‘People love their Big Boy’

Fenton restaurant’s future even more uncertain with closing of Pizza Hut next door

By Sally Rummel
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Big Boy has been a landmark restaurant in Fenton since 1974, but CEO Keith Sirois is unsure of its future, especially in light of Pizza Hut next door closing its doors on Tuesday, Feb. 28.

“Pizza Hut’s closing is pretty indicative of where this is heading,” said Sirois, referring to a developer’s purchase of the Pizza Hut.

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Are your property taxes too high?

Boards of Review meet this month to hear homeowner concerns

By Vera Hogan
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Homeowners in local municipalities should have recently received their new assessments in the mail. Upon review, it’s possible your property value increased, which will be reflected in your new state equalized value.

See TAXES on 14A

Business videos are invaluable for marketing purposes

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By Tim Jagielo
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I didn’t care at all about video in 2010. I saw video as a trend that photographers like me were being forced into. As a new reporter/photographer at the Times, I didn’t ‘get’ it. But still, my publisher Tim Jagielo

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As a longtime commuter, I think the Michigan State Police are cracking down on those who use their handicap stickers as a cover-up to violating traffic laws. And while it’s not a perfect solution, I think we should get a ticket and the death penalty for those who use their handicap stickers in such a manner. Though, as a longtime commuter, I think it’s a distinct possibility.

“Absolutely, I just think there’s got to be something out there.” — Duane Dawidowicz

“I used to when I was younger, not so much today.” — Ronald Wienczak

“I think it’s a distinct possibility.” — Amy Amthor

“Probably. Why not? It could be any kind of life not necessarily a being.” — Charles Ward

“A little I guess. Some things or theories make sense.” — Olivia Battaglia

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High-tech neighborhood watch

Users can post about suspicious vehicles, lost dogs, and break-ins

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Argentine Twp. — After police files came out that people were breaking into cars and stealing personal belongings in parts of Argosy Township, audience members at the Monday Board of Trustees meeting learned of a neighborhood watch website called Next Door.

Police Chief Daniel Allen said, “It’s an information delivery system. Like a neighborhood watch group. We just look at it as another source of getting information out, like our Facebook page.”

In the Times Feb. 26 Weekend edition, a police file reported that Argentine Township police responded to four larceny from auto (LFA) complaints that took place the night of Feb. 23 in the areas of Hilltop Drive, Gena Drive, and Alpine Drive. Items like iPhone chargers, spare change, GPS units and home video were taken from unlocked vehicles.

Argentine Township Clerk Denise Graves said the Next Door website helps people share information about crime and other topics with neighbors.

“It’s a great idea,” she said.

Graves said users can post about a shed that was broken into, a suspicious vehicle, or someone trying to kidnap kids.

“You can post on there little short things and people can reply,” she said. “It could even be a lost dog. It could even be ‘hey, my father has Alzheimer’s and he wanders off and if anyone sees him, will you contact me.’ It can be any kind of thing like that. It’s kind of like social networking.”

According to nextdoor.com, over 126,000 neighborhoods across the country use the service. There’s also a free Next Door app. Allen said Grand Blanc Township and other communities use the service.

Allen likes that the site has different categories for people to post about, like classifieds, crime and safety information, free items, lost and found and other tabs.

“It’s got a bunch of drop down windows where you can get information specific to what you’re trying to get accomplished,” Allen said. “I think it goes back to a time when people knew their neighbors.”

On the website nextdoor.com, you’ll enter your street address and name. Then you’ll create an account with a password and you’ll be sent a verification email and code.

You get an invitation code to join and then you just sign up with your email address. You get notifications through your email when someone posts something. Users can use a map to see which neighbors are members of Next Door, and you can send and receive emails through the site. Users can create posts to alert neighbors of crimes in the area. This service is helpful to see if there’s any crime in a person’s neighborhood while they’re on vacation.

HOT LINE CONTINUED
AFTER ADDING LEE Harvey Oswald’s name to the CIA memorial wall and listing his name in their memorial book, the CIA claims it won't release more information for 20 years.

I AM AN independent, and when our president spoke to Congress Tuesday evening, Democrats displayed to the world that they chose party over country.

YOU’RE RIGHT, the Republicans and conservatives didn’t push back on Obama for the whole eight years he was in there. There was nothing like you ‘lie’ or ‘where were you born?’ or anything like that. Eight years of that crap. I think Republicans should be very happy.

I WAS SO happy to see that The Voice didn’t bring back the pathetic Miley Cyrus.

TO THE WOMAN in line at the CRUST Tuesday morning, shame on you for speaking to that young mother that way. Those children weren’t doing anything wrong. They were looking through the window at the bakers and running back to tell their mom what they saw.

I WISH THE Flint Firebirds would get a decent radio station to broadcast their games. Getting knocked off by Michigan basketball is unacceptable.

AS A LIBERAL, I just want to say that Trump’s address to Congress, while laced with false facts, was nice to see. He actually talked and acted like a president.

IT’S INTERESTING that some idiots call you a racist if you criticize a black person. What do you call a person that criticizes a white person?

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Rust to Roses

Rust to Roses owner Tana Howard is feeling right at home at her new store at 104 S. LeRoy St., the former Red Fox Footwear in downtown Fenton. She grew up in Fenton and graduated from Fenton High School. “I always wanted to be downtown,” she said. A full-service florist, she now has room for classes and workshops for her popular Miss Mustard Seeds Milk Paint, plus plenty of gift item displays.

Annual poker tourney raises $8,200 for Fenton teacher grants

Col. William Fenton Poker Tourney in its 12th year

By Tim Jagielo

Fenton — For four hours, the crowd ate, drank and played poker for a good cause.

Spirits are always high every year, when the Fenton Hotel is temporarily turned into a gambling establishment.

The 12th annual Col. William Fenton’s Texas Hold’em Poker Tourney was held on Thursday, March 2, to benefit the Fenton Education Foundation (FEF). The action started at 6:45 p.m. This year, 75 players were registered, which is 11 more than last year, according to FEF Vice Chair Pat Lockwood. “A lot of the same players come back and support it,” she said.

This specific fundraiser is for smaller teacher grants. Educators in the district can apply for a grant for up to $1,000. A subcommittee will review applications, and dole out funds.

During the fundraiser-in-disguise, spectators strolled through the restaurant, eating hors d’oeuvres, and watching the spirited, but good-natured competition.

Players buy-in for $100. The winner, Brad Smith, will take home a total of approximately $1,000, a poker bracelet and have a section of LeRoy Street named in his honor. Last year’s winner was Joshua Paletta.

Lockwood said the 2016 event raised $7,000, which an average amount and she hoped to raise more this year.

“Because it’s for a good cause, which is Fenton public schools, people support it.”

Pat Lockwood
Fenton Education Foundation vice chair

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on more difficult cases.

“We took on a lot more significant medical needs cases. They cost a lot more and they take quite a bit of time in our system. We had quite a few last year,” she said.

These cases could include heartworm treatment, amputated legs, eye surgeries, and other significant medical surgeries or treatments. Adopt-A-Pet took on five hoarding cases, and received 10 to 15 animals that were seized from a negligent owner. These animals tend to need a lot more help.

“If you can imagine one person taking care of 15 to 20 animals. They can’t give them the proper attention. They need a lot more one-on-one interaction to help them become well-adjusted companions,” she said.

She said these animals, especially the adults, need to learn to trust again, and many have costly medical problems.

“We try never to say no but they need a lot more. They cost a lot more money. It’s much harder to say yes to an animal that’s going to cost $200,” she said.

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One such dog, a 5-year-old Pekingese named Maude, came from a hoarding situation in the fall of 2016. Maddock said out of the nine dogs they were seized from a negligent owner who’s going to cost $1,000 as opposed to 10 animals that’s going to cost $200,” she said.

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Oscar, a 7- or 8-year-old brown tiger cat, is recovering from surgery. He had to have a leg removed because it had a cancerous mass.

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One such dog, a 5-year-old Pekingese named Maude, came from a hoarding situation in the fall of 2016. Maddock said out of the nine dogs they took in then, two were in such “horrible” health they died, and seven lived.

Maude’s foster mom, Angela Renwick of Fenton, said Maude was shy when she first took her in. She had a terrible case of glaucoma that took away her ability to see. The doctor said the pressure in her eyes was at 45 mm Hg (millimeters of mercury). Normal eye pressure ranges from 12-22 mm Hg, and a migraine appears with pressure of 35 mm Hg.

“You can imagine the pain she was in. They were bulging. She couldn’t see at all. It didn’t appear they were bothering her, but a doctor said she had been in pain for so long it was the norm for her,” Renwick said.

Maddock said they made the difficult decision to have both her eyes removed. Maude felt much better soon after the first eye was removed because the pressure was gone.

“After the second one (surgery), I have a video of her jumping around, dancing when I was feeding her. You could see that change. It was almost overnight. She was still recovering from that pressure, but she was feeling better,” Renwick said.

Renwick, who’s been fostering dogs

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TELL HELLER THAT the reason it seems like Trump has been in office for years is because he’s done more good in a few weeks than the previous administration did in eight years.

TO LEFTIST LOONY claiming President Bush ranks 36th and Obama is 12th, why didn’t you cite your source? Because even you recognize NBC is a biased, fake news organization.

IF YOUR INFORMATION about dangerous driving is correct, it means that half of all traffic fatalities involve belted passengers and over two thirds involve impaired driving. Think about it.
MARCH 5
1953: Joseph Stalin, leader of the Soviet Union since 1924, dies in Moscow. Born in 1879, Josef Dzhugashvili was born in Georgia, then part of the old Russian empire. He was the son of a drunk who beat him mercilessly and a pious washerwoman mother. Stalin learned Russian in an Orthodox Church-run school. While succeeding to be a priest at Tbilisi Theological Seminary, he began secretly reading Karl Marx and other left-wing revolutionary thinkers. Stalin joined the more militant wing of the Marxist Social Democratic movement, the Bolsheviks, and became a student of its leader, Vladimir Ilich Lenin.

MARCH 6
1853: The Lonely Hearts Killers, Fernández and Beck, are executed in the electric chair at Sing Sing Prison in New York. Fernandez, are executed in the electric chair at Sing Sing Prison in New York. Martha Beck and Raymond Martinez, a British ferry leaving Zeebrugge, Belgium, capsizes, drowning 188 people. Shockingly poor construction of the ferry caused it to fail to find a mate. When the British government investigated the accident, they found that the owner of the ferry did not care about the safety of the passengers. He was a businessman who was only interested in making money. The government later said of it, from top to bottom, the ferry was a disaster. Lord Justice Barry Sheen, an investigator of the accident, later said of it, from top to bottom, the body corporate was affected with the disease of sloppiness.

MARCH 7
1887: A British ferry leaving Zeebrugge, Belgium, capsizes, drowning 188 people. Shockingly poor construction of the ferry caused it to sink. When the British government investigated the accident, they found that the owner of the ferry did not care about the safety of the passengers. He was a businessman who was only interested in making money. The government later said of it, from top to bottom, the body corporate was affected with the disease of sloppiness.

MARCH 8
1951: The Lonely Hearts Killers, Martha Beck and Raymond Martinez Fernandez, are executed in the electric chair at Sing Sing Prison in New York. The strange couple had schemed to seduce, rob and murder women who placed personal ads in newspapers.

MARCH 9
1985: The first-ever Adopt-a-Highway sign is erected on Texas’s Highway 69. The highway was adopted by the Tyler Civitan Club, which committed to picking up trash along a designated two-mile stretch of the road.
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150-mile memorial run to benefit veterans

Participants to run from Ludington to Bay City

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Fenton resident Andrew Siniarski is training to go the distance this May with a 150-mile run to benefit veterans.

From May 27-29, a group of runners will run up to 150 miles from Ludington to Bay City for the inaugural Veterans Memorial 150 Run.

“It’s open to anybody,” said Siniarski, who’s been running for eight years. Race Director Kurt Adams came up with the idea in 2015, Siniarski said, and they’ll both be running in the event. All proceeds go to the Michigan Warriors Hockey Program.

“The Michigan Warriors Hockey Program is a nonprofit organization created for charitable and recreational activities, namely, providing an educational and development hockey program for disabled veterans and to participate in volunteer community services,” Siniarski said.

Long distance races are not new for Siniarski or Adams. Adams has completed four 100-mile races, while Siniarski has completed three.

“While the distance is 50 miles longer than anything we’ve done, we’re not strangers to running long distances,” he said. Training takes place over a three-month period for Siniarski.

“For me to feel comfortable in my training, I need to do at least 300 miles a month. Kurt needs to be around 250 miles a month,” he said. “Every runner has a different comfort level in their training.”

People can register on ultrasignup.com. Registration closes on Friday, May 26 at 9 p.m. Veterans sign up for free. Running 100-150 miles cost $151.30. For a team running 150 miles, the cost is $50 per person. Anyone running less than 100 miles is $50.

“Anyone can still sign up and run,” he said.

TAXES

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It’s also possible that your state equalized value decreased or stayed the same.

Homeowners who disagree with their new assessment have options, the first of which is to seek the assistance of their local assessor.

According to Michiganpropertytax.com, homeowners who believe their values are too high should verify facts and then pursue a correction.

Compare your records and beliefs with the assessor’s and understand differences. For example, discrepancies in the square footage, or in the number of rooms or any other item affecting value should be explained.

Talk with your assessor about anything you believe is incorrect, missing or should be considered. If you are correct, most assessors will automatically correct errors of fact when they are discovered and you may not have to appear before your local Board of Review.

If you decide you must appear before the local Board of Review, be prepared to document facts and any value you believe should be placed on your home, according to Michiganantax.com.

Documentation includes:

• Examining sales the assessor may offer as evidence of the value of your property
• Finding recent sales of properties comparable to yours

If you do so, verify that the appraiser agrees that his or her work may be used by either you or the assessor as comparables.

• Examine comparables for glaring differences between them and your property. This could be age, lot size, condition, number of bedrooms, pools, garages, etc.

Homeowners also could consider hiring a professional real estate appraiser, one who has no financial or other interest in it, which might affect the estimate of value.

If you disagree, you can appeal to the Board of Review. If you decide you must appear before the Board of Review, be prepared to document facts and any value you believe should be placed on your home, according to Michiganantax.com.

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Make sure that all proper millage rates have been applied. Under Michigan law there is a “Homestead” millage rate, which applies to qualified residential and agricultural properties. Qualified means you live in the structure as your home to the extent required by law. The homestead rate is much lower than a “non-homestead” rate and often represents a tax reduction of more than 33 percent.

If you decide to appeal and your appeal involves complicated issues, it would be wise to submit your materials a week or more in advance of your appeal date so the assessor has a chance to review the information.

If after the Board of Review renders its decision the homeowner still disagrees, he has the right to appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. For more information, visit michigan.gov/ira.

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- New men’s retail store is owned and operated by Eclections, located next door

By Sally Rummel
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Nick + Crew is a new men’s store owned and operated by Nicole McCurdy and the Medich family. Located at 495 N. Fenway, Suite 2, this new retailer opened its doors a few weeks before Christmas and is now a full-service men’s shop, with new items arriving daily.

What made you think of opening a men’s store in Fenton?

It fills a void here in town. We cater to men of all ages, from young guys who like trends to men who are more traditional. Women like to shop for their men, too. That’s why we have an entryway between stores.

Where did the name Nick + Crew come from?

My parents (Dan and Martha Medich) have always called me Nic, plus my Dad has lots of relatives from Eastern Europe with the name, Nick. That’s the “Crew” part and is about our employees – we’re all a team.

What brands do you carry?

We’ve got younger brands like Oakley, the sunglasses and the clothing line; Reef clothing, sandals and accessories (including flip-flops with bottle opener on the bottom); tees, footwear from flip-flops to Born; Kuhl brand rugged fashion look and more. For more traditional styles, we carry Pendleton, Columbia, Adidas, to name a few.

Check out our cruise wear for spring break for both dads and sons. We also carry a lot of gifts, including luggage, grooming/bath/candles, wallets, etc.

What’s the ambiance like inside the store?

It’s got a garage-feel, with concrete floors. My dad did a lot of the build-out. He’ll be bringing over Indian motorcycles for display. We’re carrying Indian motorcycle-brand T-shirts and car T-shirts from Ford and Chevy.

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Nicole McCurdy, owner of Nick + Crew, stands in the new store attached to Eclections in Fenton. The store sells men’s clothing, gifts and accessories. Brands include Oakley, Columbia, Kuhl, Born and Reef.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I HAVE LISTENED to President Trump’s address to the Congress and the Senate in a joint session. I believe we have seen and heard a man who has become the President of the United States, for all. We must work together as Americans.

THANK YOU LINDEN Community Schools for your ad containing information about enrollment packages for next school year. Very helpful.

LEE HARVEY OSWALD’S name was added to the CIA’s memorial wall, not an honor wall. His name is also listed in the CIA memorial book between entries of fallen agents Felix Leiter and Charles Calthrop. Google it.

YOUR LEAD HOT line on Wednesday’s paper must be some of that Trump fake news I hear so much about. I can’t find reference to it anywhere.

THE PRESIDENTIAL SURVEY that ranked President Bush 36th was conducted by CSPAN using 91 presidential historians. Obama is ranked 12th. Reagan is ranked 9th. If you find issue with 36th, you might find issue with 9th.

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NASA scientists have recently discovered seven Earth-like planets outside of our solar system, a group of rocky globes they are calling TRAPPIST-1. They’re about 40 light years from Earth. That means using today’s rocket technology it would probably take about 11,250 years to get there. These planets are close enough that scientists are going to be able to study them – particularly when the James Webb Space Telescope launches (October 2018). It is believed four of these planets could be habitable. One of them paid a visit recently.

People of Earth have no concept of how big and vast the universe really is. It is endless, like a bottomless lake or ocean.

What is your name and how old are you?
Where I come from, we do not need names. Even though we all look the same to earthlings, we are identified by a specific symbol visible only to those of our species. Each symbol is unique; no two are the same. The symbols are located in our eyes. As far as my age, we do not measure time in such a manner. Since I am alive and will never die, age does not matter.

What do you mean you will never die?
Doesn’t it get crowded where you come from?
No, it does not. People of Earth have no concept of how big and vast the universe really is. It is endless, like a bottomless lake or ocean. There is more than enough room for all souls to live and be happy, and then some.

It sounds like heaven.
It would seem so, but no, heaven is far more magnificent. We often see the souls who have left their earthly bodies on the way to what you call heaven — their eternal home. We rejoice for them on their journey. They look so peaceful and happy. Ask yourself this, have any religions or faiths other than our own created a heaven that allows all souls to be happy?

You aren’t wearing clothes, don’t you feel naked?
Since all in my species are identical physically, why would we need to wear clothing? Plus, our bodies are such that we never feel cold or heat, so again, clothes are not necessary. That would really upset your famous designers wouldn’t it not?

What do you eat and drink to stay alive?
We consume water like humans, but we do not eat food like earthlings. There are no mammals on our planet except dogs and cats. We do not eat meat so mammals are not necessary. Dogs and cats are superior companions, not only on Earth, but throughout the universe. As far as what sustains us physically, we consume several different liquid concoctions made from foliage on our planet. I believe many humans have embraced the concept of blending super foods with liquid as a healthy meal.

How long have aliens been watching us?
We have been observing Earth and its people for billions of years. You are a fascinating, yet very sad species. You consider living to be 100 years old a good long run and actually prefer not to live much longer. We marvel at the fact that you consume everything you can from Earth, including things you should not like tobacco and other things that will kill you eventually. You show great intolerance for your differences. You are a jealous people. You fight bloody wars and will do just about anything for power and money. You wonder why we are so much more advanced than you. It is because we do not care about those unimportant, material things.

The one thing you do have going for yourselves is that like us, you for the most part seem to love each other very much — and that my friends is power.
VIDEO
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handed me a Flip Cam, and wanted to see us pursue and produce more videos. I remember when video ‘clicked’ for me. I was in Tunisia for my first big overseas project. I set up the Flip Cam on a small tripod for a busy street scene in front of me. If it were a photo, it would have simply been a nice, well composed scene-setting shot showing lots of activity with cars, pedestrians, buildings. But when I pushed ‘record,’ the static scene came alive with movement and sound. Then I got it. My photo project in Libya and Tunisia turned into a camcorder documentary instead.

The Times website now has dozens of videos, ranging from spot news of fires and car crashes, to feature videos about animals and self-produced advertising videos about local businesses.

The cliché is that ‘a picture is worth a thousand words.’ How many words are video worth? With video, you get the extra dimensions of sound and movement. For telling stories today, it has become invaluable.

Today, video is my life, and it’s also equal measure. I try to make a short video for as many feature or news stories as I can. Possibly the most viewed, recently produced video was about a local student, Rezza Gordon, who recently won an award for his locally produced video. The video gathered more than 5,000 views on YouTube.

Advertisers see results and recognition from our commercials. Realtor Ed Rezza Gordon, who recently won an award for his locally produced video. The video gathered more than 5,000 views on YouTube.

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Constable and his wife Laura are recognized frequently based on the short video featuring them. He’s earned a reputation as ‘the 9-to-9 guy,’ because of the video.

Aside from producing advertising videos for local businesses, I have a long-term documentary project in the works as well. Today, video is my life, and it’s also a huge part of online marketing and storytelling.

According to Forbes.com, online video is expected to grow in 2017. Facebook has rolled out the ‘live’ video streaming service for all users. Forbes contends that digital media, including video, is one of the best ways to reach the ‘elusive teen’ demographic.

Speaking of Facebook, the way it delivers videos online is always changing. Most recently, instead of being able to scroll away from one that you started watching, it pops up in the upper left corner, continuing play. Another important aspect of video is how easy it is for anyone to shoot footage, and share a piece of their lives. It has led to different styles of humor, perspectives and lifestyles to share quickly and easily. There are no longer gatekeepers like me, for video.

This means I personally have to make more ‘quick-and-dirty’ videos (meaning less time for polish and perfection) to share those extra dimensions of sound and movement with you, the reader. For my latest ‘quick-and-dirty’ video, go to tctimes.com. It’s about area firefighters who play dodgeball for training.

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ALL YOU RIGHT-wingers who support all these pipelines, why don’t you buy up the land and put your house over there and allow the pipes to go through your yard.

HOW ABOUT WHENEVER the Lahn Ring Road bridge gets repaired they widen it to include a walk/bike lane.

ANYONE WHO BUYS into this man-made climate change rhetoric needs to understand that carbon dioxide is not a greenhouse gas. Plants need Co2 to survive. Plant a tree and shut up.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE separate the political Hot lines like before the election. I can’t take any more.

SINCE WHEN DID it become un-American to be proud to be an American? Liberal Democrats would have you believe that having pride and patriotism is somehow racist. Employers complaining that deporting illegals would hurt their business shouldn’t have been taking advantage of illegals in the first place. If you want to play by the rules, suffer the consequences.

IF WE HAVE driveless cars what will happen to NASCAP? Full size slot cars? A robotic 500?

THE SWAMP IS deep. Known as the ‘shadow government,’ the Globalist, Council on Foreign Relations has a goal of a global dictatorship through the UN. Trump has caused a setback to their plans. These Democrats and Republicans, like McCain, want Trump stopped at all costs.

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This is the BEST long term weight loss program available!

Hypnotherapy is perfect for Stop Smoking, Anxiety, Sports and Business Performance and more.

Ask about our #1 in the state, STOP SMOKING PROGRAM with an 88.8% success rate

Triple Count Times | Hannah Ball

Times Media Editor Tim Jagielo conducts a video interview with staff at the Times for an anniversary video last summer. The image is from video footage Hannah Ball shot of the process.

Why virtual bariatric surgery is better

This is the best long term weight loss option

Bariatric surgery seems like the perfect solution. And it might be, if it weren’t for the failure rate. Importantly, according to an NIH study, lap-band surgery only has a 65 percent success rate.

Other problems include focal incon tinence. More than a third develop gallstones. Alarmingly, according to the New York Times, one study calculated suicide rates for patients at five times more than normal.

Virtual Bariatric Surgery, is different. Clients go into hypnotic trance and have imaginary bariatric surgery. Once out of trance, they eat like they’ve had the surgery, but with zero side effects. And the cost is tiny by comparison to the real surgery. But insurance does not cover it. The great news is this: It has a 74 percent success rate.

Dr. Tomlinson, certified in the procedure, believes hypnosis allows clients to do more. Weight problems are psychological. As such, his eight-week program helps clients with the deep-seated issues that keep clients from losing weight.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

ALL YOU RIGHT-wingers who support all these pipelines, why don’t you buy up the land and put your house over there and allow the pipes to go through your yard.

HOW ABOUT WHENEVER the Lahn Ring Road bridge gets repaired they widen it to include a walk/bike lane.

ANYONE WHO BUYS into this man-made climate change rhetoric needs to understand that carbon dioxide is not a greenhouse gas. Plants need Co2 to survive. Plant a tree and shut up.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE separate the political Hot lines like before the election. I can’t take any more.

SINCE WHEN DID it become un-American to be proud to be an American? Liberal Democrats would have you believe that having pride and patriotism is somehow racist. Employers complaining that deporting illegals would hurt their business shouldn’t have been taking advantage of illegals in the first place. If you want to play by the rules, suffer the consequences.

IF WE HAVE driveless cars what will happen to NASCAP? Full size slot cars? A robotic 500?

THE SWAMP IS deep. Known as the ‘shadow government,’ the Globalist, Council on Foreign Relations has a goal of a global dictatorship through the UN. Trump has caused a setback to their plans. These Democrats and Republicans, like McCain, want Trump stopped at all costs.
**Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry**

Every Friday: March 3rd - April 7th
4:00pm - 7:00pm

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3 Pieces of hand dipped cod (fried, baked or Cajun,) application, homemade coleslaw, dessert & drink
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Call 810-629-3560 for take-out

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**Police & Fire Report**

**DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH AT FENTON CITY PARKS**
Interim Fenton Police Chief Jason Slater is reminding residents and visitors that all dogs must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet while at any of the city’s parks, including Bush Park. He has heard complaints from park guests about unleashed dogs running around the parks. This is a violation of the city’s ordinance and offenders are subject to penalty.

Slater reminds visitors of Silver Lake Beach Park that no dogs, except for certified guide dogs, are allowed at the park.

**MAN FLEES, APPREHENDED ONE HOUR LATER**
A 40-year-old Fenton Township man was arrested on an outstanding warrant on Tuesday, Feb. 28. As a deputy was attempting to arrest the man at his home in the Lake Ponemah Trailer Park, the man fled on foot.
Area police departments, as well as the sheriff’s K-9 unit responded to the area to assist with locating the man. Approximately one hour later, the man was arrested without incident when he returned to his home.

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**FED UP**
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These are only a couple of the shocking facts I learned while watching “Fed Up,” a documentary on Netflix about nutrition and the childhood obesity crisis the U.S. is facing. If you choose to watch anything this weekend, it should be “Fed Up.” Here’s why.

Health insurance companies invest billions in fast food companies. In 2010, companies that provided health and life insurance owned $1.9 billion worth of stocks in the fast-food industry, according to ABC.com. These health insurance companies make money off of people being unhealthy and needing medical care. “Fed Up” also compares food industries to how the tobacco companies acted decades ago, with the public about the effects of smoking.

The movie follows a few families with obese children and their struggle trying to lose weight.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), childhood obesity has more than tripled since the 1970s, yet it’s generally remained flat in the past decade. Major goal to eat what they think are healthy foods and exercise more, but the documentary explains how processed foods, especially ones with a lot of sugar, can be huge culprits.

The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends that a normal weight adult should eat about 25 grams, or 6 teaspoons of sugar a day, which is about 5 percent of their daily calories. If you look on the nutrition label on granola bars, a normal Nature Valley bar contains about 7 grams of sugar. One yogurt cup of strawberry Chobani yogurt contains 15 grams of sugar.

The documentary points the finger at increased sugar consumption for obesity, yet experts warn that correlation is not causation. Harriet Hall, M.D., explains in sciencebasedmedicine.org that it hasn’t been definitely proven that an increase in sugar intake causes obesity.

The movie shows this with one young boy who complains that his brother eats the same as him, but stays skinny. This explains how people can be thin on the outside but fat on the inside, often called TOFI.

This is because some people have their fat around their internal organs, which can be very dangerous because that’s the fat that leads to insulin resistance, diabetes and heart conditions, according to theguardian.com. “Fed Up” states that TOFIs still need to eat healthy and exercise as well.

Many people think that by limiting their calorie intake, they’ll lose weight. The documentary and many scientists believe this isn’t necessarily true. Calories from carbohydrates like white bread, cookies, crackers, and breakfast cereals raises your blood level of insulin, telling the body to store more fat, according to Time magazine.

Foods like nuts, avocados, and fish are often healthier even though they may contain more calories. The documentary also highlights the ignorance of many Americans when it comes to food and what’s considered healthy. One mother talked about switching from normal Hot Pockets to lean Hot Pockets and thinking it made a difference in her son’s weight. Another young boy thought he was preparing a healthy lunch for school by making a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, which contains white bread and lots of sugar.

Don’t immediately believe every fact you hear from the documentary. A Google search reveals opposing opinions and studies about certain numbers, but most of the critics I’ve read agree that the consumption of processed foods is a problem in America and the movie does good by raising awareness.

You can watch “Fed Up” on Netflix or buy it online.

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**Lake Fenton Community Schools**
West Shore Elementary
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Phone (810) 591-6542

**Kindergarten Roundup**
March 16th
5:30 - 7:30 pm

**Who Should Attend?**
Parents of students who will be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2017.

**Required Documents to Register:**
- State Issued Birth Certificate
- Immunization RECORD
- Proofs of residency:
  - Homeowner: Purchase agreement, closing papers or deed
  - Renter: Current lease/rental agreement
- Property tax statement
- 2 Different current utility bills
- Vision and Hearing Screening Required prior to the start of School

**Your child may be eligible for Young 5’s program based on the following criteria:**
- Birthday must be between June 1st and September 1st
- Kindergarten readiness screening
- Evaluator’s recommendation

Non resident interested in attending LFCS may pick up a school of choice application at administrative services: 11425 Torrey Rd. Ph. 810-591-6542

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**Big Boy**
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property and its subsequent closing. I don’t own the (Big Boy) property, so his dealings are with our landlord. They haven’t purchased the Big Boy. Concurrent with the purchase, we’d have to be on a lease buy-out.”

Big Boy currently leases space from former franchise owner Phil Youssef and Youssef Investments LLC. “Many months ago, we had agreed in principal to the deal that it would take to forego the lease,” said Sirois. “They would buy out our lease rights. But I haven’t heard anything from them.”

Sirois says that all of this uncertainty has hurt the employees the most.

“The (Flint-based) news story (about possibly tearing down Pizza Hut and Big Boy for a proposed strip mall) has really created a problem for us. Many of our employees have quit; there’s more turnover. We haven’t looked at our opportunity. We’re very careful not to tweak too much. We’ve been very well supported in Fenton. We’re very careful not to tweak too much. We haven’t looked at our opportunities yet in Fenton, because we still don’t know anything. I’ll have to have our development folks start looking.
### Tri-County Times Church Directory

#### Apostolic

**The Carpenter's House Church**
2740 Grange Hall Rd. • Fenton
Corner of Fish Lake Rd.
248-328-9844
Pastor James Dishaw 248-634-2195
Sunday Morning Service 11:00 am
Wednesday Evenig 7:00 pm
Wednesday Youth Service 6:30 pm

#### Baptist

**Faith Baptist Church of Linden**
4518 Silver Li. Rd. • Linden
810-735-9339
David Patz, Senior Pastor
Jason Coldwell, Worship Pastor
Wes Crawford, Youth Pastor
www.faithlinden.org
Children & Teen Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Christian Education Classes 9:30 am
Children’s Church 9:30 am
Wednesday Kids Club & Youth Group 6:30 pm
Nursery (2-2 1/2 yrs), available at all times.

**First Baptist Church of Swartz Creek**
5372 Seymore Rd. • Swartz Creek
810-635-7016
Jim E. Nelson, Sr. Pastor
Shawn Cook, Associate and Youth Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Evening Service 6:00 pm
Wednesday Night 7:00 pm
Adult Bible Study, Youth Grade 12 Classes, Kids Club (K-5 Grad), Mission Friends (3-5 years)

#### Catholic

**St. Augustine Church**
6481 Faussett Rd. • Howell
517-546-9807
Father Gregg Pleiness, Pastor
Saturday Mass 11:00 am
Sunday Mass 8:30 am & 10:30 pm
Weekday Mass Wed-Fri 8:30 am
Confessions Saturday 4 pm

**St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church**
600 N. Adelaide • Fenton
810-629-2251
Father Robert Copeland, Pastor
Father Jim Rolph, Associate Pastor
Saturday Mass 6:30 pm
Sunday Mass 8:30 am & 10:00 am
Confessions Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm
Daily Mass in Church M-F 8:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Following Friday Mass until 4:45pm Benediction

**St. Rita Catholic Church**
309 E. Maple St. • Holly
248-634-4841
Fr. Daniel Blazeck, Pastor
Saturday Mass 4:00 pm
Sunday Mass 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon
Weekday Mass Tues-Thur 9:00 am
Reconciliation after Sat. 4 pm Mass or by appt.

#### Christian Science

**First Church of Christ, Scientist**
204 E. Rockwell • Fenton
810-629-3211
Church Service 11:00 am
Wednesday Evenig 7:00 pm

**Episcopal

**St. Jude’s Episcopal Church**
106 E. Elizabeth St. • Fenton
810-629-5681
Holy Communion 8:00 am, 10:30 am
Children Program at Godly Play 10:15 am

**Full Gospel

**Hope Lutheran Church, LC-MS**
7355 W. Silver Lake Road
(behind Linden High School)
Linden, MI 48451
810-735-4807
www.hopleinden.org
Pastor Steve Schilke
Sunday Worship 8:15 am & 10:45 am
Adult Bible Study 9:30 am
Sunday School 9:30 am

**Lutheran

**Linden United Methodist Church**
2581 N. Long Lake Rd. • Fenton
810-629-5161
Pastor Chad Shay
Sunday Worship 9:00 am
Sunday School 10:00 am

**Methodist

**Holly Calvary United Methodist Church**
1520 N. Holly Rd. • Holly
248-634-9711
www.hollycalvary.org
Rev. Cliff Schroeder
Sunday Worship 9:30 am
Sunday School 10:15 am
Nursey Provided at all services.

**Lake Fenton United Methodist Church**
2581 N. Long Lake Rd. • Fenton
810-629-5161
Pastor Crystal Thomas
Church Service 10:00 am
Coffee House 10:00 am
Nursey Available

**Linden Free Methodist Church**
13774 S. Linden Rd. • Linden
810-735-4564
Pastor William Moul
Assoc. Pastor Mike Anderson
Sunday Church Service 10:00 am
Sunday School 11:15 am
Sunday Night Teen Programs 5:00 pm
www.LindenFreeMethodist.org

**Nazarene

**Argentine Church of the Nazarene**
16248 S. Seymour Rd. • Linden
810-735-7118
Pastor Robert Lindsay
Sunday Worship 9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am (Junior Church and Nursery Provided)
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm

**Fenton Church of the Nazarene**
10735 Runyl Lake Rd. • Fenton
810-750-6544
Pastor Ron Sharpe
Sunday Worship Services 11:00 am
Sunday School for all ages 10:00 am
Nursey provided for Sunday services.

**Non-Denominational

**The Road Community Church**
9141 Hartland Rd. • Fenton
810-750-0350
Pastor Linda Living-Hawley
Sunday Worship Schedule
Celebratory Worship 10:00 am
Children’s Sunday School 10:30 am
Fellowship 11:30 am

**Tyrome Covenant Presbyterian Church**
10235 White Lake Rd. • Fenton
810-735-7755
Pastor Dave Myers
Traditional Service 9:30 am
Contemporary Service 10:30 am
Children’s Church 10:30 am
(Nursery provided each service)

**Tyrome Community Presbyterian Church**
10235 White Lake Rd. • Fenton
810-629-1261
TyromaPCA.com
Pastor, James Jonas
Sunday Worship (Includes Children’s Church) 10:15 am
Sunday School 9:00 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Youth Group & Family Night Wed. Wedings

**Seventh Day Adventist

**Fenton Seventh Day Adventist**
408 Fifth St. • Fenton
810-629-9493
Pastor Chris Ames
Church Worship 10:00 am
Sabbath School 11:00 am
Prayer Meeting 11:00 am

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The information provided includes details about various churches and their services, such as addresses, contact numbers, and times for different services like worship, