# Child porn suspect found dead at home

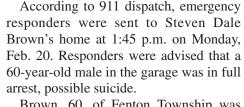
Arrested last week, Fenton Township man on sex offender registry faced federal charges

#### By Sharon Stone

sstone@tctimes.com; 810-433-6786 A Fenton Township man arrested last week for allegedly having hundreds of child pornography images on his work computer was found dead at his home Monday afternoon.



ork computer was onday afternoon. Steven Brown



Brown, 60, of Fenton Township was arrested last week and charged in federal court on child pornography charges. His See CHILD PORN on 9 SUMMARY A 60-year-old Fenton Township man, charged last week with having child pornography on his computer at work and at home, was found dead at his home on Monday.



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** I TIM JAGIELO The Fenton Township Fire Department and Genesee County Sheriff's Office respond to Steven Dale Brown's home on Monday, Feb. 20. Brown was found dead in his garage.



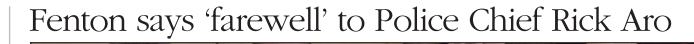
### Loose Center could lose significant funding

Southern Lakes adopts new grant application process

#### By Hannah Ball hball@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792

Fenton Twp. — Members of the Loose Center are worried about losing nearly \$75,000 yearly due to a new grant application process adopted by Southern Lakes Park and Recreation (SLPR) Board of Commissioners. See FUNDING on 6

We question by what authority can they go ahead and do this. **77** Ken Wensel Lose Center president





Former Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro enjoys a lighthearted moment with staff and family members of the Fenton Police Department and dispatch during a luncheon on Friday, Feb. 17 to celebrate his 13 years as chief. Aro accepted a job as chief of law enforcement operations at an airport near Grand Rapids. *See story on page 7.* 

### Linden resident dies in accident

Three people die after fatal crash, investigation underway

#### By Hannah Ball

hball@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 A 63-year-old Linden resident died after a fatal crash in Eaton County early Saturday morning. Police released the names of Linden man Kevin Haas, Lorraine Haas, 88, of See ACCIDENT on 7



### **LE To fellow moderates** trying to sort through the current, excessive

level of political crap, here is one tip whenever a Hot-liner accuses someone else of racism, sexism fascism misogyny

else of racism, sexism, fascism, misogyny, or lying, the author is actually describing themself."

### Area sees unusually warm weather

Surprising temps rise 30 degrees higher than last year

#### By Hannah Ball

hball@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 On Feb. 22, 2016, it was 35 degrees in Fenton, according to The Weather Channel. There was snow on the ground, and

### **C** This month we have celebrated birthdays of three of our greatest

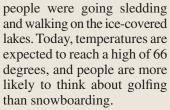
presidents, Washington,

Lincoln and Reagan.



However, Democrats and Republicans alike will raise their flags on Donald Trump's birth-

day. (It's Flag Day, June 14)."



Southern Michigan is experiencing an unusual trend of See WARM on 14



**GYou know, I** bet if Donald Trump said 'Good morning,' the media would find a way to spin on that also. **77** 



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Phil and Laura Quasarano listen to multiple heartfelt tributes to their son, Len, daughter-in-law, Heather and their four grandchildren at the memorial celebration on Saturday, Feb. 18 at Linden Free Methodist Church.



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Brandee Sampson performs her dance of praise and worship, which she choreographed herself, mostly on the spot. She danced and twirled ribbon to the song, "In the Eye of the Storm."

# **One year after Quasarano tragedy**

■Grief-sparked activism, with more than 1,500 carbon monoxide detectors given away for free

#### By Hannah Ball

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What one would think to be a somber event was actually an uplifting and encouraging one Saturday night at the Linden Free Methodist Church.

The event marked the one-year anniversary of the deaths of one the most shocking tragedies in Genesee

County— the day that six members of the Quasarano family were found inside their Fenton Township home, all dead from carbon monoxide poisoning.

Feb. 21 marks the day that Leonard (Len), 35, Heather, 39, and their children Luke, 11, Brenden, 9, Rachel, 7, and Grant, almost 2, were found in different areas of their home.

The area was experiencing a power outage that night, and police found a generator set up in the basement.

Following the tragedy a year later, the family, and community, still feels the impact of what happened. "It's been quite a journey this past year," said Phil

Quasarano, Len's father.



MB DESIGNS PHOTOGRAPHY I SHARP FUNERAL HOMES The Quasarano family, Leonard (Len), 35, Heather, 39, and their children Luke, 11, Brenden, 9, Rachel, 7, and Grant, almost 2, are pictured above. Feb. 21 marks the one-year anniversary of emergency responders discovering them in their home.

Phil's wife, Laura Quasarano, said, "Faith and family were the two most important things to them. You knew they loved Jesus and you knew they loved their kids. They were all about family."

She said this past year has had its ups and downs. "God has walked right through with us from the beginning and See QUASARANO on 12

# Recalling what happened Feb. 21, 2016

The Fenton Township Fire Department was on scene first. Fire Chief Ryan Volz said he and his family had just gotten out of church, and were returning home when his pager went off.

"When you hear of six souls not breathing and not knowing what's happened, possibly being a carbon monoxide poisoning, it just burns into your head. You've got to prepare for what you're going to see on scene," he said.

He said being on scene was tough, and described it as "chaotic."

"We had family members there. We didn't know who was who," he said. Local officers arrived on scene, as well as the Genesee County Sheriff's Office. Volz said people were running into the house without it being cleared of carbon monoxide first.

Firefighters went in with monitors to test the carbon monoxide levels. The monitors read 80 to 100 parts per million.

"It shouldn't be any parts per million," Volz said. "You don't want that monitor to read anything. If you have a reading, you've got an issue with your home." If there is carbon monoxide, an appliance could be malfunctioning. See **RECALLING** on 12





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#### **11** If I would have known that was the last hug, I would have hugged him a little more. **77** Phil Quasarano

### If I Were King...

### Words with friends

f you are like my friends Bob and Bill, you mispronounce a multitude of words without even knowing it. Maybe everyone else you know pronounces them that way. Or maybe your friends are too nice to tell you your pronunciation or enunciation is incorrect. It's even possible these mispronunciations have become so common that they've actually been adopted by well-meaning, but stupid, dictionary edi-

tors and are now accepted as correct pronunciations.

Then again, there are some words with tricky pronunciations we just choose to ignore in favor of our own, simpler versions

- words such as 'sherbet,' which 99.5 percent of the people reading this, incorrectly pronounce as 'sherbert.'

FOSTER CHILDS

But, I digress. Here are 10 words that you very likely have been phonetically butchering for most of your life:

1) Kilometer: Including myself, I know not a single individual that doesn't (mis)pronounce this as killom-it-tur. The correct pronunciation is, (drum roll please), kill-o-meter. Use it correctly in a conversation and you will have the added pleasure or humiliating the inevitable scoffer who will condescendingly attempt to correct your already correct enunciation.

2) Asterisk: It is not pronounced ass-ter-ix or ass-ter-ik. It is pronounced Ass-ter-isk\*

3) Forte: It's not a word that you hear or say every day, but that doesn't mean you have to make a damn fool of yourself by saying *for-tay*. The correct enunciation is fort, as in Fort Knox. Keep in mind that you run the risk of being branded a pompous ass by using it correctly.

4) February: This mispronunciation is forgivable. Frankly, the extra 'r' is not necessary. As for me and my house, we're sticking with feb-u-ary.

5) Gif: Other than me, you likely don't know a single person that pronounces this as *jif*, like the peanut butter, which is the correct way. Everyone king@tctimes.com

else says gif, as in gift. Now you can show some snooty computer programmer how smart you are.

6) Status: I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but status is another word you've been mispronouncing all your life. On the bright side, so has everyone else. The correct way to pronounce it is sta-tus. As in state of Michigan. Remember this the next time you use the term 'status symbol.'

7) Valet, fover, lingerie: Americans love to show their international sophistication by using French words, the goal being to imply that we spend so much time in Europe that our speech is involuntarily populated with native French terminology, which we then mispronounce: valet (val-ut, not val-ay), foyer (fo-yay not foy-er) and lingerie (lon-szhurry not *lawn-szhu-ray*), for example.

8) Quasi: Yes, I realize that we don't use this word much, but when we do, let's use it correctly. We all pronounce it qua-zee, while the correct pronunciation is actually quay-zee (rhymes with the Patsy Cline song).

