

Fate of Big Boy uncertain; Pizza Hut closes doors Tuesday

■ Rumors of new development on Owen Road causing buzz on social media

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The recent social media buzz about Pizza Hut and Big Boy in Fenton being torn down to make room for a strip mall was “news” to Fenton Building and Zoning Administrator Mike Reilly, and the city’s planning consultant, Carmine Avantini.

Pizza Hut closed its doors on Tuesday, Feb. 28.

As of Monday, Feb. 27, a proposed development project to bring a 20,000-square-foot shopping plaza to this property on Owen Road is a conceptual idea in its most preliminary stages, and may or may not

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While there is a plan to develop the site of Pizza Hut and Big Boy on Owen Road in Fenton, it has not been discussed officially with the city. Pizza Hut did close on Tuesday, Feb. 28.



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Detroit police union head facing charges

■ Holly Academy security video shows Holly man allegedly damaging school property

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Mark Diaz of Holly was charged Friday, Feb. 24, with reckless driving and causing damage to Holly Academy school property.

Diaz is the president of the Detroit Police Officers Association, a position he’s held since 2012. Gov. Rick Snyder recently appointed Diaz to

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Mark Diaz

Daddy-daughter dance brings 800 together



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Approximately 800 guests attended the daddy-daughter dance at Linden High School on Saturday, Feb. 25. The funds from ticket sales benefit Linden Community Schools’ community and adult education programs. Here, grandfathers dance with granddaughters. In the vest is Chuck Shultz of Swartz Creek, next to Greg Tower of Fenton Township. In the black skirt is Jocalynn Justice, 7, with sister Aaliyah Justice, 10, wearing teal. Her friend Mariah Nelsey, 10, danced with the group to “The Chicken Dance.” See video at tctimes.com.

Young people are riskiest drivers

■ Distracted driving fatalities increase in Michigan and nation

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Phones, texting, and social

media are proving to be too big of a temptation for young drivers.

A recent survey conducted by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety found that 88 percent of 19- to 24-year-old

drivers admitted to engaging in dangerous behavior while driving within 30 days of when the survey was conducted. Dangerous behaviors

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“We are seeing drivers reading, watching movies, using social media and having a three-course meal behind the wheel.”

F/Lt. Michael Shaw
Michigan State Police
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“A group of enraged protesters exploded in anger after a chaplain prayed in the name of Jesus at a town hall meeting in Louisiana hosted by U.S. Sen. Bill Cassidy. Then they heckled a Vietnam War veteran who attempted to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. These are the same people who hate President Trump.”



“Can someone tell me why anyone cares that a bunch of self-adoring actors gave the wrong award to the wrong movie? Did anyone, outside of the questionable dignity of the event itself, suffer in any way? Go on a mission trip to Africa and see what real problems are. Sheeesh.”



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“As politically incorrect as it is to state the truth in these days of American insanity, I’m going to say it anyway: Bruce ‘Caitlyn’ Jenner is a man wearing women’s clothing. Case closed.”

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Is **manufactured home living** right for you?

■ It's the amenities,
not the wind, that will
blow you away

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Can't afford to buy a house? Rental homes or apartments are too expensive? There are alternatives for people who wish to enjoy a nice home at an affordable price.

But first a little history.

During the 2007 to 2009 recession, countless homeowners nationwide were unable to prevent defaulting on their bank loans and eventually losing their houses through foreclosure.

Those homeowners were left scrambling to find cheaper living quarters, which often meant leaving their communities and taking their children out of hometown schools.

Their now bank-owned homes were up for grabs to the highest bidder.

Those with the cash were able to pick up some prime real estate for unbelievably low prices.

One home here in the city of Fenton, for example, sold for \$135,000 in 2001, and \$131,000 in 2002. In 2010, the foreclosed house and property was purchased for \$36,000 cash.

Those days are over, however, and real estate prices are quickly bouncing back to where they were before the recession 10 years ago, once again leaving many families without options when it comes to affordable housing.

But there are options, affordable housing that is available without breaking the bank or sacrificing quality — through manufactured home living.

Fenton Oaks Manufactured Home Community is one of several like communities in the tri-county area. Tucked behind Merchants Gourmet Wine Shop, near the intersection of Owen and Jennings, are just over 200 houses in a neighborhood of young families, retirees, single professionals and more.

According to Park Manager Tammy Miller, there are many advantages to manufactured home living. At Fenton



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Manufactured homes are another housing option for tri-county area living. Most homes offer more space with less cost than a traditional house.

Oaks, for example, when purchasing a home, the combined monthly cost, which includes the \$370 site rent, is usually significantly lower than most two-bedroom apartments in Fenton and the surrounding areas.

For that, buyers get much larger homes with three bedrooms and two bathrooms. Many feature walk-in closets and master suites. Some have large kitchens, dining rooms and laundry rooms. Depending on the model, many have living rooms and family rooms. Outside, there is yard space to enjoy, something pet owners especially like. There are contiguous sidewalks around the community for bike riding and long walks.

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Jennifer and Patrick DeGuise stand in the spacious kitchen in their nearly 2,000-square-foot home in Fenton Oaks Manufactured Home Community in Fenton. The home is large enough for a 260-square-foot work area, shown here toward the back of their home.

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Random royal thoughts

■ **Actor Robert Davi** is the rarest of creatures — an active and outspoken conservative who survives in the den of social, moral and political misfits known as Hollywood. Davi also has a radio show where he recently presented a challenge to Hollywood that you likely have not heard about from the mainstream media. His message to the Hollywood elite was simple and straightforward: If you truly believe that illegal immigrants are not a threat, and in fact are an asset to America and should be allowed to stay, you should put your money where your mouth is and invite a couple thousand of unvetted illegal immigrants to the 2017 Academy Awards. ‘It’s time for the concrete walls, metal detectors, electronic security gates and bodyguards you hide behind to come down,’ Davi stated on the air. ‘There are roughly 3,600 seats to the Oscars; we should have at least half of those seats reserved for illegal aliens, refugees and migrants.’ He also proposed that Meryl Streep, Chelsea Handler, Richard Gere, Robert DeNiro and other liberal loudmouths should invite these immigrants to the after-parties at their homes as well. The response from Hollywood? A deafening silence.

■ **Since Donald Trump** has been sworn in on Jan. 20, authorities have arrested an unprecedented number of sexual predators involved in child sex trafficking rings in the United States. This should be one of the biggest stories in the national news. Instead, the mainstream media has barely, if at all, covered any of these mass pedophile arrests. Why? There have been a staggering 1,500-plus arrests in just one short month; compare that to less than 400 total sex trafficking arrests in 2014. Do not trust the network mainstream media.

■ **Most don’t know** that Christina Aguilera, Chevy Chase, Eleanor Roos-

evelt and Richard Nixon were all victims of child abuse.

■ **For the life of me** I cannot recall either Hollywood, or any liberals for that matter, applying their moral outrage on President Bill Clinton when he coerced a near-teen to perform a lewd and degrading sexual act on him, inside the White House, where his wife and child were asleep just a few feet away. The savagely harsh punishment Hollywood and the liberal fanatics are wreaking on President Trump is confusing to me. Can anyone tell me exactly what his crime is/was, other than being elected by the majority of Americans? Could this possibly be a double standard, representative of the moral hypocrisy that permeates all things Hollywood and liberal?

■ **One of my favorite** stories is that of the two adult sons of an alcoholic father. As it turns out, one of the sons also became a raging alcoholic with a history of socially unacceptable behavior. The other son had never touched a drop of alcohol in his life. Each was asked the same question: ‘How is it that you have become what you are?’ Each answered in the exact same words: ‘How could you ever expect me to be anything but what I am?’

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■■■
I'M CURIOUS. TO those who would like to take as many refugees as possible (an opinion you are entitled to), how many can live at your house with you and your children?

■■■
SEPARATION OF CHURCH and state. How many know Roger William, the founder of Rhode Island and a Puritan outcast, first created the doctrine of separation of church and state to maintain the purity of the church and keep it distant from the corruption of government?

■■■
GEORGE WASHINGTON ARGUED that political parties needed to be restrained in a free country with a government empowered with the consent of the governed and established with the consent of the governed. He warned of the possibility, fearing they would distract the government from its required duty to the people.

