. Teachers and administrators take a minimum of four years of college to learn how to teach and lead, then go on to advanced degrees. I bring that perspective to our representatives and senators. Some-



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Kathy Merry, a state lobbyist for education, is pictured here in front of the Capitol in Washington, D.C.

times they listen, sometimes they don't. What's a typical day of work for you?

There really is no typical day, but here is one day I spent last week in Lansing: meeting with school management lobbyists, at the Capitol for a hearing on school appropriations, meeting with two representatives, lunch with a senator, a hearing in Senate Education Committee, meeting with Senate Policy analyst, delivered Wayne directories to six House member offices, then I drove home.

I go to Lansing two to three days a week while Legislature is in session, visit Washington, D.C. once or twice a year, and attend state conferences for Michigan superintendents three or four times a year.

How political is your job?

I am a-political — I have no party affiliation at all. It doesn't matter if a representative or senator is a Republican or Democrat, I want a great working relationship with them.

"It doesn't matter if a representative or senator is a Republican or Democrat, I want a great working relationship with them."
Kathy Merry
State lobbyist

How has your job changed since President Trump came into office?

It's a little too early to tell. Betsy DeVos is a great advocate for charter schools. In my world of public education, unlimited charter for-profit schools have caused death by a thousand cuts to our public schools. I absolutely support parental choice, but when there are no controls over the number of charters that can limit the

students they admit, the playing field has been skewed. Our public schools must accept every student who walks through their doors. Not true for charters and that's where I have concerns. **Who is the most famous political figure you have ever met?**

I've met governors, our U.S. senators, the Wayne County Congressional Delegation, mayors, and of course, our Michigan state representatives and senators. I have yet to meet a president. Maybe one day?

If you could change anything about our educational system in Michigan, what would it be?

I would reinstate a cap on charter schools. I would prohibit the Legislature from making any state testing changes for five years.

What's the most interesting thing that has ever happened to you?

Probably the story of how I became a lobbyist. Having no interest in politics whatsoever, 15 years ago a new superintendent came to the Wayne RESA

and was so surprised that the largest ISD in the state didn't have a lobbyist. I thought she was going to ask me if I knew someone who would be good at that, and she said she wanted me to do it. She wouldn't take no for an answer, so I became the Wayne RESA lobbyist and I love it.

What is something most people don't know about you?

I married a rodeo bullfighter, who I was trying to set up with my girlfriend at a bar. Too funny!

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE THREE BRANCHES of government that make America great are the court, Congress and Trump Enterprises.

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THE SAD-FACED clowns in Washington are already tripping over their oversized, scandal-filled shoes.

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The City of Fenton, Michigan is requesting bids for the demolition of 206 E. Caroline Street, Fenton, MI. Bid packets are available at the City Clerk's office, 301 S. Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan 48430 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., during normal work days. The City of Fenton will accept bids until 4:00 p.m. on March 22, 2017. At that time, bids will be opened and reviewed. Any questions should be directed to Michael Reilly, Building/Zoning Administrator at 810-629-2261.

***The above referenced project is a federally funded activity authorized under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. All successful bidders must comply with federal labor standards, including the Davis-Bacon Act and the Copeland Anti-Kickback legislation; federal equal opportunity requirements; and Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968.**

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TACO BELL

Continued from Front Page

on Dec. 5, 2016 according to the meeting minutes. Councilor Brad Dick abstained from voting.

According to the minutes of that meeting, WT Development Corp for Taco Bell of America and property owner Richard L. Jacobs requested special land use approval to build the popular fast-food restaurant at 605 W. Broad St., near McDonald's.

Taco Bell, which serves a variety of tacos, nachos, burritos, and other food, is proposed to be 2,169 square feet, with 40 indoor seats and a drive-through service window. Proposed site improvements would include driveways from both West Broad Street and Hyatt Lane, as well as a 23-space parking lot, drive-through lane, stormwater detention basin, sidewalks, trash enclosure, lighting, and other improvements.

The preliminary site plan was approved with conditions:

The driveways will accommodate right-turn egress movement only, builders will provide a plan to accommodate off-street loading, and the proposed hours of operation will be specified. Other conditions



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The Linden Planning Commission still has to approve the plans for the Taco Bell at 605 W. Broad St, near McDonald's.

specify that builders must incorporate masonry materials into exterior design of the building, build a buffer along the southern property boundary consisting of existing vegetation or proposed buffer devices, and build an escape lane for the drive-through facility, unless a variance is granted by the Linden Zoning Board of Appeals.

Per Section 4.4.5 (2) of the city zoning ordinance, the city allows a fast-food/drive-through restaurant as special land

use after a public hearing and approval by the planning commission.

The commission opened the public hearing that meeting to hear concerns from citizens. Residents of Linden asked questions about a potential privacy wall, if the lighting from the restaurant's sign would be shaded, if it would impede traffic, and how it would affect property taxes.

Final plans for the building could be submitted within the next few months.

WHAT YOU MISSED
in the
MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following is what you missed in the Wednesday, Febr 15, Midweek Edition of the Tri-County Times. To subscribe and receive both the Sunday Weekend and Wednesday Midweek editions, please call (810) 629-8282

More than 30 cats found in condemned house

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



Genesee County commissioners pass 'Tobacco 21'

Despite a recent ruling by Michigan's attorney general, the Genesee County Board of Commissioners voted 7 to 2 on Tuesday, Feb. 14, to prevent 18- to 20-year-olds from buying tobacco products in the county.

Area couple gets three years probation for child abuse

Judge says 32 days spent in jail was punishment enough for Deerfield Township couple convicted of second-degree child abuse.

Police&Fire
report

BREAK-IN ON MAIN ROAD

Genesee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a home in the 11000 block of Main Road in Fenton Township on Feb. 10 on a report of a breaking and entering. A man was taken into custody and lodged at the Genesee County Jail, pending charges.

PHONE SCAM

A fraud complaint is under investigation with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office. A resident in the 16000 block of Silverwood Drive in Fenton Township reported a phone scam on Feb. 11.

CREDIT CARD SCAM

A fraud complaint is under investigation with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office. A resident in the 15000 block of S. Linden Road in Fenton Township reported a credit card scam on Feb. 11.

INTOXICATED MAN JAILED

On Saturday, Feb. 11, deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office responded to a disorderly person complaint in the 1400 block of Wiggins Road. An intoxicated male was taken into custody and later lodged at the Genesee County Jail, pending charges.

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Richard Canever (left) receives the Green Dealer certification for the second year in a row. Vic Canever in Fenton is one of 67 dealerships nationally to receive the certification.

Local auto dealer earns prestigious award

■ **Green Dealer Program**
Award recognizes Vic Canever's eco-friendly activities

Vic Canever Chevrolet has earned the Green Dealer Program Award from General Motors for the second consecutive year.

The award is given to dealerships to recognize their eco-friendly activities. To qualify for the award, dealerships must undergo a self-assessment process and then implement a wide range of environmental and sustainable initiatives at their dealership.

Vic Canever Chevrolet was just one of 74 dealerships in the country to receive this prestigious award from General Motors.

Vic Canever Chevrolet has been evaluated by General Motors based on multiple items across a range of 10 categories including energy reduction, waste management, recycle and reuse, nature habitat, workplace and environment, community outreach and management practices.

The dealership implemented green activities in accordance with standards set forth. Adhering to these eco-friendly practices will reduce energy and water usage at the dealership and will reduce waste going to landfills.

Vic Canever exceeded expectations for creating a sustainable environment, and has been acknowledged by John Fitzpatrick, General Motors zone manager and Stacy Summers, Chevrolet district manager.

This award was presented to dealership owner, Richard Canever, General Manager Matt Stevens and Sales Manager Jeff Canever on Monday, Feb. 13.

Upcoming Meetings

Fenton Township Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting at **7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 20** at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center.

Holly Village Planning Commission will hold a regular meeting at **7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 22** at Karl Richter Community Center.

Tyrone Township Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting at **7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 21** at the township hall.

Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation (SLPR) Board of Commissioners will hold a regular meeting at **6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23** at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center.

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13353 HADDON ST, FENTON

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16207 HILLTOP DR, LINDEN

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LAKE SHANNON \$57,500
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Favorite Thing About Michigan: Traveling and Hiking the U.P.

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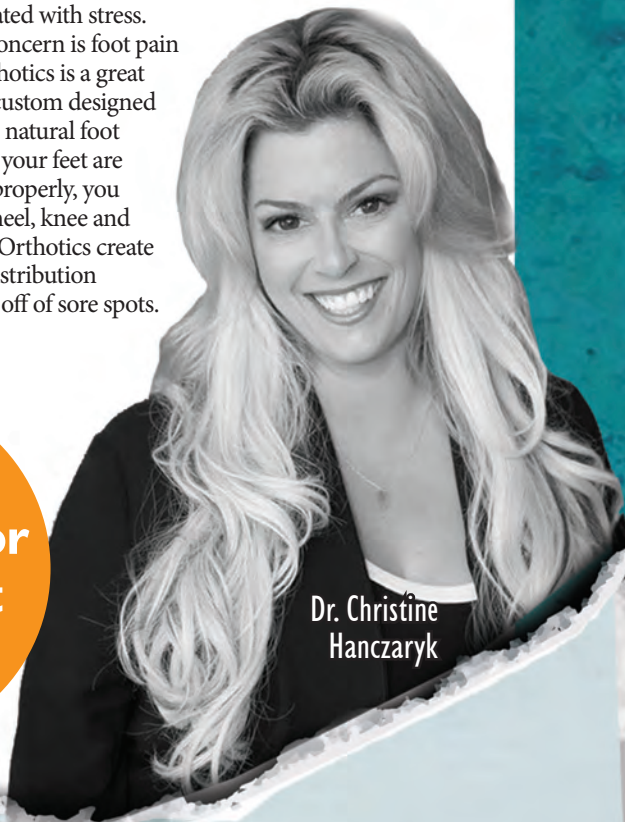
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Anglers fish for blue gill and crappie on Byram Lake in Fenton Township on Sunday. Overall, approximately 125 participated in the inaugural event.

Inaugural ice fishing event off to fun start

■ More than 120 participate in new Linden ice fishing tournament, chili cook-off

By Tim Jagielo

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Fenton Twp. — The sun was shining, the ice was slippery, and the fish were biting. At least for some.

While not everyone caught something at the inaugural Linden Community Ice Fishing Tournament and Chili Cook Off last Sunday, Feb. 12, everyone seemed to be having fun.

Organizer Steve James said approximately 125 anglers fished on Byram Lake in Fenton Township, and Lobdell Lake in Argentine Township. They fished for bluegill, crappie and pike. More than 200 people were there for the weigh-in and chili tasting afterward. The chili tasting was provided by mostly Linden-area restaurants.

The prizes were provided by local businesses as well. These included an ice auger for drilling holes through ice, a Weber grill and an ice shanty, along with several door prizes.

James had the idea for the event a few years ago. He had to cancel in 2016 due to weather, and while the warmer temperatures seemed once again to threaten

the tournament, things went off without a hitch last weekend.

At its core, the tournament was a reason to get people, especially kids, outside during the gloomy winter. "We've got all these resources in our backyard with hunting and fishing and lakes, and it pains me not to see them used," he said.

“It was a big success, and we’re looking forward to doing it in the future.”

Steve James
Tournament organizer

James plans to bring the tournament back next year, and hopes to see it grow.

The fishing tournament was divided into three categories. There were awards for the pike, bluegill, crappie, and kids divisions.

Adults

Pike: **Mark Hopson** of Fenton with a 33-inch pike

Bluegill: **Chris Carwile** of Grand Blanc with a 9.25-inch bluegill
Crappie: **Jason Brown** of Linden with a 10.75-inch crappie

Kids 14 and under

Pike: **Anthony Barnett** of Linden with a 30-inch pike
Bluegill: **Landen Thompson** of Linden with an 8.5-inch bluegill

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News briefs

Patriotic art contest for students

If you have a passion for patriotism and art, enter the 2016-2017 VFW Auxiliary's Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest and compete with other student artists from across the nation for your chance at winning one of eight national scholarships, with the first-place winner receiving a \$10,000 scholarship. The Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest is open to all students, including home-schooled students, in grades nine through 12. Students must be a U.S. citizen. No digital art or photography will be accepted, and artwork must be on canvas or paper. It will be judged on your patriotic theme and technique. Find out how you can enter by contacting local VFW Auxiliary Chairman Bonnie Pray or the local VFW 3243 Post at 1148 N. LeRoy St. in Fenton. Applications and information is available at the local VFW post and online at www.vfwauxmi.org under Programs-Scholarships. Deadline to turn in completed application and art to the local VFW is March 31. After the local judging, the art will go on to the state level to be judged for the national competition.

SLPR Board to discuss funding for Loose Senior Center

The Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation Board of Commissioners will be holding a meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23 at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center. The Board, which represents the cities of Fenton and Linden and Fenton Township, will be discussing the .4-millage for recreation purposes that has been in existence since 1999. Monies collected from this millage benefit the recreation program and Loose Senior Center in Linden. In 2001, a resolution was passed requiring that SLPR budget 19 percent of the millage and send it to Loose Center. The SLPR Board is considering a proposal that would remove the dedicated resolution of regular funding to Loose Center and replace it with grant, which would require application requests. The Fenton Township Board of Trustees is also expected to discuss this topic at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 20. The SLPR Board of Commissioners includes Ray Culbert and Brad Dick for the city of Linden, Patricia Lockwood and David McDermott for the city of Fenton and Bob Krug and Shaun Shumaker for Fenton Township.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

SO YOU CAN'T like Donald Trump because of his personality and racism? How about loving the guy for his love of America and all its citizens, and wanting the best for our country. We just got rid of the two biggest racists, Barack and Michelle, there was no love of country there.

THANK YOU TO the conservatives who week after week submit Hot lines trying to educate these progressives with the facts. Thank you for this service you are providing. Facts matter, liberals. Pay attention.

WISH ALL THOSE politicians and whiny protesters would let President Trump do

what he was elected to do. Let's give him a chance to make America great again.

RECENTLY I PURCHASED a new bed at a local furniture store. I had such a wonderful experience. Plus, it always feels good to shop local.

'IF TYRANNY AND oppression come to this land, it will be under the guise of fighting a foreign enemy.' — James Madison

WHAT DOES THE mass grounding of whales in New Zealand and the Trump administration have in common? Lack of leadership, mass confusion and a very dire situation with very little chance of recovery.



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Kristyn Stillman finishes tucking her sister, Ashley Wright, in bed after school Thursday afternoon.

CARETAKER

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enough room for the wheelchair lift, and many don't have a ramp to the sidewalk.

Once they get inside the store, the struggles continue.

"If you go off the main aisle, it doesn't really work because none of them are ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant as far as being able to allow me to push her through the aisle without knocking stuff off the racks because they're all way too close together," she said.

Even at the doctor's office, she struggles to open doors that don't have the handicap button for automatic or sliding doors. Stillman said most doors don't have the button.

"You've got to hold the door open

with one leg and then push her in and then for the second door, you've got to do the same thing."

MEDICARE CUTS

In 2006, The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services set the maximum amount Medicare will pay suppliers for power wheelchairs 35 percent less than what they previously received, according to The Washington Times. Medicare recipients could see more cuts. According to Forbes.com, Speaker of the House Paul Ryan has pushed to privatize both Medicare and Medicaid, which could cut benefits. Tom Price, the new Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, has spoken in favor of Medicare cuts. See part two of this story in the Sunday, Feb. 26 issue of the Times.

NOTICE

ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS
MARCH 2017 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING DATES

The Argentine Township Board of Review for 2017 will be held at the Argentine Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden MI 48451 on the following dates:

Tuesday March 7, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. - Organizational Meeting

Appeal Hearings:

Monday, March 13, 2017 ----- 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 14, 2017 ----- 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 15, 2017 ----- 10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

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Kyle McColm, second from right, tries to help flip a grounded whale stranded on a remote beach in New Zealand last weekend.

WHALES

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"I was driving down the mountains to do some hiking with my girlfriend when we heard about the whales, just two miles north of us," said McColm, via a phone interview from New Zealand.

The couple was hardly prepared for the extent of the heart-break and carnage in front of them. Adult and baby whale carcasses were strewn three or four deep in places for hundreds of yards, often rolled over on the sand with their tail

“Unfortunately, many drowned due to the weight and how close they were together. All we could do is try to comfort them.”

Kyle McColm

Fenton Township resident,
now in New Zealand

fins still aloft, according to Associated Press news reports on ABC News.

"A 30-minute walk from dry land out to sea with great white sharks feasting on dead carcasses and deadly stingray hiding in the sand, authorities warned us that we were putting our own lives at risk," said McColm on his Facebook page. "A few people were taken by helicopter to the hospital."

McColm said he was able to help six whales out of the entire day, and out of the six, he and other volunteers flipped four over to keep them



PHOTO COURTESY OF PROJECT JONAH NEW ZEALAND

The carnage of whales on the beach was tragic and heartbreaking for volunteers like Kyle McColm, 21, who did all they could to rescue them.

from drowning. "Unfortunately, many drowned due to the weight and how close they were together. All we could do is try to comfort them."

When high tide came, volunteers were able to refloat some of the surviving whales, while 80 or 90 remained beached. Volunteers continued to keep the stranded

survivors damp and cool by placing blankets over them and dousing them with buckets of water.

"We tried to keep them cool during the day," said McColm. "The sun is so intense that it cooks them. We tried to keep them cool and wet."

Why the whales get stranded in this remote beach area of Farewell Spit is

uncertain, but happens most years in this area, just not at this scale.

The largest was in 1918, when about 1,000 pilot whales came ashore on the Chatham Islands. In 1985, about 450 whales were stranded in Auckland.

McColm, grandson of Bruce and Karen Walker of Fenton Township, has been traveling throughout New Zealand, working with the people to see how they live. "I've always been curious to see how other people live, build homes and eat," he said. "The world is my classroom."

He plans to return home in June, after first traveling to the Cook Islands, Fiji and Australia. He hopes to begin a career back home in the building trades and real estate.



PHOTO COURTESY OF PROJECT JONAH NEW ZEALAND

Dousing the whales with water and covering them with blankets to keep them cool was all volunteers could do to help with rescue efforts. The non-profit organization, Project Jonah New Zealand, was founded in 1974 and was on site helping to rescue the whales. The organization's mission is simple; to create a world where whales and dolphins are respected and protected. More information on them can be found on Facebook.

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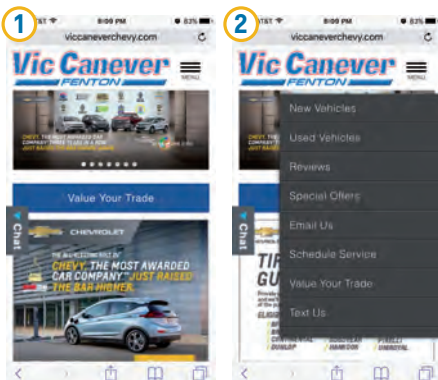
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Just sayin'...

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My 42 cents worth

Every year, if we're able, a friend of mine and I volunteer our time at the St. John Applefest "Information Booth."

This booth is the "go to" place for everything. There is always a steady stream of visitors wanting to know things like, 'where are the bathrooms ... where do we buy ride tickets ... where is the chicken dinner tent ... where is the bingo hall ... where are the ATM machines ... where can we sign up for the 5K run ... what time does the band start ... what's the score of the Michigan/Michigan State game ... have you seen my mom (there are only 3,000 of them walking around)?'



VERA HOGAN

Our front desk at the Tri-County Times is a lot like that information booth. While the questions and answers are obviously different, and our employees are not volunteers, there is a steady stream of people who walk through our front doors, seeking assistance and information.

The two ladies that work our front desk, Annette and Jill, are the nicest, most efficient and professional ladies you'll ever meet. The majority of people who seek their assistance are pleasant and friendly and have their business tended to with ease ... but then there are a few others.

One day I heard a man at the front desk. He was so loud I could hear him from my desk halfway back into the building. He was carrying on about something. I had to go to my car for a notebook so when I approached the front door I could hear that he was yelling about Andy Heller's column 'Come Heller high water.'

I went out to my car for a few minutes, and when I came back in, he was still yelling at them about Andy's opinions. I interrupted and said, 'Sir, if you will give me your name and phone number, I will have Andy call you. I'm sure he'll be happy to talk with you and hear what you have to say.'

The man turned to me and said, 'He doesn't want to hear what I have to say, but you can tell him for me that he should go be the press secretary for Michael Moore.' Then he cancelled his subscription and stormed out.

He cancelled his subscription, which only costs 42 cents per edition, because he disagrees with one columnist's opinions? I will venture a guess that this man will continue reading the Times, but is now paying the \$1 newsstand price for the paper. Sad!

Jill and Annette say they often get complaints about columnists' opinions. Here's a thought — don't read them. Why punish the rest of us.

Another person complained that we have too many advertisements in our newspaper. Surely, people realize that it is the revenue from these advertisements, along with subscriptions, that pay for providing readers with an award-winning publication twice weekly.

For some odd reason, when I heard that, a scene from the movie 'Back to the Future' came to mind. The scene where

Marty (Michael J. Fox) is holding a family photo and members of his family start fading away. They would be non-existent if he didn't do something to change the future. Great Scott! I need this job!

Another complaint they received is that we're lying when we say each edition is only 42 cents. Pointing to the upper right corner of the newspaper, a man said it's clearly \$1 as printed. Sir, it's 42 cents per edition if you are a subscriber. The \$1 is the newsstand price.

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Opinions offered in Just Sayin' are the author's alone and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Tri-County Times or its staff. Email the Vera at vhogan@tctimes.com.

Spotlight on:

C&L WARD

- New service can update your home's look in four hours or less

By Sally Rummel

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

C&L Ward, headquartered in Davison, is now installing new doors and closets in your home in four hours or less.

This new service includes interior doors and closet doors. It's a one-of-a-kind door replacement process, featuring 3D digital measuring, robotically cut to fit existing frames, with absolutely no mess. This door and closet sale costs just \$159 per installed door, with free installation on closet organizers.

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Fenton Area Debate Club members Andrea Elsholz (left), Brendan Poirier, Emilee Poirier and Jacob Barta show off their Individual War of Words (IWOW) trophies they won at this year's finals on Saturday, Feb. 11.

Four come out on top

■ Middle school debaters
win \$2,000 in college
scholarships

By Sharon Stone

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The Fenton Area Debate Club hosted its annual Individual War of Words (IWOW) last Saturday in the Lake Fenton High School auditorium.

The league, formerly called Tri-County League of Debate, is a not-for-profit organization and it awards college scholarships and trophies for its winners. Participants also receive a medal for their year-long efforts.

Four local schools participated in this most recent debate contest. Students in fourth- through eighth-grade started in

September 2016 and debated monthly in order to qualify for the finals on Feb. 11. Twelve students participated in the finals in hopes of winning college scholarship monies up to \$2,000, provided by the Fenton Rotary Club.

Now in its twelfth year, graduates of this debate program have gone on to debate at the college level at schools such as Yale, Hillsdale, University of Michigan and West Point.

Winners of the debate contest are:
First place - \$1,000 – **Jacob Barta**, St. Patrick School in Brighton
Second place - \$500 – **Andrea Elsholz**, AGS Middle School in Fenton
Third place - \$250 – **Brendan Poirier**, St. John School in Fenton
Fourth place - \$250 – **Emilee Poirier**, St. John School in Fenton

HOT LINE CONTINUED

COULD ONE OF you crybaby-washrag Trump complainers please explain to me how anything he has done so far has affected you in a bad way. No? Didn't think so. Please shut up and let him work, making America great again.

THE REPUBLICANS WHO call the Hot lines seem so mean and heartless. Can't we stick to the issues? Why all the hatefulness?

POLLSTERS AND THE media repeatedly

told us Trump could not win the election. Put into complacency, many Democrats did not bother to vote. That is probably why they are so angry now. Ignore the polls and vote.

THE COUPLE IN green want to thank the person who paid for their wonderful dinner at an area restaurant last Sunday evening.

TO THE PERSON who also recalled the Bowling Green Massacre, Fox News is precisely where you need to go to be educated instead of listening to those slanted, so-called news organizations.

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LANGUAGE

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The hardest languages to learn are ones with different writing styles, like Arabic, Russian, and Japanese.

“You’re not only learning different words and pronun-
ciations but a new
writing form as well.
Chinese can tend
to be very difficult
because of all the
different tones that
you have to learn,”
she said.

Languages easi-
est to learn are those
closely related to the
native language. For
English speakers,
German can be easy,
according to Hunter.

“Approximately
13 percent of English words come from
Latin. It makes it easier to learn the ro-
mance languages, like French, Spanish,
and Portuguese. That’s why we have
cognates, words that look very similar,
it’s that Latin influence,” she said.

The most studied language in Amer-
ica is currently Spanish.

“Things tend to come in waves,”
Hunter said. “Russian was extremely
popular back in the ’70s. You can
imagine with all the politics going
on, it became popular. Arabic became
popular 15 years ago.”

Hunter found that her students choose
to take Spanish because they want to be
able to use their second language.

When people learn a new language,
reading comprehension comes first,
then writing, and then listening and
speaking.

“The biggest challenge that people
face, especially adult language learn-
ers, is being willing to make mistakes,”
she said. “It’s really important to al-
low yourself the freedom of making
mistakes because that’s where you’re
going to do a lot of learning.”

Schools focus on grammar-based
teaching, according to Forbes, but this
leaves students able to conjugate verbs
but not hold a conversation.

One of the most effective ways to learn
a new language is curriculum with classes

where teachers use foreign languages to
teach non-language subjects. In 2006,
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
adopted this approach, and their workers
learned Spanish easier and better.

This isn’t the only way to learn a new
language, however.
You could enroll at
a local college or
take online classes.
Rosetta Stone, an
education program,
is a popular choice
for those wishing to
expand their vocabu-
lary beyond English.

There are also apps
for smartphones, like
Duolingo, that can
teach you a second
language.

Hunter said there’s
a second language
out there for everyone.

“You just have to find it,” she said. “It
all comes down to motivation. Even if
you tackle what seems to be the most dif-
ficult language, if you’re motivated, it’s
not difficult. If you really want to learn
the language, there will be challenges,
but it makes it a lot easier.”

America’s monolingualism

Approximately 25 percent of
American adults report being able
to speak another language other
than English, according to the Pew
Research Center. Of that 25 percent,
approximately 43 percent said they
can speak the language “very well.”

Compared to Europe and other
continents with many countries and
dialects, the American education
system is lax when it comes to learning
languages.

Approximately 54 percent of
Europeans are bilingual.

Approximately 73 percent of primary
students in Europe were learning
English at school in 2009-2010,
according to Pew Research Center.
Most of these students study their
first foreign language by age 9 and a
second foreign language later.

Many countries mandate that their
students learn English, and the U.S.
does not have a nationwide mandate
on learning a second language.

Source: Pew Research Center, Forbes

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Jessica Hunter
Mott Community College foreign language
coordinator and Spanish instructor

HOT LINE CONTINUED

JUST SO WE’RE clear, media organiza-
tions are not fake news just because they
ask for clarification from Trump’s adminis-
tration, or point out that what Trump said
has no factual backing. They’re doing their
jobs by questioning and clarifying.

I’D LIKE TO give a shoutout to Shawn
and Terry Scott. Their son, Shawn, a Holly
wrestling alum, just got his 100th career
win in college at the University of North-
ern Illinois. He’s hopefully going to the
NCAA championships to create the first
ever Holly, Fenton, Linden area All-Ameri-
can college wrestler.

I’D LIKE TO thank the gentleman who
paid for my takeout supper at a local
restaurant last Saturday evening. I had a
military cap on, indicting my service to the
country. He said it was the least he could
do for our servicemen.

I HAD A crushed ankle and no handicap
parking sticker so I parked on the other
end of the parking lot and walked across
on crutches. Then saw a group of teenag-
ers get out of a car in the handicap spot.

I’M SITTING HERE in my kitchen on
this beautiful Valentine’s Day morning.
The sun is shining and I live in Fenton. I
always remember when I moved here and
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luck in his new job in Grand Rapids.

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TO ALL CREDITORS:

The Grantor, Shirley A. Morgan, (date of birth: March 22, 1946), who lived at 14114 Torrey Road, Fenton, Michigan 48430, died November 25, 2016. There is no personal representative of the decedent’s estate to whom Letters of Authority have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Morgan Family Trust dated November 6, 2013, will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustee, within four (4) months after the date of publication.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Dated: February 13, 2017

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TYRONE TOWNSHIP 2017 BOARD OF REVIEW PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2017 Board of Review will be held at the Tyrone Township Hall, located at 10408 Center Road, Fenton, MI 48430 on the following dates and times:

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017	Organizational Meeting 10:00 am
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017	9:00 am -12:00 pm., 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017	2:00 pm - 5:00 pm., 6:00 pm - 9:00pm

Please call (810) 629-8631 for a recommended appointment. Letters of appeal will be accepted and must be received by 9:00 pm. on March 15, 2017. No faxes or emails will be accepted.

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Bruce Little, Tyrone Township Assessor

Township of Rose, Oakland County, Michigan

NOTICE TO ROSE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Rose Township Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on Tuesday March 7, 2017 at 7:30 pm in the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan 48442.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider and receive comments on the following application:

Mr. Tim Meade, owner of vacant lot on Cogshall Street (06-03-203-008), is request-
ing a variance from the Rose Township Zoning Ordinance. The request is for a
total side yard setback variance to locate a manufactured structure within 8 feet of
the west side yard setback and 5 feet of the east side yard setback. Rose Town-
ship Zoning Ordinance, Table 38-232 Schedule of Regulations, requires that the
total side yard setback be a minimum of 15 feet.

Comments in writing will be accepted until the date and time of the hearing and
should be submitted to the Office of the Rose Township Clerk, 9080 Mason Street,
Holly, Michigan 48442.

A copy of the aforementioned variance application is available for inspection dur-
ing regular business hours, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at
the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan 48442 until and
including the day of the hearing.

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Fenton resident Payton Michelle, 17, who recently started modeling, walked in New York Fashion Week on Feb. 10 to 12.

Fenton resident walks in New York Fashion Week

■ The 17-year-old models in four shows for various designers

By Hannah Ball

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The sights on stage were a little different in New York City compared to Fenton when one Fenton resident walked in New York Fashion Week Friday, Feb. 10 to 12.

Payton Michelle, 17, started modeling in November 2016, and has already participated in one of the biggest fashion events in America.

After three delayed flights, Michelle, her mom, and her friend, ended up driving the 12 hours to New York City to walk in four fashion shows throughout the weekend. The entire fashion week runs from Feb. 8 to 16.

"It was so crazy busy. Everything was so back to back to back," she said.

On Friday, Feb 10, she had one show at Gotham Hall, where she modeled for Neiman Marcus. Michelle said that was the fanciest and most professional show, as well as the longest runway she's ever been on.

"That show was really cool because she let me design and pick out the fabric for my dress and I got to keep my dress after," she said. "I wanted to do something that was older and more sophisticated." She was able to keep both dresses Neiman made for her.

Michelle networked backstage at the show, talking to photographers and models, and ended up booking another show. "I like to network. It's always best after shows. They've seen you walk, they've seen what you can offer," she said.

On Saturday, she modeled for a few designers in two events. Designers pick the models, and she made both shows.

On Sunday, she walked in the FCM Showcase for four designers, which wasn't a typical runway. It included formations where models had to hit poses at certain points in certain patterns.

She was able to keep another black dress a designer made for her. "The three dresses I got are one of a kind. There are no others



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Payton Michelle, 17, modeled different outfits for various designers in four shows at New York Fashion Week. She was allowed to keep three of the dresses she modeled on the runway.

like them," she said.

Michelle started modeling after a casting call for Walk Fashion Show Detroit last fall. She said she wore uncomfortable shoes and her walk wasn't the best, so she was surprised she was chosen.

Michelle came to model at NYFW because her mom was in the audience at Walk Fashion Show Detroit, sitting next to one of Marcus' models. They were talking and the model said the designer had one more spot for a show in New York.

"My mom didn't even know it was for fashion week," she said. "She said this with the straightest face I've ever seen in my life."

"Yeah, you're walking in New York Fashion Week or something." You know when you get so shocked, you can't breathe? That was me."

Michelle said he had a great experience in New York, even though she didn't get a chance to explore the city.

"I did all the research on the Walk shows to be able to go there and do it. My mom mingled and I thank her every day for that," she said. "I just think it's so cool that I don't have a manager, I don't have an agency, I do everything on my own."

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Everything was
so back to back
to back.”**

Payton Michelle
Fenton resident



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Above is the menu and prices of items found at McDonald's in 1976.

“McDonald’s coming to Fenton was a big deal. When they put the sign up, everyone freaked out.”
Beth Benson
McDonald’s worker in 1976 at age 16

MCDONALD’S
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Road other than The Dutch Pantry; there was just the high school, gas stations and car dealerships, and a Hardees and A&W in town.”

“It was my first real job,” added Benson, now vice president of the office for customer service at Blue Cross Blue Shield in Detroit. “It was a lot of fun, but we hustled, we really did. When I got my first paycheck, I went to Hudson’s and bought myself an outfit.”

With all of today’s talk about a \$15 minimum wage, Benson recalls earning about \$2.35 an hour. She continued to work at the Fenton McDonald’s on Owen Road the summer after her freshman year of college, and then worked at the Hartland McDonald’s and in Shelby Township.

She recalls one day when she was scheduled to work, her mom wasn’t home to take her. “My younger brother put me on the back of his motor bike, and he dropped me off. I got to work on

SUMMARY

■ McDonald’s on Owen Road in Fenton has changed the cultural landscape of this community since it opened in 1976. It was the first job for many teens, and employs 70 people today.

time, but it took me 10 minutes to calm down and stop shaking.”

McDonald’s was the place that many local teens wanted to work, including Stephanie (Wood) Larson, now of Farmers Branch, Texas, northeast of Dallas.

She got the job through her Fenton High School co-op program in Food Technology. She chose McDonald’s because “it was the newest, coolest place in Fenton.”

For Larson, it was a job she took very seriously. “It was very scary because it was my first job with the public. Girls worked mostly in the front as cashiers and guys in the back on the grills.”

Larson worked her way up the McDonald’s ladder, eventually becoming a general manager, spending 12 years with the company. “Working at McDonald’s taught me how to multi-task.” She is now semi-retired, working parttime at a local deli.

THE FUTURE OF MCDONALD’S IN FENTON
McDonald’s on Owen Road has been at the same location for 41 years, since the days of 30-cent hamburgers and 45-cent milkshakes.
But it will get an entirely new look and setup for the “experience of the future” this summer, when a new McDonald’s will be built. Demolition is set for mid-August.

“We’ll be closed for a week before demolition, then construction will take about 90 days,” said Mark Pfau, 58, who owns both Fenton McDonald’s on Owen Road and North LeRoy and the McDonald’s in Linden, which he also plans to remodel this year.

Pfau has owned the Fenton and Linden restaurants since 1999 and opened the Linden location in 2000. He also owns five restaurants in Oakland County — two in White Lake and one each in Waterford, Milford and New Hudson.

“I saw Fenton as a great community to do business in,” said Pfau. “I knew this would be a growth area.”

This new build is part of McDonald’s corporate plans to modernize 85 percent of its locations by 2019.

Customers will notice a new contemporary design, a larger Play Land, a more prominent McCafé, three



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO
McDonald’s on Owen Road Swing Manager Tyrone Bundy double checks an order during the Friday morning rush on Friday, Feb. 17.

drive-through windows, with the third window for special pickups.
The Owen Road location will continue its tableside service, which was one of only four test stores in the region when it was launched in December 2015.
Watch for the April rollout of Signature Crafted Sandwiches, with 18 different customized choices, including pico de gallo, guacamole and Canadian maple bacon.
“By the end of the year, we’ll offer

mobile ordering and payment,” said Pfau. “Within 18 months, customers can choose to self-order at kiosks or at the counter. We won’t be losing any jobs; in fact it will bring more jobs. This has always been a people business and it will always be a people business.”
Pfau employs 70 at the Owen Road McDonald’s, 45 in Linden and 35 at North LeRoy. “In all my stores, I employ 400-some employees. I know most of them by name.”




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Eagles advance to regional title match before falling to Marysville

By David Troppens

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Goodrich — In a lot of ways how Jaylin Steedman described his senior season with the Linden varsity wrestling team summarized the Eagles' season for the entire squad pretty well.

"It was a season of ups and downs, injuries and overcoming a lot," Steedman said. "I learned a lot. It sucks that it is over, but now I have to be ready to move on."

The Eagles' season was all of those things. Finishing their season at 14-16, the Eagles certainly had higher expectations entering the season. However, with all the injuries the squad experienced during the year, the Eagles knew their best performances would come at the end of the season. The squad persevered and proved to itself how solid they could be despite their youth. The Eagles ended up winning a team district title. However, illness

struck the squad at the team regional held at Goodrich High School, meaning the Eagles would face even more adversity. The illnesses didn't stop Linden from advancing to the regional championship match before seeing their season finally come to a close.

Linden opened Wednesday

with a strong 60-17 victory against Orchard Lake St. Mary's (OLSM) but Marysville proved a bit too strong for Linden's ill-stricken squad, resulting in a 56-18 loss to the Vikings in the regional title match.

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Linden's Koleton Strauss (top) works on getting a pinfall victory against Orchard Lake St. Mary's Luigi Milani in the Eagles' regional semifinal victory.



Heading to state meet one more time

■ Hypio clinches team regional title; LF's senior class headed to third state trip

By David Troppens

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Hunter Hypio had one thought on his mind when he entered the wrestling mat in Lake Fenton's final match in the Blue Devils' team regional championship match against Chesaning on Wednesday.

"I just went out there and thought, 'Just win, just win,'" Hypio said.

Win is what Hypio did. He earned a major decision victory in the final match of the night, earning the Blue Devils a 42-36 Division 3 regional championship victory for the third time in four seasons for the Lake Fenton varsity wrestling program.

Lake Fenton's victory means the Blue Devils will be competing in the D3 team state wrestling tournament to be held at Central Michigan University's McGuirk Arena starting with quarterfinal matches on Friday at 4:30 p.m. The quarterfinal winners will advance to the semifinals on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. with those winners competing for a state championship at 6 p.m.

"There is a big difference," Hypio said when asked what it felt like when he was wrestling to earn the Blue Devils a spot in

State meet details

Here is some information concerning the D3 team state wrestling meet.

When: The event starts Friday, with the D3 quarterfinal matches happening at 4:30 p.m. The semifinals will be Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and the finals will be on Saturday at 6 p.m.

Where: At Central Michigan University's McGuirk Arena.

Pairings: The pairings will be released today on the MHSAA's web site at 6 p.m.

the state meet. "You can hear the crowd. You are more in tune with everything."

The Blue Devils are the fifth-ranked team in the state, but due to holding three empty weight classes all season, it was going to be hard for the Blue Devils to earn a state trip once again this season due to giving so many team points just on voids alone. However, the Blue Devils have steadily improved and are now just two weight classes short



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DAVID TROPPENS

Hunter Hypio (above right) and Sean Trombley (left photo on top) were two of Lake Fenton's wrestlers who won matches during the team's regional title match on Wednesday.

of a full line up. Considering the Blue Devils have so many strong wrestlers throughout their lineup, Lake Fenton entered the regional tournament with more of a fighting chance than maybe thought upon earlier in the season. The Blue Devils are pleased with their accomplishment.

"It shows how much we've accomplished throughout the season and how hard we've been working is really paying off," Lake Fenton senior wrestler Hunter Corcoran said.

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Fenton's Weinberg, Holly/Oxford boys ski team headed to D2 state meet

By David Troppens

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One area team and one are skier are headed to the Division 1 state meet at Nub's Nob on Feb. 27.

The Holly/Oxford boys ski team qualified as a squad and Fenton's Zoe Weinberg qualified as an individual for the event.

The Holly/Oxford boys ski team placed second at the Mt. Holly regional, earning itself a squad-qualifying spot while Weinberg placed second in the slalom and fifth in the giant slalom, earning individual spots. The top three teams qualify as do the top four individual placers not on a state-qualifying team. The Fenton/Linden co-op girls ski squad finished sixth while the boys took eighth. The Holly/Oxford girls team placed eighth.

Weinberg was the top performer of area competitors. She placed second with a combined time of 57.05 seconds on her two runs in the slalom. Marion's Olivia Weymouth won the event with a time of 56.15, almost a second ahead of the field.

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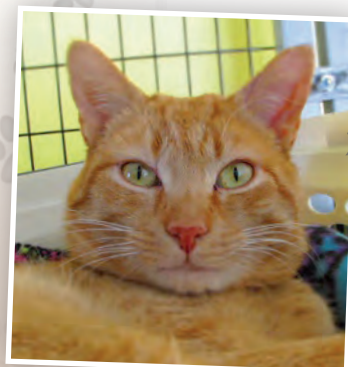


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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | MARK BOLEN

Andrew Foerster attempts a layup in a recent game. Foerster scored 28 points in the Blue Devils' 74-71 victory vs. Atherton.

Foerster's career game leads LF past Atherton

By David Troppens

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It's fair to say Andrew Foerster is riding a hot streak.

On Friday, the Lake Fenton senior post player netted 20 points in the Blue Devils' 89-79 victory against the Goodrich Martians.

On Tuesday, Foerster upped his game a tad higher. He scored a career-high 28 points and grabbed a career-high 16 rebounds in Lake Fenton's 74-71 victory against Atherton.

"Andrew Foerster was a huge part of the reason we came away with a win tonight," Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Jacob Erway said. "We did a much better job of getting him the basketball in the second half of the game tonight. We still could've gotten him the basketball more."

The Blue Devils (11-5 overall) had control of the contest, leading by double-digits in the fourth quarter.

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Fenton Tigers complete season sweep of Clio Mustangs

The Fenton varsity boys basketball team became the first squad to accomplish one task on Tuesday night.

The Fenton Tigers became the first team to beat the Clio Mustangs twice this season.

The Tigers earned their second victory against the Mustangs with a hard-earned 40-38 road victory. Fenton defeated second-place Clio 42-32 at Fenton High School on January 24.

"It was a nice win. They've been playing pretty good in the league and

had only three losses going in," Fenton varsity boys basketball coach John Gilbert said. "They've beaten a lot of teams in the league. They've lost to Flushing, us and Creek if my memory is right. They've beaten some teams we haven't beat, but we've beat them twice."

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SCOTT SCHUPBACH

Fenton varsity boys basketball coach John Gilbert talks to his team during a time out.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | MARK BOLEN

Katelyn Siebert attacks the basket in a recent contest.

Lake Fenton's defense shuts down Atherton in second half, 74-12

By David Troppens

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The Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team dominated the Atherton Wolverines on Senior Night, earning an impressive 74-12 victory on Tuesday night.

"We came out aggressively and the Atherton team doesn't have a lot of strong ball handlers," Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Brian VanBuren said. "We were able to mix up our defenses and get out in front."

The Blue Devils' defense was impressive throughout, but was a bit more impressive in the second half, shutting out Atherton.

Fenton girls basketball defeats Lady Mustangs

The Fenton varsity girls basketball team locked up a no worse than second-place finish in the Metro League after defeating Clio 68-49 on Tuesday night.

The Clio Lady Mustangs trailed just 17-13 after one quarter, but Fenton's offense erupted for 27 second-quarter points, establishing a 44-18 Tigers' lead at the half. The lead grew to 60-26 after three quarters. Clio scored 23 points during the final period, making the final score look more respectable.

With the victory, the Tigers improved to 10-2 in Metro League action, four games ahead of any squad behind them in the standings with two contests remaining.

Holly Bronchos continue to improve, defeat Kearsley, 71-65

At one time the Holly varsity boys basketball team held a 1-6 record.

It was fair to say the 2016-17 season was off to a rotten start, made even worse considering the team lost its only senior starter, Paris Partee, right before the season began.

Life with the Bronchos has been considerably better since that point. The Bronchos now find themselves 8-8 overall and 6-6 in Metro League action after defeating the Kearsley Hornets 71-65 on Tuesday night.

"Our practices have gotten way better," Holly varsity boys basketball coach Lance Baylis said.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

► **Flushing 65, Linden 34:** Garrett Strang led the Eagles with 11 points while Cole Sarkon had nine points. Ty Hoeberling and Aaron Sarkon had five points each. In JV action, Linden won 37-30. Seeger DeGayner netted 16 points while Travis Klocek had eight points. Brendan Miller and Max James had six points each.

► **Linden JV 43, Swartz Creek JV 32:** The Eagles made it eight wins in a row and three victories in three nights with the win. Brendan Miller led Linden with 13 points while Seeger DeGayner netted 11. Max James had nine points while Luke Kenny netted eight points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

► **Flushing 48, Linden 25:** The Eagles were unable to score more than eight points in any quarter resulting in the

loss. Samantha Whaling led Linden with 10 points while Sterling DeGayner netted eight points. Lauren Newman led Flushing with 13 points.

BOYS SWIMMING

► **Fenton defeated Kearsley, Davison:** Fenton took overall firsts in seven events. Individual winners were Kyle Banner in the 200 freestyle (1:55.34), Ethan Krantz in diving (183.15), Joel Diccione in the 100 freestyle (56.79), Andrew Gabler in the 500 freestyle (5:35.04) and Evan Bartow in the 100 backstroke (1:03.78).

Two relays took firsts as well. Banner, Noah Sizemore, Josh Kippe and Diccione won the 400 freestyle relay (3:41.63) while Justin Beemer, Banner, Bartow and Sizemore won the 200 freestyle relay (1:38.43).

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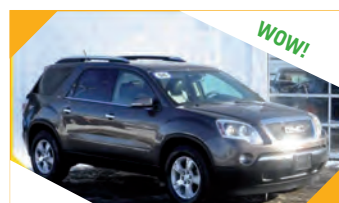
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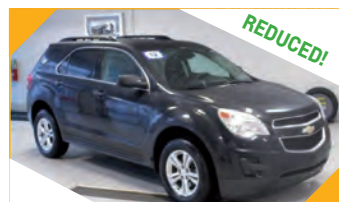
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