9) Almond: This dry fruit (yes, it is a fruit) is pronounced as Ah-mund, meaning the 'l' is silent. You should not pronounce it as All-mund, which 99 percent of all Americans do.

10) Data: You could easily get into a fistfight over the correct pronunciation, but stick you your guns (unless it is the boss). The correct pronunciation is dayta, not da-ta.

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ns, if approved for publication, must be 50 words b not necessarily reflect the views of the Tri-County serve the right to edit for clarity, length and liability.

**MICHIGAN SNOWMOBILERS, IF** your driver license is suspended you cannot operate a snowmobile. However if your 12-year-old's or older never had a driver license you're OK to operate a snowmobile, just one of the things I have learned at DNR trail checkpoints.

IN ANSWER TO the Hot line about the planet in the evening sky, that would be our sister planet Venus, which was at its brightest for the year on Friday, Feb. 17.

HOW HAVE I been hurt by Trump? I got screwed on day three by his hiring freeze. I have two years left of college and now I'm shut out of the jobs I'm best suited for. I will remember in November.

BETWEEN THE BOWLING Green massacre and the terrorist attack in Sweden, neither of which actually occurred, Donald Trump is truly the head of a well-oiled machine. A well-oiled machine full of BS. Why do Republicans lie about things that never happened?

REMEMBER WHEN OBAMA'S National Security advisor resigned in disgrace? Oh, wait, that never happened. Neither did it happen to any of his cabinet members. Why are Trump's picks so bad?

**REPUBLICANS ARE MEAN** and heartless? Where have you been for the last year? Liberal Democrats don't know how to stick to the issues. Watch any news channel and you'll see evidence of them trying to ruin the lives of anyone close to the Trump family, including his



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children. Liberals have only one agenda, destroy anyone including women, children, blacks, Muslims, gays, and the list goes on, who don't agree with their Liberal views. Liberals wrote the book on being mean and heartless.

#### THERE ARE OVER 600

administration appointees who must be confirmed by Congress. Why has the Trump Administration named fewer than 200 for these important posts? Why is Trump failing so badly? 

WHY ARE SO many Republican apologists still bringing up Obama? Republicans have the House, Senate and White House. If there is a problem, it's now all on them. Stop whining.

I'M SORRY. HOW does 'undoing consumer protections' make banks richer? And why do you give a crap?

I HOPE YOU are not paying those two leftists — Heller and Hogan — for their personal drivel.

THE FRONT-PAGE pictures of the beached whales instantaneously reminded me of the Democratic Party.

THE 'NEW NORMAL' is not too weird. The 'Old Normal' became too weird.

THE ANTI-TRUMP protesters are brainwashed puppets of the liberalleft media and college professors. The liberal-left true agenda is to keep America divided — the only successful goal of Obama's term. ISIS is smiling.

STRAIGHT FROM TRUMP'S book 'Art of the Deal.' Trump says 'You tell a lie three times and they will believe you, play to their fantasies and you close the deal.' We Americans have been duped. He is dangerous.

WHY AREN'T THE wing nuts complaining about all of the money being spent on Trump's security? In one month we have spent the same as Obama did in a year. You hypocrites had better take a hard look in your mirror or maybe not because you would not want to see what is looking back at you.

WHAT A FANTASTIC front for our newspaper. Eye-catching, brilliant weekend edition.

WE THOUGHT VICE President Pence would be a moderating force in the Trump administration, but it turns out he is just another liar.

BEFORE YOU DISREGARD the U.S. and World Report ranking of presidents you might be interested in knowing Reagan was number nine. See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

Compiled by Tess DeGayner, intern Where do you get your recipes from?



"My recipes are old ones from my mom and grandma."

-Julie Short Fenton



"I get them from cookbooks my mom gave me or ones I have bought."

-Colleen Billington

Linden



"Pinterest, they have great recipes for all occasions and they're fairly easy to make." –Alyssa Foguth





"Usually online, I Google what I am looking for."





"I have a very old cookbook and I use that with my mom's recipes."



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#### FUNDING

Continued from Front Page

An Inter-Local Agreement between the cities of Linden and Fenton and Fenton Township created a millage for recreational purposes. A resolution was unanimously passed by the SLPR board stating that 19 percent of SLPR's budget would go to Loose Center.

Fenton Township opted out of a separate Loose Center Inter-Local Agreement in 2010 that allocated part of its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to the

senior center. This amounts to ap-

proximately \$73,000 to \$75,000 annually and makes up approximately 32 percent of Loose's budget.

Ken Wensel, president of the Loose Board of Directors, spoke against SLPR adopting the grant process at the Fenton

Township Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, Feb. 20, where tensions ran high. A few members of Loose were in attendance.

"For the past 17 years, Loose has received this money and has been very transparent and diligent in its use. We are obviously unhappy with the decision and we protest this action.

"The millage that passed in the three communities is perpetual. The communities who supported it understood it would be a guaranteed funding source for recreation and for Loose for its senior activities," he said. "We question by what authority can they go ahead and do this," Wensel said, adding that the people voted for the 19 percent to go to Loose. He hopes the board will urge its two SLPR representatives to continue the 19 percent for Loose.

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Trustee Shaun Shumaker has been on the SLPR board for four years. Clerk Bob Krug is stepping down from the SLPR board and Trustee Robert Kesler is taking his place. Krug spoke in support of the grant process. Kesler was absent.

**LThat way we** 

can know what

specifically we're

using the money for

and how it affects

SLPR's budget. 77

Vince Paris

Southern Lakes Parks and

Recreation executive director

Shumaker said he understands both sides because seniors can't just increase their income when they live off Social Security, but he wants SLPR to be able to provide recreation opportunities for kids as well.

> "It's never been my intention, or anyone from this township's intention I think, to take money away from seniors," he said.

Shumaker said the grant process is about creating transparency and accountability.

He said it can be hard to get financial information from Loose. Loose Executive Director Carl Gabrielson said he takes offense to that because he sends Loose's audit to the township every year.

SLPR Executive Director Vince Paris said Loose would lose funding if municipalities opted out of the Inter-Local Agreement, which was passed in 2001 and was redone in 2003.

If the involved municipalities did opt out, they would still provide funds for one more year. "That agreement is still in place," Paris said. "A year is a good amount of time to plan if something would happen. It doesn't mean they couldn't still provide the funding. There isn't any determination made on that at this time."

Paris said they're asking every organization seeking money for programs that fit SLPR's mission statement to fill out a grant application.

"That way we can know what specifically we're using the money for and how it affects SLPR's budget. The millage brings in approximately \$400,000 yearly," he said. "We can't just disperse it all out without knowing how it's going to be used."

Paris adopted the SLPR grant from Genesee County.

SUMMARY "This grant application is not just The Loose Senior for Loose, it's for Center in Linden is concerned about anyone who wants potentially losing to apply for money. approximately 30 It's for baseball, Kipercent of its budget wanis, etc. We want after Southern to know what people Lakes Parks and want in terms of rec-Recreation adopted a new grant reation in the comapplication process. munity," he said.

The grant will

give details on programs, recreation plans, and enrichment and athletic services for everyone from toddlers to seniors.

Paris said the SLPR board has already voted on and approved the grant process.

The next SLPR meeting is on Thursday, Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. in the recreation room in the lower level of the Fenton Community Center. The board is expected to review the grant process. The meeting is open to the public.

#### HOT LINE CONTINUED

**IN MY OPINION**, I think the Argentine Township portion of Lobdell Road needs the speed limit changed to 45 due to how many houses are along that stretch of road.

#### THE BIGGEST THREAT to

America today is the agenda-driven mainstream media. The mainstream media are now the propaganda arm of the Democrat Party's far left. The public needs honest information to make good decisions.

MY CHILDREN WERE taught never to lie. Mr. Flynn lied to the vice president and was fired. Rightly so. Mrs. Clinton lied to the American public and was awarded with keeping her job by Mr. Obama. I guess consequences only come to Republicans.

#### IN RESPONSE TO the person

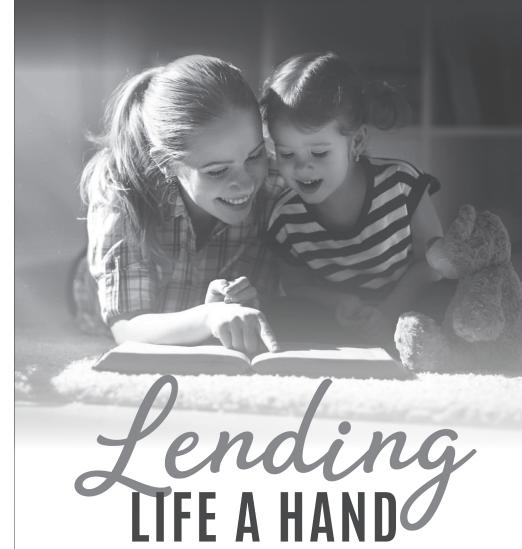
complaining about Democrats trying to stop everything President Trump is doing, I suggest you Google 'party of no' and you will see the Republicans did exactly that to President Obama. And it did seem racist to me.

### MY SYMPATHY GOES to the

woman in the motorized wheelchair who was crossing LeRoy Street at the Dauner crosswalk. Unfortunately, a careless woman driving an SUV proceeded turning and hit the woman and left her lying in the road while others assisted. I hope the woman recovers while the other does prison time.

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#### FLINT MAN SHOPLIFTS **POKEMON CARDS IN FENTON**

At 4:45 p.m. on Feb. 7, Fenton police responded to a retail store in the 3200 block of Owen Road to investigate a retail fraud complaint. A loss prevention employee observed a shopper, later identified as a 30-yearold Flint resident, select and conceal several packages of Pokemon trading cards in his pants pockets. The shopper was observed walking past the checkout and exit without paying for the \$164.96 worth of merchandise. The loss prevention employee confronted the man and called police. The man was taken into custody and was issued a court appearance ticket for April 17 for retail fraud.

#### **INTOXICATED MEN AT FAST-FOOD RESTAURANT IN FENTON**

At approximately 4 p.m. on Feb. 10, Fenton police were sent to a fast-food restaurant in the 1300 block of N. LeRoy St. to investigate a report of an intoxicated man falling down in the parking lot. Upon arrival, police discovered that the man had left this location. Police soon located the man, a 52-year-old Fenton resident, along with a 63-year-old Fenton resident, sitting in their van with the engine off at another business parking lot eating their fast-food meals. The officer detected a strong odor of alcohol on the men. The men denied being at the fast-food restaurant, according to Officer David Reinfelder. A computer check of the men revealed that the 52-year-old man had a felony warrant for a probation violation. He was transported to Flint City Jail to take care of that warrant. The 52-year-old man registered a .29-percent blood alcohol content and the older man registered .25-percent. Since the van was turned off when the officer arrived, the driver was not arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

#### **DRIVER HAS PRIORS**

A Fenton police officer on patrol observed a vehicle drive by with a driver who he had recognized due to past contact with police. A computer check revealed that the driver had a suspended license and there was a valid felony fraud warrant. A traffic stop was initiated on the 21-year-old Fenton resident. The vehicle was impounded. Police recovered a marijuana pipe and marijuana on the man. He was taken into custody.

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# Fenton says 'farewell' to Police Chief Aro

### Lt. Jason Slater is interim police chief

#### By Tim Jagielo tjagielo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795

**Fenton** — A little choked up, former Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro had to take a drink of water at the podium before saying good-bye.

He was at the helm in uniform for 13 years, but on Friday, Feb. 17, he addressed the group of approximately 100 in a suit and tie, with his family seated at the front table at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center.

"It's truly been an honor and a pleasure," he said, holding back emotion, "and I thank you for the opportunity."

Aro accepted a new job as chief of law enforcement operations at the Gerald R. Ford Airport near Grand Rapids, and is heading into his 40th year of law enforcement, this week.

In his stead, Lt. Jason Slater has become interim chief. Aro said the council has to decide how to proceed in regards to the next official chief of police.

Aro said he's excited about the next chapter in his life, but will miss the community.

"I think the department is truly community-oriented ... I think we provide a good service, and I think they'll continue to do that." He said it's an easy community to work in, which he appreciates.

Aro received several awards from community leaders, and listened as

#### **HOT LINE** CONTINUED

YOU ACCUSE TRUMP of lving 85 percent of the time but remain silent about Obama and Clinton. Hypocrite.

IF IT ISN'T planned in the long-term future already, I think Oakland County should consider widening Grange Hall Road between the Fenton city limits and I-75 since it's a busy corridor during rush hour.

**LET ME ENLIGHTEN** you Mr. Heller. The leaks of classified information are from the Obama administration holdovers, who like yourself, are still angry about the election. Also, if journalists were kept off the air for lying, the majority of the mainstream media would be silenced.

DON'T TAKE MY word for it. Google it yourself if you can. Obama deported considerably more illegal immigrants than Bush did by quite a bit.

#### ACCIDENT **Continued from Front Page**

Hartland and Kimberly Trasciatti, 66, of Howell.

SUMMARY A Linden man died as a result of a one-vehicle crash in Eaton County Saturday morning. All three people who were in the vehicle died.

They were traveling in a blue Ford pickup truck, exiting I-69 at exit 51 near Olivet in Eaton County. Their vehicle left the road and crashed.

According to a news release, they

crashed in a swampy, wooded area at approximately 7:25 a.m. Two people were ejected and pronounced dead at the scene. A third victim was transported to the hospital and died.

The investigation is underway.



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Former Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro (right) shakes Lt. Jason Slater's hand at Aro's farewell luncheon last Friday. For the interim, Slater will be police chief of Fenton, and city council will decide how to permanently fill the position.

Mayor Sue Osborn, City Manager Lynn Markland and perhaps most poignantly Lt. Slater, talked about the kind of man Aro is to work with. Slater recognized him for his leadership style, and open communication.

In the crowd were repre-

sentatives from several law enforcement city manager in 2008, among other things.

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#### **It's truly** been an honor and a pleasure, 77 **Rick Aro** former Fenton

police chief

agencies including the FBI. Secretary of State Ruth Johnson spoke, and County Commissioner Drew Shapiro came with a resolution thanking Aro for his service in Fenton, and recognizing him for his time in the Michigan State Police, and as interim Fenton

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Are the names on your foodstuffs real people, or good marketing tricks?

#### **Compiled By Vera Hogan**

vhogan@tctimes.com; 810-433-6823 Have you ever wondered if the people whose names are on boxes of food products (or booze labels) are real people?

Well, the truth is, some are and some are not.

**Betty Crocker** 

She's not real. The name was created by Marjorie Husted for the Washburn Crosby Company as a way to personalize the company's products and customer relations. The company later merged with other businesses to form General Mills. Husted picked the first name Betty because it sounded "warm and friendly," and combined it with Crocker as a tribute to retired Washburn Crosby executive William Crocker.

#### Sara Lee

She's real. Baker Charles Lubin owned a small chain of Chicago bakeries in the early 20th century. Among his products was a cheesecake named after his young daughter, Sara Lee Lubin. He later changed the name of the business to Kitchens of Sara Lee, and when it was later acquired by the Consolidated Foods Corporation, it became one of the company's leading brands. Sara Lee didn't follow her father into the baking business, but instead has worked to encourage and support women working in science.

#### **Aunt Jemima**

She was not real. Aunt Jemima-esque "mammy" characters have been used as racial caricatures for ages. The businessmen who developed an early ready-made pancake mix reportedly saw one such character in a black-face minstrel show in the late 1800s and appropriated the image to brand their new product. Aunt Jemima was later brought to life when the business's new owner hired Nancy Green, a former slave, to portray the character in ads and at events. Green made her public debut in



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Duncan Hines was a real man, but he didn't start out as king of the cake mix industry. He was a salesman in the printing business. His first claim to fame in food was ice cream.

character at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, where she charmed the crowds and doled out pancakes from a booth. The Jemima brand soon became so popular that Green secured a lifetime contract, and the business was renamed the Aunt Jemima Mills Company. **Chef Boyardee** 

He was real. Ettore Boiardi was an Italian immigrant who worked as a chef in New York and West Virginia hotels, where he supposedly catered Woodrow Wilson's second wedding, before opening his own restaurant in Cleveland. There, he started selling bottles of his pasta sauce, and soon expanded the operation with a factory in Pennsylvania. He dubbed the canned and bottled products "Chef Boy-Ar-Dee" to help consumers pronounce his name.

See NAMES on 14

### About those 'boozers'

Jim Beam was not a real, live person. Instead, Jim Beam is a very popular brand of Kentucky straight bourbon, made in some form or another since 1795. Jim Beam was officially named

after Colonel James Beauregard Beam in 1933, following Prohibition.



**Johnnie Walker** Originally known as Walker's Kilmarnock Whisky, the Johnnie Walker brand is a legacy left by John "Johnnie" Walker after he started to sell whisky in his grocer's shop in

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**Jim Beam** 

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arrest came, according to court records, after a federal search warrant was executed at the home during the early morning hours of Thursday, Feb. 16.

Brown was home at the time of the search. During an interview, he admitted to using the internet to view child pornography. He admitted to receiving and downloading pornography onto external thumb drives. He also admitted to viewing child pornography, receiving and downloading child pornography where he worked, General Motors — Warren Technical Center.

Brown also admitted that child pornography was an obsession of his and that he had amassed large collections in the past.

Investigators seized a lap top computer, a desktop computer, two tablets and several external storage devices from his home.

The FBI became involved with the investigation after a GM forensic analyst conducting random scans on company computers in April 2016 "discovered several images, which contained prepubescent girls exposing their genitals," according to the complaint.

In 2007, Brown was convicted in Genesee County Circuit Court of seconddegree attempted criminal sexual conduct involving a person under age 13, according to Genesee County court records. Brown was listed on the Michigan Public Sex Offender Registry, and with a tier 3 classification, was expected to be on this registry for life.

Federal charges against Brown were dropped on Tuesday, Feb. 21, according U.S. District Court records.

#### **ESTRANGED FAMILY MEMBER** SPEAKS OUT ANONYMOUSLY

One of Brown's family members, who has been estranged from him for 10 years, is speaking out, but anonymously for the protection of children in the family.

"I haven't seen him in 10 years when he screwed up the first time; well, the first time he got caught.

"The one thing I've learned through this is you can't change the past but you can protect your future. You have to have a voice and not take things lightly. The community should be cautious and know who's living nearby, who friends' parents are and always be aware.

"I used to check the sex offender list every other day to see who lives in my area and to make sure he is still on it ... I was always looking, I never wanted to see him anywhere, especially while I had my kids — things like Applefest, parades and other events."

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

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website created by the Mackinac Center

for Public Policy to provide concise, non-

partisan, plain-English descriptions of every

bill and vote in the Michigan House and

Senate. This report was released Friday,

No bills of general interest were voted on by the full House or Senate

this week, which is not unusual

for this point in a new legislature.

Appropriations committee members

on a proposed budget for the fiscal

year that begins Oct. 1. Legislative

and two made news this week by

advancing the bills described below.

Wednesday, Feb. 15: The House

Republicans all voted 'yes' except for

Republicans Reps. Howrylak of Troy and Maturen of Portage, who both

House Bill 4001: Reduce state

To cut the state income tax from the

phase out the tax over a 39 year period

current 4.25 percent to 3.9 percent starting in 2018, and then gradually

with annual cuts of 0.1 percent.

Thursday, Feb. 16: A Senate

International Investment committee 'favorably' reported the following

package of bills with a unanimous vote

by both Republicans and Democrats:

Senate Bills 111 to 114: Transfer

ongoing cash subsidies to particular

To authorize a new way of giving

developers and business owners

selected by state and local political

of allowing a firm's owners to keep

the state income tax payments they

withhold from employee paychecks,

tax they collect on retail purchases

state Treasury would be replaced by

taxes and fees collected from other

taxpayers. The Senate Fiscal Agency

estimates the process could transfer

up to \$1.8 billion state tax dollars to

developers over 20 years.

The tax revenue not sent in to the

and also let them keep sales and use

appointees. This would use the device

Economic Development and

some state revenue to big

developers

Tax Policy Committee reported

the following tax cut bill with the

recommendation that it pass.

Democrats all voted 'no' and

'passed' on the bill.

income tax rate

have been receiving detailed briefings

committees have been active however,

Feb. 17.

**MIDWEEK TIMES** 

#### HOT LINE CONTINUED

HEY LEFTIES, YOU do realize that the allies of former President Obama that still work for the intelligence agencies are working to undermine Trump. We know, when you don't get your way, you lie, cheat, and steal to get it done. Why don't you just try to save some dignity and class at this point? P.S. I will say though, that it is quite hilarious at this point to see the left floundering out of control.

WHY WOULD ANYONE put a signaled crosswalk 50 feet from an intersection? We almost got hit crossing at the intersection. The idiots who approved that should be removed from whatever council they are on.

GLOBALISTS IN BOTH political parties are willing to destroy our country from within because Trump opposes 'Global Government,' which would circumvent our constitutional rights. Globalists have controlled our media, State Department, intelligence agencies and Federal Reserve for over 50 years and will do anything to keep their power. Yes anything.

SO YOU SAY Obama created 250,000 jobs in the last month he was in office. Where did you read this? Are you sure our unemployment didn't go up by 250,000 more people? That sounds about right.

SO THE POTUS wants to get along with Putin. Well Putin is a known murderer. I won't get in bed with a murderer. He is no better than Sadam. Ask yourself; how many Russian weapons killed our young men and women defending innocent people?

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### News briefs

#### **NORTH OAKLAND HEADWATERS** LAND CONSERVANCY ANNUAL **MEETING FOCUSES ON BEES AND** POLLINATORS

Jay Blair of the Oakland Conservation District will speak on "Gardening for Pollinators" at the annual meeting of North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy (NOHLC) this Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Hart Center in Davisburg from 10 to 12 p.m. The theme of pollination is particularly important because of many poorly understood declines in pollinating species that contribute to our food supply. In Oakland County, there is an insect heading rapidly for extinction. At the annual meeting, participants will be asked to grow black-eyed Susans, a nectar species, to help the tiny Poweshiek skipperling butterfly survive in the Davisburg area. Free seeds and potting soil will be available. For more information, call NOHLC at (248) 795-2808. The annual meeting at 495 Broadway (Davisburg Road) next to the millpond is free and open to the public.





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#### The SEC

Where would we be without the SEC? Although in today's world it might seem like I'm referring to the Southeastern Conference and this will be a column about how well its members have done lately in football. Since this is after all a column about the law, I'm actually referring to an entity (also SEC for short) called the Securities and Exchange Commission, which was created in 1934 by the United States Congress as a result of the massive financial losses in the 1929 stock market crash, which in turn caused the Great Depression of the 1930s.

There have been comparisons made between the Great Depression and what is now called the Great Recession (which started in late 2007), but the consensus is that the Recession was nowhere near as catastrophic as the Depression.

In the United States, this can be directly attributed to the actions of Congress in creating not only the SEC but also the Securities Act of 1933 and the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935.

With the passage of these laws, the federal government for the first time had national regulatory oversight power over the stock market, stocks and other investments.

The reason for these laws was to protect investors from fraud and other illegal schemes as to the sales of stocks and other securities and a repeat of the incredible losses and economic hardships that many people experienced. For example, in 1933 the national unemployment rate was 25 percent.

As to the SEC, its mission is to protect investors, maintain fair, orderly and efficient markets, and facilitate capital formation.

They have a very informative website, which includes the following statement:

'The laws and rules that govern the securities industry in the United States derive from a simple and straightforward concept: all investors, whether large institutions or private individuals, should have access to certain basic facts about an investment before buying it and so long as they hold it.'

Among its other duties, the SEC requires such disclosures and there are penalties for those who don't comply.

The consensus is that the SEC has passed the test of time and served us well.

For more information, I recommend starting at the SEC website for full details on its history and responsibilities.

#### Colorful kitchen manuals can send message about owner, food preferences and social status

#### By Vera Hogan

vhogan@tctimes.com; 810-433-6823 One would think that with Google at our fingertips, with thousands of recipes of all description readily available online, that printed cookbooks would become a thing of the past.

The opposite, however, is true — at least for now. Cookbooks seem to be as popular as they ever were. Cooking shows and the famous chefs who star in them are among the many celebrities jumping on the "let's write a cookbook" wagon.

But even these cooking shows and celebrity chefs have more than just cookbooks to fall back on — they have their television presence and internet sites to rely on, not to mention that many own multiple restaurants of their own.

There was a time when only one cookbook reigned supreme. Since it was first published in 1969, not many bridal showers have gone by without the bride receiving a new copy of "Better Homes & Gardens, New Cook Book." Its signature look remains today, a red and white plaid binder filled with recipes categorized from appetizers to vegetables and everything in between.

One of the reasons for cookbook popularity might be that many people, especially if they're older, don't have computers in their kitchen food prep areas. And if they do have a tablet or other device, they don't want to destroy it with oils, seasonings and other messy foodstuffs.

One reason cookbooks sell so well, too, is because they are often expensively designed and printed, and so are attractive as objects, not just as manuals of cookery. People like sumptuous things, and will pay to have them, especially when the copies lack the look and feel of the original, according to thedailybeast.com.

Some people consider cookbooks to be status goods. They are useful sometimes not for the recipes they contain, but for what they tell your visitors about you and the cuisine you like.

In this way, cookbooks are like fashion goods — consumption of both is external (visible to others) and expressive (sends a message that you want to communicate about your characteristics or social status), according to dailybeast.com.

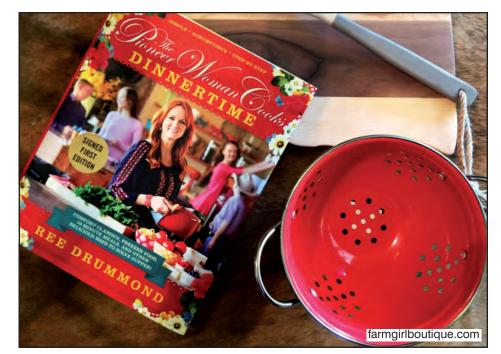
However, this is changing. Food culture is moving online and online resources are getting better and better at providing what cooks want.

Famous recipes are now just a Google search away so many who love to cook are split 50/50 when it comes to getting their recipes from a beloved cookbook collection, or online.

It's more likely that cookbook sales are doing so well is that they're given as gifts, especially by older cooks who are not that comfortable with the internet.

They're the Cadillac of kitchen gifts, which means they have a demographic that is rapidly aging out. The more that serious cooks rely on the internet, the less





appealing cookbooks will be as a gift or display item.

**Cookbooks provide more than recipe directions** 

In any declining industry, there's going to be a moment when some segments are still doing OK. That's not a signal that the industry is healthy; it's just a sign that these things take time.

So while cookbook sales are doing really well right now, there may come a day when they'll be in decline due to the vast collection of recipes available on the internet.

Cooking from a tablet is actually easier than cooking from a book — and getting the recipes off the internet is a lot cheaper, although not as fun and attractive, as owning the book.

#### Best-selling cookbooks of 2016

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Cravings	····Chrissy Teigen						
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#### QUASARANO Continued from Page 3

if that hadn't been present it would have been a very different story," she said. "If we didn't know our kids believed in Christ and are in heaven that would be a totally different story."

Tragedy sparked activism with the creation of "The Q Project" and other fundraisers and activities meant to shed light on carbon monoxide poisoning awareness.

Laura said there were approximately 250 to 300 people at the event Saturday.

"It was very upbeat and positive," Phil said. "God has affected so many people in this storm we've all experienced in this past year."

Many people spoke about how the tragedy affected them, from Nicole Caroen of The Q Project, Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter, Genesee County Undersheriff Chris Swanson, and other firefighters, family members and friends.

Afterword, they all had dinner together. Laura and Phil said area churches have been supportive, and they've hosted many activities surrounding The Q Project.

One thing they learned this past year was grief. Phil said he had experienced grief before when his father died, but not to this magnitude. They joined a support



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Linden Police Officer Gary Conklin stands beside a memory tree of the Quasarano family at the memorial celebration on Saturday, Feb. 18. Conklin was on scene when the family was found, and shared his own painful experience of losing his father.

group at the River Church in Holly called GriefShare, a national chain of grief recovery support groups.

"It was a wonderful experience to be a part of that group. They really helped us get through the technical side of grief, the different seasons of grief," he said. "That was really encouraging to us."

Their grief has inspired them to help others. They met with the Rock Church to bring a GriefShare group to the Fenton and Linden area.

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"There's a huge need in this community, there are a lot of people who died tragically," Laura said.

They're also creating another group based on the theme "Praising God Through the Storm."

"A lot of folks are struggling. A lot of people have a storm in their lives," Phil said. "I think God has really put us into this position, he's calling us to step in so we're going to do that with passion."

The Q Project is also planning to partner with the Red Cross to bring awareness to carbon monoxide poisoning.

"I can't tell you how many people have come to Christ. So many people are taking that action." Phil has met many people who have found Christ because of the incident, like an awakening for many people and that's encouraged the family and given them hope.

Phil said the idea of urgency is important because people don't know when they're going to die.

"For my son, Len, it was 36. For my grandson, it was not even 2," he said. "We can't delay getting to know who Jesus is. There has to be a relationship with Jesus and there has to be an urgency to that because we just don't know."

When Phil and Len had breakfast together the Friday before the accident, Phil said his son hugged him because Len never let anyone leave without a hug.

"If I would have known that was the last hug, I would have hugged him a little more," he said.

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When the house was cleared, responders went in and found the six dead family members and a propane generator running in the basement. They tried to resuscitate the family but were unable to.

"Once we deemed they were nonresuscitatable, we had to go into investigation mode, had to get fans set up and clear carbon monoxide and figure out the source," he said.

At that point, they turned the investigation over to the GCSO.

Since that day, Volz said they have responded to 35 carbon monoxide reports. Three of those incidents were in places that read 100 parts per million or higher on the carbon monoxide monitor.

"It's still in our hearts," he said. "It's still something close to my heart. I was there, a bunch of crew members were there. It's something that doesn't happen every day."

Since the incident, Volz said he and the family get together every once in awhile to see how everyone is doing. "Phil and Laura have become very

close friends of me and my family. They're a very spiritual family, very good people," he said.

The fire department has worked closely with The Q Project in order to raise money to purchase carbon monoxide detectors and raise awareness about carbon monoxide poisoning.

Volz said they obtained and have given out approximately 1,500 detectors for free. Every time the fire department responds to a call, they put a new detector in.

"If they need one, we give them one. That's how it should be," he said. Currently, the fire department is out

of detectors and is working on meeting with The Q Project soon.

"One hundred percent of the proceeds go back to buying CO detectors, which is great. It's a good cause," he said.



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### Continued from Page 8 **Dr Pepper**

This name is probably fictional. Pharmacist Charles Alderton developed the formula for Dr Pepper while working at W.B. Morrison & Co. Old Corner Drug Store in Waco, Texas in 1885. The drink was named by Alderton's boss, Wade Morrison.

Records from the store show that they'd played around with a similar name before, and had a recipe for a digestive aid called "D. Pepper's Pepsin Bitters." According to the Dr Pepper Museum, there are dozens of stories that connect the name to real-life Doctor Peppers that Morrison might have known, but no conclusive links have been established.

#### **Duncan Hines**

He was real. Hines wasn't a chef or a master baker himself. He was a traveling salesman for a printing company. Hines is mostly famous as a cake-mix mogul, but the first foodstuff bearing his name to hit markets was an ice cream. The success of Duncan Hines ice cream showed that Hines was a bankable star for grocers. Nebraska Consolidated Mills introduced the first Duncan Hines cake mixes in the summer of 1951. Duncan Hines bread and pancake mix hit supermarkets in 1952, and blueberry muffin mix followed in 1953.

#### Mrs. Fields

She is real. Debbi Fields and her thenhusband Randall opened their first bakery in 1977. Fields began franchising in 1990 and then sold the business while staying on as the company's spokesperson. There are now more than 650 Mrs. Fields stores in the United States.

#### Jimmy Dean

He is real. Dean was already a wellknown country singer, actor, and TV personality when he and his brother Don founded the Jimmy Dean Sausage Company in 1969. They later sold the company, and Dean stayed involved in management and as a spokesperson until management phased him out.

#### Marie Callender

She's real. Don Callender opened a wholesale bakery to supply pies to restaurants in the late 1940s. He named the business after his mother, claiming that no one would want to buy from a place called "Don's Pies." **Oscar Mayer** 

He was real. German immigrant brothers Oscar, Gottfried, and Max Mayer ran a butcher shop in Chicago in the early 20th century, which was one of the first companies to get on board with the USDA's new meat inspection grades. To capitalize on their hometown popularity, they started branding their products with Oscar's name when they expanded their business.

#### **Uncle Ben**

He may be real, or maybe not. Converted Rice Inc. supplied rice to the American military during World War II, and the owners wanted a new brand name and image when they started focusing on civilian consumers toward the end of the war.

According to the company, Uncle Ben was a real rice grower known for high-quality product in founder Gordon Harwell's native Texas, and the brand was named for him as an homage. Not much else is known about the real Ben, and it's not even his picture on the box. That image is instead said to be based on the maître d' of the restaurant where Harwell and his business partners sometimes met. *Source: mentalfloss.com* 

#### WARM

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warmer weather, which started this past weekend and will continue throughout the week.

Monday saw a high of 51 degrees Fahrenheit and a high of 61 degrees Tuesday, according to The Weather Channel.

Thursday and Friday are still projected to be warm, with highs of 59

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**JR Kirtek** 

ABC12 chief meteorologist

degrees. Temperatures this weekend are supposed to be cooler with a high of 39 degrees on Saturday and 38 degrees on Sunday.

However, the highs are expected to rise next week with temperatures in the upper 40s.

JR Kirtek, chief meteorologist and weather anchor at ABC12, said the warmer weather is

because of La Niña.

"Same reason the west coast has been beaten up. The 'never-ending' drought out there has ended in a matter of a couple of months, while we have had big swings in our conditions. So far we are a little bit below where we should be in terms of snowfall, but a good bit above average in terms of total precipitation," he said.

Dan Czarnecki, Fenton Department of Public Works (DPW) director, said that since Dec. 8, 2016 through Feb. 15, the DPW has put 690 tons of salt on the roads. Last year by this time, DPW workers placed 925 tons of salt on the roads.

The National Weather Service announced that temperatures in Detroit broke the record for warmest February day. In Feb. 18, 1976, it was 62 degrees. On Saturday, Feb. 18, temperatures reached a high of 65 degrees in Detroit, while it was 66 degrees in Fenton.

"We will have a chance at more records through Friday. Much cooler air will settle back in this weekend," Kirtek said.

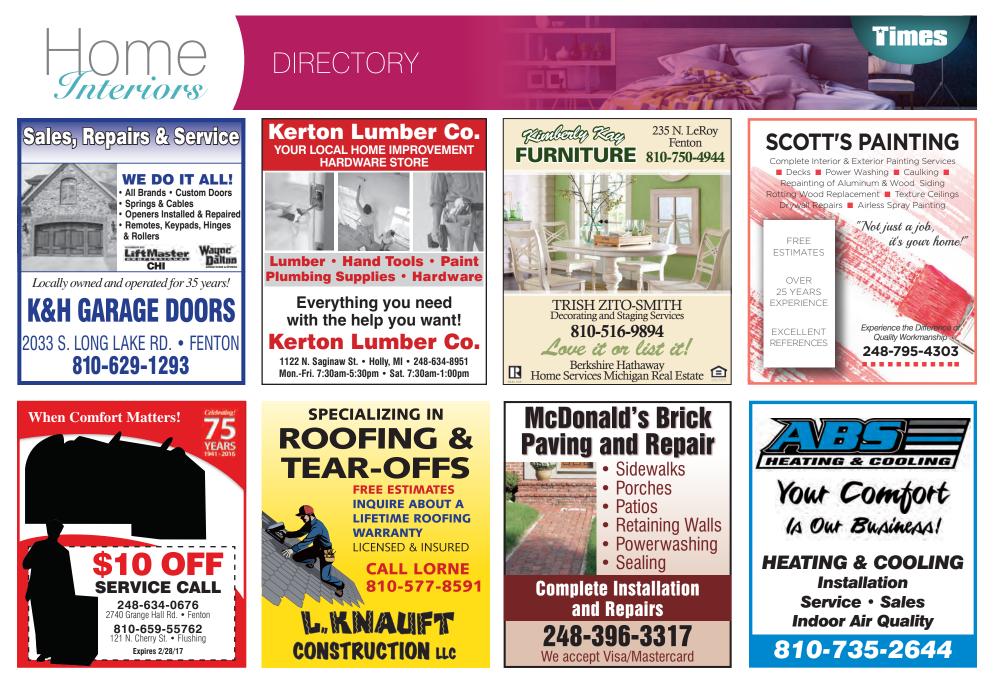
> Fenton did experience a week of warmer weather during February last year, but it was at the beginning of the month, Feb. 3, when temperatures reached 53 degrees.

> Meanwhile, tricounty area residents

celebrated the weather. On the Times Facebook page, Kris Fleckenstein said, "We did some yard clean-up. Opened the windows to air out the winter funk in the house as well as super early 'spring cleaning' then just enjoyed being outside."

Becky Williams said she tapped her maple trees for syrup, and Andy Williams said he golfed, went to the park, which was packed, kayaked, did yard work and had a cookout.

Tania Trevillian said, "(We) went to the Fenton Mill Pond with my daughter and took the dog for a long, late afternoon walk."



### Fugate's 33 points leads Holly Bronchos past Fenton Tigers

#### By David Troppens

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**Fenton** — The last time the Holly varsity girls basketball team played Fenton, the Lady Bronchos had a strong first-half lead only to lose it in the second half and lose to Fenton 47-32.

Rebecca Fugate wasn't going to let that happen again at Fenton High School on Friday night. Fugate scored a career-high 33 points, leading the Bronchos to a 55-42

#### road victory.

Just like last time the two teams played, Holly jumped out to an impressive halftime lead, taking a 29-18 edge into the intermission. There were some shaky times in the second half, including one moment when it appeared Fenton was getting a steal down by seven with about 40 seconds left. However, one of the officials called a time out called by Holly varsity girls basketball coach David Hall possibly when the ball was being passed into a steal. Instead of a steal, Fugate went to the line to sink two of her 16 free throws,

raising the Holly lead to 51-42, ending any threat of a shocking Fenton comeback.

"(This win) means a lot," Fugate said. "We came out and played so hard and it really showed.

Flint's Shields preparing to make history again

"We talked about (the first loss to Fenton at halftime) for sure, but we just said to keep our heads up, stay positive and get a win."

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Holly took its first lead of the game at 12-10 after a nice Hanna Garza pass to Taylor Vines resulted in a layup late in the first quarter.

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Holly's Rebecca Fugate tries to get by Fenton's

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Fenton's David Pietryga drives to the basket against Holly's Andrew Spak during the Tigers' 69-61 victory Friday night.

### Tigers play complete game, defeat Holly, 69-61

#### By David Troppens dtroppens@tctimes.com

**Fenton** — A.J. LePage found a nice way to celebrate his 17th birthday on Friday night.

Fenton's junior guard scored a game-high 18 points in the Tigers' impressive 69-61 victory against the Holly Bronchos at Fenton High School Friday night.

Pretty much anything a basketball player could hope for happened on LePage's birthday. It was nice he led the team in scoring, but in reality, the entire Fenton squad had an outstanding offensive contest. The team was quick to look for the extra pass and unselfish while doing it. That meant Fenton hit on 51 percent of its shots (24-for-47) from the field with four players scoring in double-digits. Making it better was the fact that it was against one of Fenton's biggest rivals, Holly, at home. The win also lifted the Tigers (7-6 in the Metro) a game ahead of Holly • (6-7 in the Metro) in the league • standings as well. If that wasn't enough to make it a memorable night, then maybe the Fenton student section singing "Happy Birthday" to LePage was the clincher.

"I think we just realized how to play unselfishly and I think we figured out how to play more as a team," LePage said. "When someone's shot wasn't falling, we figured it out and passed it to someone else. The unselfish play kicked in tonight and it worked really well." Two-time Olympic gold medalist headlining Showtime pro boxing event

By David Troppens dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 Fenton — Life has changed for Flint native Claressa Shields over the last six years.

While growing up in Flint, she had her share of childhood hardships. Shields has been pretty open about her past, talking about her father spending time in jail and living with her mother where she frequently didn't have much to eat or have much security.

Angry, she decided to start boxing at the age 11 when she heard about Laila Ali, Mohamed Ali's daughter, through her father Clarence Shields. Minus those at her gym, the Bertson Field House and Playground in Flint, very few probably knew the Olympic boxing hopeful as she trained through her teen years.

But today, that's not the case at all. Any time she returns to Flint like she has recently, she's immediately noticed.

"I have (fans) taking pictures with me every day, at least five to 10 pictures every day," Shields said. "It's just normal. I sign autographs — Flint, Detroit or when I go to Los Angeles or New York people always recognize me."

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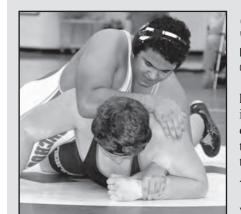
Of course, being the only American in history to win two Olympic medals in boxing has something to do with it. When it comes to women's boxing, the 21-year-old is the female on top of the mountain. She's had only one professional fight since winning her second gold medal in the 2016 Summer Olympics held at Rio de Janeiro, but she's already the most in-demand woman boxer in history. Shields' second professional fight, a bout against Szilvia Szabados (15-8, 6 KOs) will be on March 10 at the MGM Grand Detroit Event Center, will be on Showtime's ShowBox series. But unlike Ali and Christie Martin, two women who have been on professional fight cards on cable in the past, Shields' match is going to be the headliner.

"I'm super excited about it, and everyone can be excited about it, but I have to stay calm, stay level-headed and keep training to make sure I'm best prepared to do my job and be prepared to fight," Shields said. "I feel like it's not history un-See SHIELDS on 16

(Above) Chiropractor Dr. Steven Deehl adjusts professional Olympic gold-winning boxer Claressa Shields, of West Palm Beach Florida, formerly of Flint, at his Fenton office on Friday, Feb. 10. Shields comes to Dr. Deehl because of his specialization in sports medicine.



(Right) Shields proudly displays her first Olympic Gold Medal she earned in 2012 at the London Summer Olympics.



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** I DAVID TROPPENS Holly's Blake Querio (top) is one of three Bronchos headed to the state meet.

### Seven wrestlers headed to D2 state meet

than Young (103) and Lin-

den's Dawson Blank (145).

Both qualified for the finals

before settling for second-

place finishes. Blank (now

37-4) advanced to the title

match against Marysville's

Doug Ferrier but lost a 7-3

decision. Meanwhile, Hol-

ly's Young competed against

Gaylord's Chayse LaJoie in

the finals, losing by technical

fall in a battle of freshmen.

By David Troppens dtroppens@tctimes.com

The tri-county area will have seven wrestlers competing in the Division 2 portion of the individual state wrestling meet when the competition begins at the Palace of Auburn Hills on March 2.

Holly will have three wrestlers while Fenton and Linden will bring two to the competition.

The two top performers at

the event were Holly's Na-Young is 37-7.

Holly's other placers were Cade Dallwitz (171) and Blake Querio (285), who each placed third. Dallwitz enters the state meet with a 40-5 mark, while Querio is 24-10. Linden's Patrick Kerr (140) also earned third place. Kerr, a senior, enters the tournament with a 34-4 mark.

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### Eight Blue Devils headed to individual state meet :

#### **By David Troppens**

dtroppens@tctimes.com It's going to be a busy

two weeks for the Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team.

The squad not only has the team state wrestling meet this upcoming weekend, but eight wrestlers will be headed to the Palace of Auburn Hills for the individual state meet starting on March 2.

The Blue Devils qualified those wrestlers for the individual state meet at Saturday's Division 3 regional held at Williamston High School.

The Blue Devils took nine wrestlers to the meet and left with four regional champions, two regional runner-ups and two additional state qualifiers. In order to qualify for the state meet, each wrestler had to place within the top four in their weight class.

"Yes, we have a very busy couple of weeks ahead for us," Lake Fenton wrestling coach Vance Corcoran said. "Saturday went great. We took nine wrestlers and qualified eight of those kids, and the kid who didn't qualify was right there until the very end.

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Lake Fenton's Trent Hillger (top) qualified for the individual wrestling state Lake Fenton boys

### defeat Corunna, 53-44 By Dale M. Smith

#### dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789

Linden — Sometimes rivalries transcend the end of one sport season and carry on to another. That looked to be the case when the Lake Fenton Blue Devils boys' basketball team hosted the Corunna Cavaliers Friday night.

After doing battle as the top teams in the Genesee Area Red Conference in football this past fall, neither team gave any quarter on the hardwood as the Devils held on to win another close one, 53-44.

Both squads came out very aggressive on defense and it looked to be one of those games where the first team to 40 would be declared the winner. Lake Fenton led 12-9 at the end of the first quarter and 24-14 at the half. In the . second half, if this were a hockey game we would have called this one "chippy." Competing big men, Lake Fenton's Jalen Miller and Corunna's Cooper Clapp pushed each other with Miller gaining the upper hand after Clapp picked up his third foul at the 6:40 mark of the third period.

Shortly after Miller hit both free markers courtesy of the Clapp foul, a double technical foul on Miller and Clapp escalated the tensions to a new level. With Clapp now back on the bench with his fourth foul, the Devils were able to take seemingly take control in the third.

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**PREP REPORT** 

#### **COMPETITIVE CHEER**

District 2 meet at Flint Kearsley: None of the tri-county teams competing at the district meet qualified for regionals. Holly had the area's top performing squad, placing eighth out of 14 teams. The Bronchos finished their three rounds with a combined score of 668.94. Linden placed 11th with a team score of 642.58. Fenton followed Linden in 12th with a team score of 631.06

District 3 meet at Lake Fenton: The Blue Devils hosted a district meet and qualified for regionals by placing fourth at the event. Lake Fenton scored a 200.20 during round one, a 186.26 in round two and a 276.60 in round three for a combined score of 653.06. The top four schools in the 11-team event

earned a spot into regionals. HOCKEY

**Dexter 7, Fenton/Linden 2:** Jake Thompson and Heyden Justus scored goals for the Fenton/Linden co-or squad. Ian Crampton and Brendan Buerkel had assists.

United 7, Flushing 4: The Holly, Lake Fenton, Brandon and Kearsley coop squad named United was led by four goals by Aidan Fick. Luke Harrington, Landon Kash and Devin Smith had a goal each while Drew Hobson had three assists. Alec Copeland, Harrington and Trevor Keller had two assists each while A.J. Incammicia had an assist. Tyler Keller was the winning goalie, making 34 saves.

### SHIELDS

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less I go out there and win. ... Being the first woman to fight on Showtime is great and everything, but if I go out and lose, then I didn't make history. In order for it to be history, it has to be achieved.

- I have to achieve it."
- **Back home**

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Shields, who now lives in West Palm Beach, Florida is back in her hometown. She's in training. While training, don't be shocked if you see Shields' impressively strong 5-foot-9 165-pound frame in Fenton occasionally. While training, Fenton's Dr. Steven T. Deehl DC, serves as Shields's chiropractor with visits up to three times a week.

"It's about recovery," Shields said. "A lot of athletes train, train, train and they forget about the ice baths, the hot tubs, the chiropractic work and the stretching - that kind of stuff. I train really hard two or three times a day. ... With your muscles getting tight, it kind of stops your performance, so you really want to keep everything loose. You want to feel good."

"Performance-wise everything has to be in balance with her whole spine," Dr. Deehl said. "She can't perform at 100 percent if (her body isn't in balance). It's her balance, her spine balance."

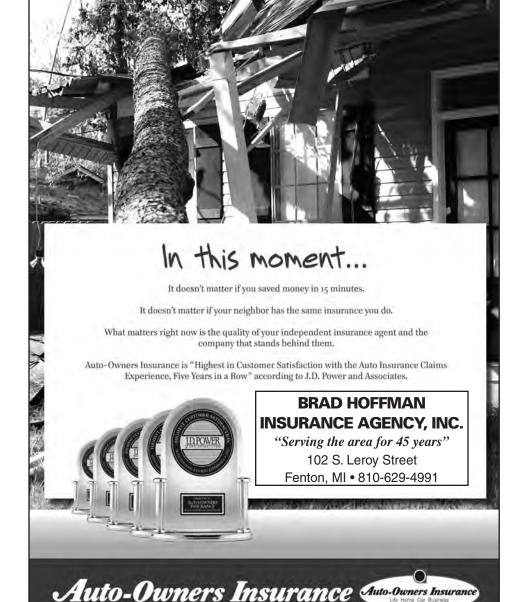
#### **Claressa's life lessons**

Boxing has opened many doors for Shields. She's not only a two-time Olympic gold medalist, but she's won the Elite Women's World Championship twice and was the first American female to win a gold medal at the Pan American Games, doing so in 2015. But athletic success is only one way boxing has had an effect on her life. It's also made her a mentally stronger person.

"Boxing has taught me how to control the anger I had when I was younger," Shields said. "It taught me how to carry myself and how to have manners. It's taught me to stay calm. Things that used to get me upset, now I can laugh it off. I'm not really easily angered like I used to be."

The same can be said about her home town of Flint. She knows of Flint's troubles, with the water crisis and murder rates. However, there's a part of Flint that has made the confident young woman she is today.

"Definitely my upbringing has a lot to do with how I fight and how I carry myself," Shields said. "I haven't changed with money or no money. I came from the bottom and I never look down on anybody just because I'm at the top. It has a lot to do with my attitude."



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meet by winning a regional championship on Saturday. Hillger will be competing for his third individual state title of his career while there.

#### Online Exclusives 🐼 STORIES ONLINE AT **TCTIMES.COM** DeGayner scores 32 in : Garty scores 23 in LF's Linden's loss to Creek 77-49 loss to Corunna

#### Sterling DeGayner had a career night against Swartz Creek on Thursday.

However, the Linden varsity girls basketball team wasn't able to capitalize, eventually dropping a 60-45 verdict against the Lady Dragons.

DeGayner scored a career-high 32 points, trying to lead the Eagles to a road victory against Swartz Creek.

ter one quarter, but were outscored 45-28 in the middle two quarters, earning the Corunna Cavaliers the 77-49 victory. Hannah Garty led the Blue Devils with a team-high 23 points. However,

The Blue Devils trailed just 15-13 af-

Corunna made her earn them as Garty made 14-of-16 free throws. No one else scored more than six points.

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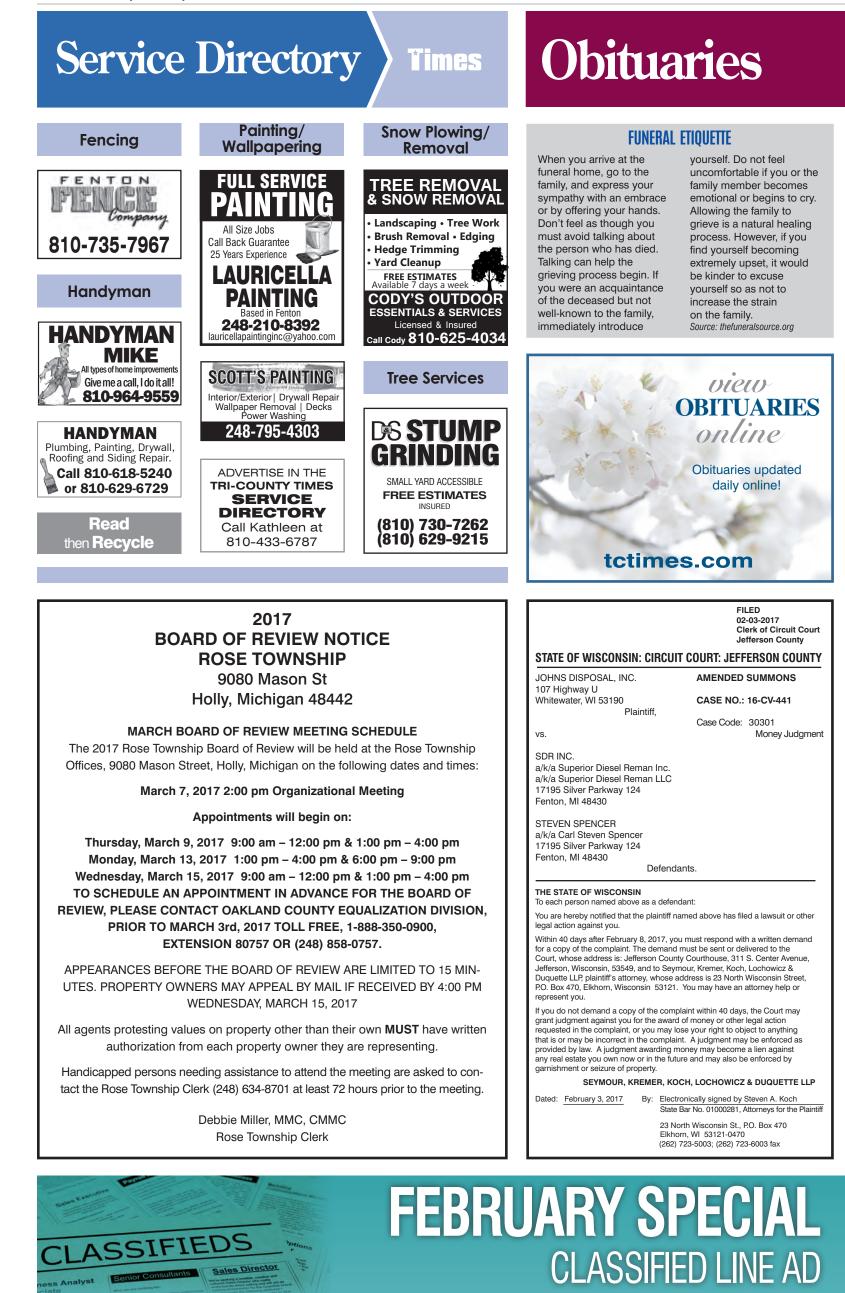
Robert T. "Bob" Churches

- age 49, of Gaines, passed

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2017. Visitation will be 2-8 PM Thursday, February 23, 2017 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W Silver Lake Rd., Fenton, where a scripture service will be held at 7 PM. Bob was born August 22, 1967 in Flint, the son of Robert L. and Joyce (Rogers) Churches. He was a 1986 graduate of Grand Blanc High School. Bob was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He married Martha McCrandall June 12, 1993 in Davison. Bob was a Tower Foreman for Emergency Radio Services. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and was a Detroit Tigers, Detroit Lions, and U of M fan. Surviving are: his beloved wife of over 23 years,

Martha; children, Jacob Churches and Molly (Devin) Dunfield; mother, Joyce Churches; siblings, Kathy (David) Singer, Linda Ross, and Carolyn Sapcoe. He was preceded in death by: his father, Robert L. "Pump" Churches; brother-inlaw, William "Bill" Ross; grandparents, Evelyn and Roy Churches, and Luther Rogers. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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who can appreciate them. But don't expect any immediate reactions. That will come later. Meanwhile, a personal matter needs your attention

#### TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

Your energy levels are rising, and you're feeling restless and eager to get into some activity, whether it's for profit or just for fun. In either case, the aspects are highly favorable, so go for it.

#### GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A relationship seems to be winding

down from passionate to passive. It's up to you to decide what the next step will be. But don't wait too long to take the initiative. Delay could create more problems.

#### CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

A decision looms. But be very sure that this is what you really want before you sign or say anything. Once you act, there'll be little or no wiggle room for any adjustments.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Money matters improve, but you still

need to be cautious with your spending. Also, set aside that Leonine pride for a bit and apologize for contributing to that misunderstanding

#### VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

A tempting financial situation could make the usually unflappable Virgo rush in before checking things out. Be alert to possible hidden problems. Get the facts before you act.

#### LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

It's nice to know that you're finally getting due credit for your efforts. You also should know that new opportunities will follow. A family member brings important news.

#### SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Any uncertainty that begins to cloud

an impending decision could signal a need to re-examine your reasons for wanting to take on this commitment.

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You benefit from taking time out of your currently hectic schedule to do more contemplation or meditation. This will help re-energize you, both in body and soul.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Nursing hurt feelings can zap the energies of even the usually self-confident Sea Goat. Best advice: Move forward. Success is the best balm for a painful ego.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) A display of temperament surprises you, as well as those around you. It could be all that pressure you're under. Consider letting someone help vou see it through.

#### PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

Some things don't seem to be working out as you'd hoped. Don't fret. Instead, take some time out to reassess your plans and see where changes could be made.

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Garfield] who, in Okinawa during the bloodiest battle of WWII, saved 75 men without firing or carrying a gun. He was the only American soldier

in WWII to fight on the front lines without a weapon, as he believed that while the war was justified, killing was nevertheless wrong. As an army medic, he single-handedly evacuated the wounded from behind enemy lines, braved fire while tending to soldiers and was wounded by a grenade and hit by snipers. Doss was the first conscientious objector to ever earn the Congressional Medal of Honor. **R**, 2 hr. 19 min. Action & Adventure, Drama



#### **MANCHESTER BY THE SEA** After the death of his older

suggested by the above cartoon

brother Joe (Kyle Chandler), Lee Chandler (Casey Affleck) is shocked to learn that Joe has made him sole quardian of his nephew Patrick (Lucas Hedges) Taking leave of his job, Lee

reluctantly returns to Manchesterby-the-Sea to care for Patrick, a spirited 16-year-old, and is forced to deal with a past that separated him from his wife Randi (Michelle Williams) and the community where he was born and raised. Bonded by the man who held their family together. Lee and Patrick struggle to adjust to a world without him. R, 2 hr. 15 min.

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