■■■
SO HILLARY CLINTON is now advertising to tell people to keep up the fight, keep up the protesting. When Obama was president, did we see this from the Republicans? The answer would be 'no.' What a pathetic loser she is.

■■■
I WASN'T BORN in 1930 so I wouldn't remember the temperature. I do know the average temperature in Sault Ste. Marie is 10 degrees higher. So let's burn more coal and let our children worry about it right? We are helping global warming.

■■■

WHEN THE MEDIA does not print the truth but instead makes up something to print, they are lying to the people. They are leading them to believe what they say is accurate when it is not. This is really an endangerment to the people themselves. Wise up, media. Tell the truth or don't print anything. That is your job.

■■■
THE MISGUIDED PERSON who claims that Oswald's name was added to the CIA's Wall of Honor is ignorant of the fact that there are no names on the wall. There are only stars because family members or other CIA members could be endangered if their names are revealed.

■■■
TO THE HOT-LINER reminding us 'media said planes would crash because of Y2K.' Let me add to your list of false disasters: Ozone depletion, acid rain, Ebola, Aids, SARS, Mayan calendar, global famine, water wars, killer bees, etc. Americans love to live in unreasonable fear. Climate change is just the last hoax.

■■■
TO LEFTIST LOONY claiming President Bush ranks 36th and Obama is 12th. Why didn't you cite your source?

■■■
PEOPLE NEED TO understand how their words hurt. Stop and think before you speak. Would what I say hurt that person? Even if you think it, you don't have to say it. Be the Christian you say you are.

■■■
WITH CRUST EMPLOYING more people and other businesses coming to downtown Fenton, why doesn't the city build a parking structure adjacent to the community center and tennis courts?

■■■
GEEZ HELLER, TRUMP'S only been in office a little over a month and the relentless ranting from you lefties continues daily. You still don't understand that the reason Trump was elected in the first place is because he made his appeal to the people, not the parties.

■■■
WHO IS SMARTER, Trump or Putin? In regards to getting things done here, Putin is the winner; Trump the loser for the USA.

■■■
THE CPAC CONVENTION revealed the importance of the 2016 election. Trump is part of a worldwide effort to prevent a global dictatorship through the UN. Many countries are rejecting leaders who promote global government and Trump is leading the way to keep our national sovereignty and promote world freedom.

■■■
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Compiled by Tess DeGayner, intern

If you had to give up something for one month what would it be? | streettalk

"Probably sweets or sugar."

Michelle Steelman
Linden

"Right now I am trying to go on a diet so carbs or maybe my computer."

Cameron Josephson
Fenton

"I would give up sugar."

Linda Josephson
Fenton

"Watching TV."

Jim Jaster
Fenton

"I'd give up sweets."

Lynn Dupont
Fenton

Seniors protest funding changes at SLPR board meeting

■ Loose Senior Center members fear fewer dollars for existing programs

By Hannah Ball

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Fenton — The Southern Lakes Park and Recreation (SLPR) board meeting on Thursday, Feb. 23, had a record number of attendees.

More than 50 people, mainly members and supporters of Loose Senior Center in Linden, packed the large recreation room in the Fenton Community & Cultural Center to voice their concerns about potentially losing funding with a new grant application process the SLPR board has adopted.

An Inter-Local Agreement between the cities of Linden and Fenton and Fenton Township created a millage for recreational purposes, which started SLPR. A resolution was unanimously passed by the SLPR board stating that 19 percent would go to Loose Center. That amounts to nearly \$75,000 a year, which is approximately 32 percent of Loose's budget.

Ken Wensel, president of the Loose Board of Directors, spoke against SLPR adopting the grant process, telling the SLPR board that the architect of the resolution meant the 19 percent is to remain perpetual and would be there as long as the millage stood.

"The community has spoken via a vote 17 years ago," he said.

Wensel said Loose's lawyer, Patrick O'Callaghan, of Bueche, Failer, O'Callaghan & Zintmaster in Flushing,

said the SLPR board could do away with the 19 percent because of a technicality.

According to SLPR Executive Director Vince Paris, 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.

SLPR is requiring every organization seeking money for programs that fit SLPR's mission statement to fill out a grant application. The grant will give details on programs, recreation plans, and enrichment and athletic services for everyone from toddlers to seniors.

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

Loose members are worried about losing funding, and the meeting had 90 minutes of public comment from members voicing their concerns.

Diane Stortors said, "This is not an issue of legality, it's a matter of doing the right thing. You made an agreement 17 years ago and that shouldn't change no matter what."

Barb Reynolds said she loves to go to Loose to eat and participate in many activities. She goes almost every day and has made many friends.

"I come. I enjoy friendship. Don't cut our budget. There's so many things we all do," she said.

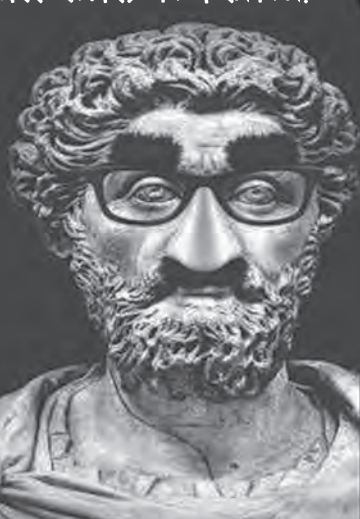
Linden resident Terry Wright, who served on the SLPR board years ago, said he thinks the board will do the right thing.

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“The board will take all input into consideration regarding the resolution, and respond to it in a way that supports both seniors and younger families that use our services.”

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Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation chairperson

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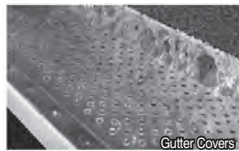
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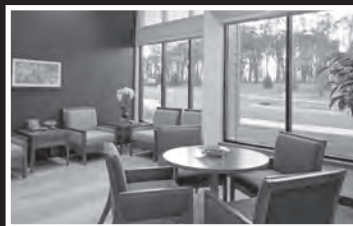
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include texting while driving, running red lights or speeding.

This survey was conducted from Aug. 25 through Sept. 6, 2016 with 2,511 people by market research firm GfK.

Public Information Officer, F/Lt. Michael Shaw from the Michigan State Police said it's difficult to narrow down statistics on distracted driving because it can include reckless driving, texting while driving, and many other categories.

"We are seeing distracted driving across all drivers. Texting is the least of it. We are seeing drivers reading, watching movies, using social media and having a three-course meal behind the wheel. So I don't think it's fair to say who is safest or more likely to offend as everyone is guilty to a degree," he said.

The 25- to 39-year-olds were the second worst group. Approximately 79 percent admitted to speeding, running red lights, or texting while

driving. Next were the 40- to 59-year-olds, with 75 percent of them admitting to engaging in those risky behaviors, followed by 16- to 18-year olds at 69.3 percent.

Finally, approximately 69.1 percent of 75-year-old and older drivers admitted to engaging in dangerous behaviors such as texting while driving, running red lights and speeding.

The study also showed that humans can be hypocrites when it comes to accepted behaviors.

According to AAA, 78.2 percent of drivers surveyed said reading a text or email while driving was "completely unacceptable," however, 40.2 percent admitted to doing just that.

Approximately 80 percent said drowsy driving was "completely unacceptable," yet 28.9 percent admitted driving when they were too tired, and 92.8 percent of drivers said driving through a red light was "completely unacceptable" while 35.6 percent ran a red light within the previous 30 days.

IS DRIVING BECOMING MORE DANGEROUS?

Yes.

Public Information Officer, F/Lt. Michael Shaw from the Michigan State Police said the number of people killed in distracted driving crashes in Michigan doubled from 2014 to 2015, when there were 28 fatalities.

In the U.S., traffic deaths rose 7 percent from 2014 to 2015, with 35,092 deaths, according to the National Safety Council. This was the largest one-year jump in a decade.

This number got worse in 2016 with a 6-percent increase compared to 2015, with 40,200 deaths nationwide.

A few reasons have been listed for this trend, including more distractions with technology, but also more lenient enforcement of seatbelt usage, drunk driving and speeding regulations by authorities, paired with lawmakers not passing more restrictive measures, according to the New York Times.

In certain states, not wearing a seatbelt is a secondary offense, meaning they cannot be ticketed for it. This causes an increase in traffic deaths. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, half of all traffic fatalities involve unbelted passengers, and nearly one third involve impaired drivers using drugs or alcohol.

Tubbs pays restitution

■Plea agreement reduces local Realtor's charges to misdemeanor

By Vera Hogan

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Since he paid restitution of \$200,000 to his victims, Thomas (Tommy) Tubbs, 45, of Grand Blanc has fulfilled the conditions of his plea agreement.

According to the agreement, made in August of last year, the Genesee County prosecutor agreed to reduce the charge to a misdemeanor of larceny \$200 to \$1,000.

Investigators with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office claimed Tubbs collected \$150,000 from an Atlas Township couple for a real estate transaction, but kept the money for himself.



Thomas Tubbs

Tubbs, who worked for a Fenton real estate firm, was charged with taking money under false pretenses, according to Genesee County court records. He was originally arrested on Aug. 26, 2015.

On Aug. 19, 2016, during a pre-trial hearing, Tubbs entered into a plea agreement. He pleaded no contest as charged and requested a deferred sentence in order to allow him to pay restitution in full.

Sentencing was originally set for Jan. 9, and then adjourned to Jan. 26.

On Jan. 26, Tubbs was led from the courtroom in handcuffs, according to Fox 66 News. He remained there until he came up with the money. At the time, Tubbs said his father, Jim Tubbs, also a real estate agent, would sell some property to come up with the money.

During his Feb. 10 sentencing, Tubbs was ordered to have no contact with the victims. According to Feb. 10 court records, "The restitution has been paid in full and the charge is hereby amended."

The case is now closed.

Police&Fire report

TIRES SLASHED IN FENTON TOWNSHIP

On Wednesday, Feb. 22, the Genesee County Sheriff's Office received a malicious destruction of property complaint from a resident in the 16000 block of Silvercrest in Fenton Township. The homeowner reported that someone slashed the tires on his vehicle. There are no suspects at this time.

WINDOW BROKEN AT DOLLAR LAKE CT. HOME

On Thursday, Feb. 23, a malicious destruction of property complaint was filed with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office. A homeowner from the 12000 block of Dollar Lake Court in Fenton Township reported that a window at his home had been broken with a rock. There are no suspects at this time.

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First responders to be honored at Saturday's Flint Firebirds game

■ Police, fire and EMTs will be special guests on March 4 — C.O.P.S. organization will benefit from proceeds

By Sally Rummel

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The Flint Firebirds hockey team and fans will be in good company at Saturday night's game on March 4, with police, fire and EMT departments out in full force for the debut of "First Responders Appreciation Night."

The local C.O.P.S. organization (Concern Over Police Safety), headed by Tyrone Township resident Herman Ferguson and the Salvation Army, will both benefit from proceeds from special T-shirts, wristbands, auction and 50-50 raffles.

Currently, C.O.P.S. has 40,000 wristbands in all 50 states and six countries, and has distributed 70 dozen T-shirts. "When an officer is killed in the line of duty, I send 100 wristbands to that department," said Ferguson. "We'll have a display at the game."

Ferguson will also be a presenter with Genesee County Sher-



“This is our first one (First Responders Appreciation Night) but it's going to become an annual event.”

Costa Papista
Flint Firebirds president

iff Robert Pickell and the Michigan State Police before the game.

"This is our first one, but it's going to become an annual event," said Flint Firebirds President Costa Papista. "We'll also be displaying equipment, fire trucks and ambulances, and will have a Michigan State Police car in our lobby."

Many of the Flint Firebirds sponsors are stepping up to underwrite the cost of tickets, so that first responders and family members can attend Saturday night's game. "We'll have over 1,000 to 1,500 of them at the game," said Papista.

Game time will be 7 p.m. at the Dort Federal Credit Union Event Center with police and fire departments meeting head-on in their own "Battle of the Badges" pre-game from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

C.J. Ross, a Linden firefighter, will be playing alongside other firefighters in the "Battle of the Badges."

For more information or for tickets, visit flintfirebirds.com/tickets.

SUMMARY

■ Local police support organization C.O.P.S. (Concern Over Police Safety) will benefit from proceeds from the Flint Firebirds debut "First Responder Appreciation Night" this Saturday, March 4 at the Dort Credit Union Event Center.

SLPR

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"I think whatever process the board is thinking about doing... will be in everyone's benefit," he said.

Paris said the grant process is about creating more transparency and accountability.

Ray Culbert, who's served on the Loose Board of Directors for two years and is the chairperson of SLPR and Linden City councilor, said the feedback from the Loose members was much appreciated and will help them make better decisions.

"The board will take all input into consideration regarding the resolution, and respond to it in a way that supports both seniors and younger families that use our services," he said.

Pat Lockwood, SLPR commissioner and Fenton City councilor, said their intent was never to defund Loose.

"They could even get more money than 19 percent," she said.

Lockwood said the SLPR board originally intended to sit down with Loose

to discuss the new funding process. She stressed they're just the beginning stages of this new plan.

“They could even get more money than 19 percent.”

Pat Lockwood
Fenton City councilor

don't know what the process is right now. We're just saying to you that the grant process seems to be working

well for you with the county and so it might be something that would work for here," she said. "It's better to go public with a plan."

Lockwood said some of the concerns raised that night should have been addressed by the Loose board.

"It's very passionate, I love that. We've been over there (Loose Center) hundreds of times," Lockwood said. "We'll move forward and talk about if we could get them to understand some of our process. We need to put it in writing, what we think will work for them and then get their response."

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■■ **PRESIDENT OF THE** United Base.

■■■■ **CAN'T BELIEVE NO** one in Street Talk said Mama's Mexican restaurant as a favorite, no longer around. Mama's Hot Spot is the missed local restaurant.

■■■■ **I THINK THE** most interesting thing about Fenton's population, as reflected in the Hot lines, is the extensive lack of facts and knowledge that goes into the comments and claims.

■■■■ **THE PROBLEM WITH** Democrat liberals is that in expressing your opinions, you claim them as facts. Most of what you claim is an opinion that comes from another liberal, not a fact. A 120-day vetting ban on seven countries is not a Muslim ban, it's only your opinion that it is. Only 12 percent of the Muslim population live in these seven countries. Most of what you say about Trump is your opinion, not based on facts.

■■■■ **I AM TRUSTING** that Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation will make the mor-

ally right decision and not take away the 19 percent funding that they give the Loose Senior Center every year. The center is an important part of our community and serves the many needs and services of our seniors. It is a premier center in the county that cannot afford to lose this funding that was originally and always intended for them.

■■■■ **ALL THE TRUMP** bashing by celebrities is getting old. Late night comedians are just being lazy with their craft. Ratings are showing that viewers are turned off by this. It's just not funny anymore and not accomplishing anything constructive.

■■■■ **I RARELY SEE** a Hollywood movie in a theater, and after observing the so-called Hollywood stars before and after the presidential election, not to mention the Academy Awards, I will never spend one penny enriching those weirdoes ever again.

■■■■ **STALIN LOVED TO** brand anyone that disagreed with him as 'an enemy of the people.' Trump likes to say things about the media.

OWEN ROAD
Continued from Front Page

happen at all. "Why would the developer ever say anything before his plans were approved," said Avantini, who works closely with Reilly, to review all building projects in the city.

To date, developer Doraïd Markus, principal of Markus Management, who owns Owen Road Partners LLC, has submitted a concept plan for preliminary review.

His concept includes up to a nine-tenant building, according to Reilly. The property is zoned general business, which could include anything from retail and restaurants, to personal services like medical offices, banks, etc. A Flint

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Mike Reilly

Fenton city building and zoning administrator

newspaper article last weekend talked about the developer, and plans to include a national coffee shop and a national restaurant in the plaza, but that was not confirmed by Reilly.

In the article, Markus said his company had already closed on the purchase of Pizza Hut and will be closing soon on the purchase of Big Boy. There was no mention of Pizza Hut re-locating there, and a call to company headquarters in Plano, Texas was not returned by press time.

Big Boy CEO Keith Sirois had already told the Times, "We know we want to be in Fenton. Fenton has been good to us." That might include relocating his long-time restaurant to a different location in Fenton.

Big Boy remains open for business at this time, however Pizza Hut closed its doors, effective Feb. 28.

"Basically, the preliminary review tells us what the developer wants to do with the property," said Avantini. "We review it, and identify things they need to be concerned about before they submit a site plan to the planning commission."

Reilly said that a preliminary review letter was sent back to the developer, stating the city's concerns. Some of the issues addressed include a general view of what's needed in building design, parking, setbacks and landscaping.

"Our traffic consultant, our staff, have concerns," said Reilly. "Until they have these concerns taken care of, it won't be going in front of the planning commission. As of yet, we haven't gotten anything (returned) from them."

Avantini said development proposals come into the city all the time. "Some happen and some don't. They have to do their due diligence. Once they submit a site plan and special land use, then it looks like a real project, but it still takes time."

A quote in the Flint news source article by Sirois states, "Right now, I think it's a non-story because there is too much that has to occur for it to happen."

Police&Fire report

PURSE TAKEN FROM UNLOCKED CAR IN FENTON

A 41-year-old Fenton Township woman reported to Fenton police that her purse was stolen from her car on Feb. 21. Interim Fenton Police Chief Jason Slater said the woman told police that she had been at a business in the 3100 block of Silver Lake Road in Fenton from 12 to 12:45 p.m. on Feb. 21. When she returned to her car, she realized that her Michael Kors purse and wallet, containing cash and gifts cards, was missing. She believed her car was unlocked.

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Smith family ordeal nearing an end?

■ Motion to continue court fight for embattled property fails

By Tim Jagielo

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While it's possible that a complex and frustrating chapter of local history may be over, the family affected still feels they are in limbo.

A recent vote by the Holly Township Board of Trustees could signal the end of a nine-year property battle between Holly Township, and the Timm and Maria Smith family. The most recent vote essentially placed ownership of the property into the Smith's hands.

In a special meeting last week, the Holly Township Board of Trustees voted 3-2, not to take a challenge of the most recent ruling concerning the case, to the Michigan Supreme Court.

Holly Township Supervisor George Kullis, Trustee Pat Feeny and Treasurer Mark Freeman voted not to appeal the most recent decision from the Michigan Appellate Court, which effectively ends legal action against the Smith family.

Clerk Karin Winchester and Trustee Steve Ruth voted to pursue an appeal.

Kullis said the township is prepared to hand the deed over to the Smiths on Friday, March 3. He said the family will

have to apply for a certificate of occupancy for the currently unoccupied home on the property.

George Kullis became township supervisor following the election in November. When asked about his opinion of the case before becoming supervisor, Kullis said, "We should have never put ourselves in an adversarial relationship with our own citizens."

Smith's children, aged 14 and 17, have lived very little not in conflict with the township. "It's destroyed my life, my children's life. It took their childhood away," said Smith.

While thousands have been spent fighting the case, Kullis said the exact number is not available at this time.

During the official February meeting, the board also voted unanimously to fire long-time township attorney Gregory Need. Kullis said the decision was based on the

Smith case, among others. Need's firm represented Holly Township for 17 years.

THE BACK STORY, SUMMARIZED

The story began with the foreclosure of 10 acres of Holly Township property owned by Timm and Maria Smith, in 2008. The foreclosure was a result of Smith defaulting on payments on the property after he suffered a stroke.

When the mortgage company gifted the property back to Holly Township

“We should have never put ourselves in an adversarial relationship with our own citizens.”

George Kullis
Holly Township supervisor



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Holly Township resident Timm Smith speaks out about a separate topic at a recent Holly Township meeting. Smith and his family have fought for a parcel of property through the court system for eight years.

in 2009, a nearly nine-year legal battle between the township and the Smiths ensued.

The Smiths contended that although they had defaulted on the mortgage, the township could not divide the property as it were, per the Land Division Act.

The problem is that the property in question is located between two other pieces of property the Smiths owned free and clear without a mortgage. The two five-acre side parcels are not readily connected to a road, or utility services.

The case led to eviction notices, direct intervention by the township and the Oakland County Sheriff's Office,

court decisions, appeals and the likes of Oakland County Commissioner Bob Hoffman taking up their case.

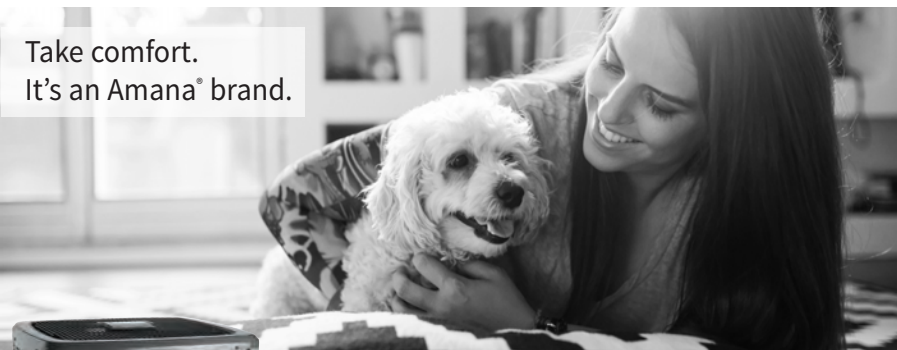
Smith argued that both the township and Oakland County have only a full 20-acre parcel listed, and the township can't be given only part of that property. Because Smith owns 10 of the 20 acres free and clear, he said he would need to give permission to split up the 20 acres, and give 10 to the township, according to land control laws.

Throughout the saga, the Smiths contend that township administration has been breaking laws, and has not been transparent or ethical.

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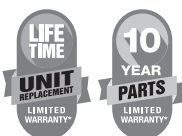


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• FORGO FASHION WITH REGARD TO FOOTWEAR.

When women choose their footwear, fashion should not be their top priority. According to the Arthritis Foundation, 3-inch heels stress the feet seven times more than 1-inch heels and heels put additional stress on knees, possibly increasing women's risk for osteoarthritis. Though heels may be fashionable, the risk of developing joint pain is not worth making the fashion statement.



• GET SOME GREEN IN YOUR DIET.

A healthy diet pays numerous dividends, but many may not know that a healthy diet can help prevent joint pain. Green vegetables such as spinach, broccoli, kale and parsley are high in calcium and can reduce age-related bone loss while also slowing cartilage destruction.



• SHED THOSE EXTRA POUNDS.

If you start including more healthy vegetables in your diet, you might just start to lose a little weight as well. As the AF notes, every extra pound a person gains puts four times the stress on his or her knees. The AF also notes that research has shown



SWIMMING IS A GREAT WORKOUT THAT CAN ALLEVIATE PAIN AND REDUCE STRESS ON THE JOINTS.

that losing as little as 11 pounds can reduce a person's risk of osteoarthritis of the knee by 50 percent.



• HIT THE POOL.

Swimming is a great full-body workout and can be especially helpful to the joints. The buoyancy of water supports the body's weight, reducing stress on the joints and minimizing pain as a result. If possible, swimmers already experiencing pain should swim in heated pools, which can help relieve pain. While you can still benefit from swimming in pools with colder temperatures, cold water may not soothe the joints like warm water can.



• TAKE BREAKS AT WORK.

Many people develop joint pain thanks to their jobs. If you spend all day sitting at a desk or standing on your feet, try to find a greater balance between the two. Joints can grow stiff from sitting all day, while standing throughout your work day can stress the joints. Take a short break every 30

minutes to stand up and walk around if you spend most of your day at a desk. If you stand a lot at your job, stop to sit down for a few minutes once every half hour.

Joint pain and aging do not have to go hand in hand. More information about joint pain is available at www.arthritis.org.

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SPINACH SALAD WITH STRAWBERRY-POPPY SEED VINAIGRETTE

INGREDIENTS

- 1 16 oz. container strawberries (about 20 large), tops removed
- 1 small shallot, finely chopped
- 2 Tbs. apple cider vinegar
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- Freshly ground pepper
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1 Tbs. poppy seeds
- 4 ounces baby spinach (about 4 big handfuls)
- 1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 3/4 cup chopped walnuts

DIRECTIONS

Slice half the strawberries and set them aside for the spinach salad. Remove the hulls from the remaining berries so that only the red parts remain, and coarsely chop.

Place the chopped strawberries, shallots, vinegar, salt and a few grindings of pepper in a blender, and blend on high until smooth. Add the oil and poppy seeds, and blend again. Season to taste with salt and pepper if needed and transfer to a serving container.

Place the spinach, feta, walnuts, onions and reserved strawberries in a large bowl. Add strawberry-poppy seed vinaigrette (to taste) and toss the spinach salad just before serving.

Source: arthritis.org

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The filibuster

The term 'filibuster' has been in the news lately. This word comes to us from the Dutch term 'vrijbuiter,' which means 'pirate,' and the Spanish word for 'freebooting,' 'filibustero.'

Simply put it is a way for a minority political party to delay or even prevent a vote on a bill or a presidential nomination by holding what amounts to an endless debate.

Its roots can be traced back to ancient Rome and has been used throughout the world in representative governments including here in the United States.

In our United States Congress, there have been no filibusters in the House since 1806, but the Senate has continued to allow it by rule.

Over time, these rules have seen some changes and now in order to end a filibuster the vote of 60 Senators is required.

Historically there have been a number of significant Senate filibusters with the first noteworthy one occurring in March of 1841, which lasted six days and involved a bank bill. Others followed including a 24-hour 18-minute filibuster in 1957 by Senator Strom Thurmond against a civil rights bill and a 57-day multi senator filibuster in 1964 against another civil rights bill.

A very important change in the Senate filibuster rules occurred on Nov. 21, 2013 when a majority of the Senate voted to change the Senate's rules and allow confirmations of presidential appointees by a simple majority vote. This effectively ended the filibuster possibilities for these types of appointments.

This rule change included appointments to cabinet posts and federal judgeships, excluding those to the Supreme Court. It has been referred to as the 'nuclear option.'

President Trump has nominated Judge Neil Gorsuch to be our newest Supreme Court Justice and there have been reports of a possible filibuster to oppose him.

There have also been suggestions that the Republican majority should expand the use of the nuclear option to allow his confirmation. The hearings on the nomination start on March 20.

This all is a work in progress and no one can foresee the future. However, for a wonderful movie depiction of a filibuster, I recommend Jimmie Stewart's in the Frank Capra movie 'Mr. Smith Goes to Washington.' You won't be disappointed.

MICHIGAN VOTES

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan 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, Feb. 24.

House Bill 4001: Cut state income tax rate by 0.2 percent

To cut the state income tax rate from the current 4.25 percent to 4.05 percent over two years. The tax could go down another .15 percent later but only if the state rainy day fund is allowed to exceed \$1 billion. Twelve Republicans voted 'no' and one Democrat voted 'yes.'

Failed 52 to 55 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51)

✗ YES

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)

✗ YES

Senate Bill 111: Transfer state revenue to big developers

To give a number of developers and business owners selected by state and local political appointees up to \$1.8 billion state tax dollars over 20 years. The beneficiaries would be allowed to keep the state income tax payments they withhold from employee paychecks. The cost estimate comes from the Senate Fiscal Agency and applies to Senate Bills 111 to 115 together.

Passed 27 to 6 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)

✗ YES

Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)

✗ YES

Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)

✗ NO

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)

✗ YES

Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)

✗ YES

Senate Bill 113: Let some big developers keep sales tax they collect

To allow certain developers and business owners selected by state and local political appointees to keep the sales tax they collect on retail sales. This would be a new way of giving cash subsidies to certain developers, and would reduce state revenue available for other purposes. This is part of the same proposal as Senate Bill 111 above.

Passed 28 to 6 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)

✗ YES

Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)

✗ YES

Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)

✗ NO

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)

✗ YES
✗ YES

Senate Bill 97: Authorize facility development deals between governments and private businesses

To give state and local government agencies the power to enter joint operating arrangements with a particular developer to build a hospital or transportation facilities. The private operator would benefit from tax exemptions and its governmental

partner's power to impose property taxes, borrow, take private property using eminent domain and more. The government agency involved could choose the private sector actor without necessarily having to accept the lowest bid. The projects could be proposals from a private developer.

Passed 32 to 4 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)

✗ YES

Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)

✗ YES

Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)

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The home of Patrick and Jennifer DeGuise has three bedrooms and two bathrooms. This is 4-year-old son Lucius' room.

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Then there are the shorter-term mortgages. "How many people can say their housing cost may be cut in half — 10 to 15 years after purchasing," Miller asked. "With manufactured home ownership, you can pay off your home and then only have the monthly site rent and utilities to pay. Sometimes loans can be paid off in shorter terms and still cost less monthly than renting, maybe just in time to start helping a child pay for college or have the flexibility to enjoy traveling," she said.

The only taxes a homeowner need pay is a small personal property tax annually if they have a deck or shed, for example. School taxes and traditional property taxes are covered in the site rent.

Fenton Oaks is walking distance from several shopping venues, many restaurants, and Silver Lake Park and Beach. Easy access to the highway (U.S. 23) makes commuting to and from work a breeze.

The advantages also include being able to live literally maintenance free.

If residents choose, Fenton Oaks will maintain the lawns year-round and shovel snow from the sidewalks right up to their door, for example.

Fenton Oaks is in the Fenton schools district. Residents enjoy Fenton water while living in a quiet, upscale community, said Miller.

Living happily in Fenton Oaks

Patrick "Pat" DeGuise, 33, and his wife, Jennifer, 29, have lived in Fenton Oaks with their young son, Lucius, now 4 years old, since 2012. They started out renting from Fenton Oaks and are now homeowners in the community. The couple is self-employed from home.

Pat and Jennifer have always taken pride in their homes, when they were renters and now homeowners.

"We take pride in what we have and what we have accomplished together," said Pat. "We work very hard for what we have as a family and work just as hard to maintain and keep everything in tip top shape."

"My philosophy on pride of ownership is that if you maintain and take good care of something it will last. Our homes have always been an investment, even the home we rented from Fenton Oaks."

"When we first rented in the fall of 2012, we never expected to purchase a home. After a few years of living here we started

evaluating the possibility of purchasing a home here in the community," said Pat.

"After living in the community for a few years, the location and ease of ownership really made us consider buying. One of our neighbors decided it was time to move closer to her daughter due to health concerns and she offered to sell us her house. The timing was spot on since our lease would be up within the next few months. So as of July 2015 we were owners of our home."

Pat said the purchase process is very simple since the homes are registered at the Secretary of State's office. We were lucky enough not to have to take out a loan to purchase the home.

"The city of Fenton is a great place to raise a family," said Pat. "It is very safe, has good schools and quite a few parks and lakes to take the family to. Fenton Oak's is a quiet and safe community, with very helpful office personnel. The wide sidewalks offer nice quiet walks in the evenings while watching the sunset over the trees."

"Fenton Oaks is a great place for a young family or someone looking to have more privacy and space that might be on a budget," he said. "If you aren't sure about living in a manufactured home community you should try renting. Fenton Oaks makes the process very simple."

The myth about tornadoes

Contrary to some folks' fears, tornadoes do not "seek out" trailer parks, mobile home parks or manufactured home communities.

These communities are built on flat land for obvious reasons, so when straight-line winds or tornadoes are in the forecast there is always that chance, but that chance exists everywhere when the weather is bad.

In Michigan, the manufactured homes are set on 48-inch piers and tied down to the piers. These homes are no more susceptible to wind damage than any stick-built home. Actually, they are said to be superior to stick-built homes in a flood as they are set at a minimum of 24 inches above grade.

During inclement weather events, Fenton Oaks residents are fortunate in that the city's emergency warning siren is at the Speedway just a few hundred feet over the highway on the hill. In the event of a tornado warning, those who wish to leave their homes can seek shelter at Merchants, Walmart or at other, sturdy public nearby structures.



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Police&Fire report

THIEVES STRIKE AT FENTON AUTO DEALERSHIP

At 8:30 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 26, Fenton police responded to an auto dealership in the 2500 block of Owen Road to investigate a larceny complaint. Interim Police Chief Jason Slater said sometime between 2:30 and 8:27 a.m. that morning, suspects hoisted a 2017 GMC Yukon

and a 2017 Sierra pickup truck up on wood blocks and stole their eight tires and eight rims. Value was placed \$8,500. Police noted that a window was broken on the east side of the business and a service door on the south side was also broken. Employees are checking to see if anything inside was stolen. A glove, lug nuts and a four-way tire iron were located in the lot and they are being tested for prints. Lug nuts, minus the locking lug nut, near another 2017 vehicle were found on the ground. Slater said thefts similar to this have been reported north of Fenton.

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the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards. His term is set to expire on Dec. 31, 2019.

The incident allegedly took place at about 9 p.m. on Dec. 20, 2016. A school official alerted the Michigan State Police the next day, and turned over surveillance video showing what happened.

According to F/Lt. Michael Shaw of the MSP, Diaz was booked and processed at the Groveland Detachment of the Metro North Post.

"Diaz was given a \$10,000 personal recognizance bond and is not to return to Holly Academy," Shaw said.

Diaz was charged with one felony: malicious destruction of a building, \$1,000 or more, and one misdemeanor — reckless driving. He was arraigned in Oakland County 52-2 District Court in Clarkston.

According to Michigan Radio, Diaz released a statement to media outlets and said he is very shocked by the charges, but will cooperate 100 percent with the justice system to get the matter adjudicated as quickly as possible.

Detroit Police Chief James Craig said Diaz has been suspended without pay, and an internal investigation has been opened. The internal affairs investigation against Diaz will take place at the same time as MSP's.

Craig said it will be up to the DPOA union board to decide whether Diaz remains in his role as president. Craig said he was "concerned" about the accusations but noted Diaz has so far cooperated with investigators.

Diaz will appear in court again on Friday, March 3 for a probable cause conference, and on Friday, March 10 for his preliminary exam.

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Lady Tigers play complete game, defeat area rivals Linden, 63-40

By David Troppens
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Linden — It appears the Fenton varsity girls basketball team is hitting its peak at just the right moment.

The Fenton Tigers played one of their most complete

games of the season by beating their biggest rivals, the Linden Eagles, in Linden's own home gym Friday night, 63-40.

Linden stuck with the Tigers (11-3, 14-

6) for about a quarter, trailing just 16-13 at that point. However, Linden couldn't keep pace much longer. Leading just 21-16 after a converted free throw by Samantha Whaling with 5:47 left in the half, Fenton responded with a 10-0 run — capped by

two converted free throws by Chloe Idoni — raising Fenton's lead to 29-16. From that point on, the Eagles never closed the gap back to single-digits again.

"We are coming together at the end of the season," Idoni said.

"We are playing better together as a team than we were at the beginning. Our goal is to come out every game as hard as we can and to play as hard as we can and what ends up, falls for us. We just played as hard as we could tonight."



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Weinberg caps career a champion

■ Fenton senior wins giant slalom portion of D1 state meet

By David Troppens
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Zoe Weinberg ended her prep ski career the best way one could hope for.

The Fenton senior ended it as a state champion.

Competing in her final race of her high school career, Weinberg cut over a second off her first run time in the giant slalom on her second and captured her first-ever individual giant slalom Division 1 state championship at Nub's Nob in Harbor Springs on Monday. It was Weinberg's second state championship performance of her prep career and

seventh first-team all-state performance. Weinberg also won a slalom state championship her sophomore year. She began Monday by earning third in the slalom competition.

"It was exciting. It was my last race ever so I was excited to end it on a good note," Weinberg said. "I was nervous because my morning performance was not my best. I wanted to win something."

The Holly/Oxford boys ski team also competed at the meet, placing ninth as a squad.

Weinberg admitted she wasn't overly confident entering the state meet. She entered the state meet taking second at regionals in the slalom and fifth in the giant slalom. However, she came up big when she needed it most.

She finished her first run in the giant slalom with a time of 28.57 seconds, just .09 seconds behind Bloomfield Hills Marion's leader Olivia Weymouth. However, during her second run Weinberg posted a time of 27.21, .42 seconds better than Weymouth.

"It definitely was one of my best runs of the season," Weinberg said about her second run in the giant slalom. It felt really good and I did exactly what I expected. When I got down there were 10 girls after me. I probably had to wait 10 minutes (for Weymouth to compete). I was nervous because the other girl is a really good skier. It was anyone's race.

"I have not been skiing well in the last couple of weeks. I was See **WEINBERG** on 20



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Fenton senior skier Zoe Weinberg capped her prep career with a D1 state championship in the giant slalom. She also placed third in the slalom, making her a seven-time all-state performer. She also won a state championship in the slalom her sophomore season.

LF wrestlers' state run ends in semis

By David Troppens
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Mt. Pleasant — When the wrestling season began the Lake Fenton varsity team was low on numbers.

Numbers were so low the Blue Devils were forced to give up three voids (or 18 points) in every dual they competed in. It looked like the chances of repeating last year's Division 3 team state wrestling trip were downright slim, if that good.

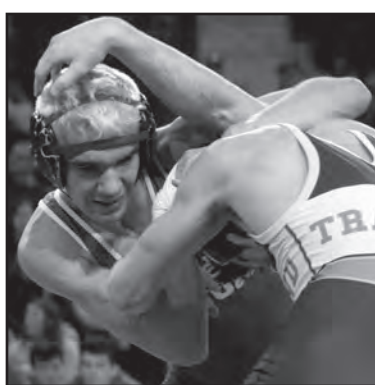
But something changed as the season went on. Wrestlers developed and Lake Fenton started winning the close matches they were losing weeks earlier. Then, as the season hit the postseason, Lake Fenton figured a way to fill in another weight class. Suddenly, the dream looked alive once again.

And the Blue Devils accomplished that goal, and a little more. Not only did the Blue Devils qualify for the team state meet at Central Michigan University's McGuirk Arena, but they won their first match against Whitehall on Friday 34-31. The victory put the Blue Devils in the semifinals against the top-seeded Richmond Blue Devils on Saturday. And while Lake Fen-

ton battled hard, the tri-county Blue Devils fell to Richmond 37-23.

Still, the season matched how far Lake Fenton went a season ago in the state tournament. In one way Lake Fenton surpassed last season when the Blue Devils captured the outright Genesee Area Conference championship.

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Lake Fenton's Hunter Corcoran (top left) won his match in the state semifinals on Saturday, but the Blue Devils still lost to Richmond 37-23. (Above right) Ryan Franks wrestles his foe.

Tigers make it six straight Metro League titles

By David Troppens
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Kyle Banner looked to his left and right prior to the start of the 200 meter freestyle final during the Flint Metro League meet on Saturday. All he saw were teammates.

And that's the type of domination the Tigers are enjoying these days in the Flint Metro League. In a conference that includes five teams from six Metro League schools, the eight best swimmers in the 100 freestyle were from Fenton's squad. No event symbol-



ized the Tigers' dominance as they captured their sixth straight Metro League boys swimming and diving championship more than that one event. The Tigers captured five event league titles and had 25 performers earn individual top-five efforts leading Fenton winning the Metro League Meet with 690 points and collecting the outright championship.

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Two of Fenton's key senior swimmers this winter are Kyle Banner (top right) and Justin Beemer (immediately above).

Up and down Bronchos record a downer vs. Brandon

By Dale M. Smith
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Holly — It has been a season of spurts for the Holly boys' basketball team in 2016-2017.

Battling injuries and the loss of so many players from last year's team, the Bronchos came out of the gate at 1-6 and lost premier rebounder and senior, Paris Partee, in the season in the opener at Flint Powers. Holly (6-8, 7-10) then went on to win six out of their next eight games before a disappointing loss to Fenton a week ago. This Friday night at the Horseshoe the Bronchos battled back from an 11-point Brandon lead in the fourth quarter, pulling within two points before falling 57-52.

Holly led 7-2 early and that was the biggest lead for either team before the Blackhawks used a run early in the fourth quarter to increase a 1 point lead at the beginning of the quarter to 49-38 half-way through the final session. Brandon led 49-42 with 2:42 left in the game before Holly's Austin Harless hit consecutive baskets to make it 49-46. With Brandon up 52-46, Harless and freshman



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Holly's Devon Williams attacks the basket in a recent game. Holly lost to Brandon on Friday 57-52.

Noah Baylis each hit threes in the last minute before the Blackhawks closed it out at the charity stripe.

Following in the footsteps of older brother, Morgan, Baylis has enjoyed a successful first year on varsity and his timely three made it a game late.

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Wyrick paces Fenton past Linden

By David Troppens
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Linden — For four years Nick Wyrick has been coming to Linden's gymnasium to take part in the Fenton varsity boys basketball team's rivalry game against the Eagles.

For four years he's left the floor the victor. And on Friday, the senior 6-foot-9 post player was the main reason why the Tigers left the gym as the victors.

Wyrick had one of his most dominant games on both sides of the floor during his entire career on Friday, collecting 12 points, 12 rebounds and six blocks in the Tigers' 48-33 victory against the Linden Eagles.

Linden's offense had trouble getting going all night long, and it was primarily's Wyrick's fault. Linden tried to attack the paint, but he made the Eagles' mission nearly impossible to accomplish. In the second half, the Eagles tried to attack from outside a bit more, but couldn't get their rhythm going out there consistently enough as well, making just 21 percent of their shots for the contest. Meanwhile, the Tigers hit on a more respectable 45 percent of its shots from the field.

The win not only gave Wyrick four road victories against Linden in his career, it also gave the Tigers a tie for second in the final



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Fenton's A.J. LePage attacks the Linden defense in the Tigers' 48-33 victory Friday night.

Metro League standings.

"I'm really glad we have beat them my four years here," Wyrick said. "I have to agree. That was the most blocked shots and rebounds. Like coach said, that was probably one of my most power-

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nervous even though I knew I had the potential to win both. I was lucky to have a good day and end on a good note."

Weinberg started the day with a third in the slalom. She posted times of 35.30 and 36.35 during her two runs, posting a combined time of 1:11.65. Marion's Sadah Scheidt won with a time of 1:08.45.

"I would've liked to win the slalom, but

I was happy to come out with a win (in the giant slalom)," Weinberg said.

The Holly/Oxford boys co-op ski team had its better performance in the slalom, placing seventh out of the nine teams at the state meet. Max Ford led the squad in the slalom, placing 15th (1:11.31) while Jack Ford was 27th (1:15.63). Dan DeFrain placed 42nd (1:23.33) while Luke Harrington placed 49th (1:29.16).

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PREP REPORT

GIRLS BOWLING

► **Mason regional:** Holly's Jenna Royle was the only area competitor to qualify for the state meet out of the regional, placing fifth with a six-game pinfall total of 1,057. The top 10 individuals qualified for the state tournament. Royle had a strong start with 1 191 and then a 205 game. However, a 145 in her third game made life a bit precarious. She rebounded with games of 199 and 168 before ending with a 149 game, qualifying for the state meet by 36 pins.

Holly's Kailee Gallagher finished 12th with a 997 six-game series. Fenton's top bowler was Destiny Flood who finished 24th with a 941 series. Linden's top performer was Jessica Armstrong who placed 42nd with an 826 series.

In team competition Holly was the area's top performer, placing ninth with a pinfall total of 2,872. Fenton took 12th (2,733) and Linden was 13th (2,534). The top three teams qualified for the state meet.

BOYS BOWLING

► **Mason regional:** The Bronchos had two bowlers just miss out of qualifying for the state meet. Braden Wilson placed 11th with a six-game pinfall total of 1,149, missing out of a state bid by three pins. The top 10 individuals qualified for the state meet. His teammate, Glenn Rose placed 12th with a 1,148 total, just four pins out of the

top 10. Wilson was off the pace entering the final game, but bowled a 246, giving him a shot at possibly qualifying for state. His next-best game was a 200. Rose had games of 206, 214 and 214, but a 150 second game hurt his chances. He bowled a strong 193 in his final game.

Fenton's top performer was Alex Keith in 32nd place with a score of 1,041. Ian McAlindon placed 56th with a pinfall total of 970.

In team action, Holly placed 11th with a total pinfall total of 3,545. Fenton was 13th (3,321) and Linden was 15th (2,980). The top three teams qualified for the state meet.

COMPETITIVE CHEER

► **Kearsley regional:** The Lake Fenton Blue Devils finished 11th at the regional with a team score of 676.02. The Blue Devils posted a score of 212.90 in round one and a 194.12 in round two. They posted the eighth-best score in round three with a 279.00. The top four teams qualified for the state meet.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

► **Holly 39, Brandon 28:** Rebecca Fugate led the Bronchos (8-6 in the Metro) with 19 points, six rebounds and four steals while Paige Reid netted 10 points and five rebounds. Hannah Garza netted five points and two steals while Sami Hild had six rebounds.

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"MAN CAVES" / TOY WAREHOUSE

20x50 new. One mile between Higgins and Houghton Lake on Flint Rd. Store motorhomes to jet skis. Lease to own \$4,900 down, \$212 per month. Great Investment! Greg 810-625-0454. Houghton-Higginslakestorage.com.

1940 CHEVY BODY,

frame, engine, transmission and all parts for car. Radio, windows and much more! Must sell. Call 810-629-6916 leave message and contact number.

MOVING SALE

Women's plus-size clothes 16 to 3X brand new and like new, glassware, miscellaneous household items. 810-629-1361.

QUALITY STAIRWAY CHAIRLIFT

with paperwork, \$1,200 great condition. Call Kathy for more information 810-655-0118.

EXCEPTIONAL LEXINGTON CHINA CABINET

Cherry wood, beveled glass \$1,800; Buffet \$350. Excellent condition. 810-208-1352.

Miscellaneous for Sale

WEDDING DECORATIONS

and customized wedding gown size 8, with veil; Mother-of-the-Bride gown, size 10, ecru with satin shawl and belt with rhinestones, jewelry, hand-embellished decorations, floral trellis, photo booth, unique centerpieces and candy table containers, favor bags, place card holder bells, bows, florals, signs and much more. 973-476-2040 Fenton.

WHITE KITCHEN CABINETS

13 pieces with cast iron sink, gray counter top with left "L" \$500. 248-459-4569.

ATVs

AMPHIBIOUS ATV

2000 MAX IV - 18 hp V Twin Briggs and Stratton. Upgrade options include full roll cage, windshield and oversized tires. Always kept it started and in running condition. Needs a key switch. Choke cable works but knob is gone. In overall great condition. No longer used. \$3,500. Linden area. Also have trailer for sale for hauling Max 6 wheeler. Call or text 810-610-8598.

Rummage Sales

Times

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE



**FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 9-3PM
SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 9-2PM**

Trinity Lutheran Church
1025 Main St., Fenton

Household items, clothing, books, toys, misc. Sponsored by the Women's Guild.

Real Estate

Commercial Rent/Sale

TEN COMMERCIAL LOTS

ready to build your man cave / storage facility for all your big boy toys, motorhomes to jet skis. One mile between Higgins and Houghton Lake on Flint Rd. \$2,500 down, \$72 a month, \$10,000 total. Owner will finance. Greg 810-625-0454. Won't Last!

Apartments for Rent

TWO BEDROOM

2nd floor close to park and lake. **Heat included**, no dogs. \$675 per month. 810-735-1900.

To advertise your
Real Estate Property
call 810-629-8282

Job Openings

Times

Help Wanted

DENTAL HYGIENIST

looking for an energetic, caring hygienist to join our dedicated dental team 3-4 days per week. For information on this position and to schedule an interview, please fax or email your resume to: 810-733-2252, taftntaft@comcast.net.

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Fenton, part-time Mondays and Thursdays 9-5 pm. Experience required. 248-379-9584.

DIRECT CARE WORKERS

needed in Davisburg, Holly, Ortonville and Waterford areas. Starting rate \$9.25 per hour. Can earn up to \$9.50 once fully trained. 248-634-5949.

GARDENERS WANTED

maintaining landscape and flower beds. Groveland Township, 4-8 hours per week, \$10.00 per hour for competent worker. 248-634-5169.

www.tctimes.com

Help Wanted

OUTSIDE HELP WANTED

March through November. Knowledge of tractor, bobcat, chainsaw and mowers helpful. Must be capable of some lifting and bending. 8-5 Monday through Friday, possibly some Saturdays. 248-634-1311.

PRODUCTION FULL-TIME

Monday through Thursday 6:00 am to 4:30 pm. Send resume to kdobies@spiralindustries.com.

REIMBURSEMENT CONSULTANT NEEDED

Recruiting for a CPA or Finance Professional with financial operations or healthcare provider payment and reimbursement experience is a plus. This is a terrific career opportunity for a seasoned professional or analyst. Bachelor or Advanced Degree in Accounting - Finance, CPA a plus. High skill levels in accounting or finance (understanding of general ledger, trial balance, balance sheet and income statement). Strong analytical thinking, computer and technology knowledge and skills (Excel and database). Send resume to hr@theybargroup.com.

Help Wanted

VOLUNTEERING WITH A PAYCHECK

Are you interested in working with Veterans or seniors to help them remain living independently in their homes? We are seeking qualified individuals to assist with activities of daily living. Several flexible shifts and hours available. For immediate consideration, call 810-232-2433 Monday through Friday 8-5 pm. Ask for Leslie or Erica. EOE.

Help Wanted

CERTIFIED SPINNING INSTRUCTOR NEEDED

Day and Evening Hours



CALL
810-750-1149

Fenton Real Estate Office looking for

Full-time Front Desk Administrator

Seeking a person with good organization and communication skills (written and verbal), good sense of humor, have the ability to be very flexible; be service oriented with customers & agents, a fast learner, and be willing to work hard and smart. You'll work in an environment where no two days are the same. Computer skills are a must and real estate experience is a plus, but not necessary.

Email resume to Sheree at
sheree.hoose@coldwellbanker.com.
Please put "Admin Position" in subject line.

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March 5th
Sunday • 1~4 PM

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Lake, Location & Lifestyle!

- 4 Bedrooms
- 3 Full Baths
- Massive Owners Suite with a Supreme View of Lake
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(Home & Adjacent Lot with 2nd Garage)

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(Home)

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- 2.5 Baths
- Granite Counters and Stainless Appliances
- First Floor Owner's Suite and Laundry
- Whole House Generator
- Hartland Schools

\$374,900

WEDNESDAY SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★
★ Moderate ★★ Challenging ★★★ HOO BOY!

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

The adventurous Aries won't be disappointed with taking on a new challenge, despite some initial misgivings. Look for this move to open other opportunities down the line.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

Let that beautiful Bovine smile not only put you at ease, but also show that you're ready, willing and more than able to confound the naysayers around you. A new admirer has important news.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

Be careful how you handle a relationship that you're hoping to save. You already have the facts on your side. Avoid weakening your position by embellishing it with unnecessary dramatics.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

Taking definitive stands isn't easy for the often-wavering Moon Child. But you not only need to stay with your decision, but also reassure others it was the right thing to do.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)

As a proud Lion, you're right to be upset about those who might be lying about you to others. But the best revenge is proving them wrong by succeeding at what you set out to do.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Caution is still advised before making a financial commitment to a "promising" project. Look for the facts behind the fluff. Devote the weekend to loved ones.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

A Taurus offers comfort and advice as you deal with an upsetting event. Use this as a learning experience that will help you avoid similar problems in the future.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

A romantic situation creates some chaos for single Scorpions. But it's well worth the effort to work things out. A trusted friend can offer some helpful advice.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Expect to make new friends as your social circle expands. Also, remember to tell that family member how proud you are of his or her achievements.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

New ventures continue to be favored. And with your self-confidence rising all the time, you'll want to see how well you can do with a new challenge. So, go to it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

This is a good time for the usually "serious-minded" Aquarian to let loose and enjoy some fun times. Expect to get good news about a workplace issue.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

Changed plans might upset some people, but your needs should be respected. Offer explanations when necessary. But don't let yourself be talked into changing your decisions.

WEDNESDAY JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

GLIEB

FRACT

YOHRFT

CAMEZE

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

A: OF

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

NEW BIBLE Jumble Books Go To: <http://www.lyncgate.com/jumble/>

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

KING FEATURES

ACROSS

1 Do as you're told

5 A cont.

8 Old fogey

12 Geometry measure

13 Born

14 Divisible by two

15 Soared

17 Choose the best

18 Japanese pond carp

19 With resolution

21 Twelve

24 Highway division

25 Saharan

26 Demonstrated, as when on strike

30 Chaps

31 Chess wins

32 Consumed

33 Sank a billiard ball

35 Caspian feeder

36 Addict

37 William Tell's target

38 Formosa, today

41 Annoy

42 — Major

43 Fined for speeding, e.g.

48 Indonesian island

49 High-arc shot

50 Basin accessory

51 Help in a crime

52 "Tasty!"

53 Annoyingly slow

DOWN

1 Rowing tool

2 Sis' counterpart

3 Common Mkt.

4 Talked on and on

5 Opposed

6 Lawyer's payment

7 Clearly

8 Edict

9 Egg

10 Farmer's home?

11 Sans siblings

16 A billion years

20 Tattoo-parlor supply

21 Moist

22 Sandwich cookie

23 Brass component

24 Metric measure

26 Obviously

27 Rainout cover

28 Common Latin abbr.

29 Strike from

embarrassed

the text

31 Smaller plateau

34 Persian Gulf nation

35 Maintenance

37 Noah's boat

38 Big brass instrument

39 Bedouin

40 — of Capri

41 Cold War weapon (Abbr.)

44 Debt notice

45 Pair

46 "A mouse!"

47 Parched

DVD RELEASES

CHRONIC

David is an in-home nurse who works with terminally ill patients. Efficient and dedicated to his profession, David develops strong, even intimate, relationships with each person he cares for. But outside of his work, David is ineffectual, awkward, and reserved—effects of his chronic depression—and he needs each patient as much as they need him. Having long carried a burden of guilt and remorse, David must face his past in order to heal.

R, 1 hr. 33 min.
Drama

60%

liked it

(Audience score on rottentomatoes.com)

MOONLIGHT

The tender, heartbreaking story of a young man's struggle to find himself, told across three defining chapters in his life as he experiences the ecstasy, pain, and beauty of falling in love, while grappling with his own sexuality.

R, 1 hr. 50 min.
Drama

85%

liked it

(Audience score on rottentomatoes.com)

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3-DAY FUEL SAVINGS!

Thursday, March 2 through Saturday, March 4

SAVE 50¢

per gallon on fuel

When you spend \$75* or more on Groceries in one transaction with

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farm fresh
Pork Loin
Fresh, **All-Natural**
Boneless, Center Cut
New York Chops

BUY 1 PKG.
GET 1 PKG.
OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE
with yes

FREE



open acres
farm fresh
Beef Round
Fresh, **All-Natural**
Boneless Top
Round Roast
or Value Pack Steak

BUY 1 PKG.
GET 1 PKG.
OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE
with yes

FREE

Fresh Express
Baby Blends or
Salad Blends
Selected Varieties
5 - 12 oz. pkg.



BUY 1
GET 1
with yes

FREE

California
Seedless
Navel Oranges
4 lb. bag



BUY 1
GET 1
with yes

FREE

Kellogg's
Cereal

Rice Krispies (18 oz.),
Corn Pops (17.2 oz.),
Frosted Flakes (19 oz.),
Cinnamon Sugar
Frosted Flakes (13.6 oz.),
Froot Loops or
Apple Jacks (17 oz.)



BUY 1
GET 1
with yes

FREE

Ken's
Salad
Dressing
16 oz.



BUY 1
GET 1
with yes

FREE

Coca-Cola
Products
6 pk., 16.9 oz. btl.
(plus deposit)



BUY 1
GET 1
with yes

FREE

Screamin'
Sicilian Pizza
16.95 - 26 oz.



BUY 1
GET 1
with yes

FREE

Van de Kamp's
Battered or
Breaded Fillets,
Tenders or Fish Sticks
Selected Varieties
18.1 - 24.6 oz.



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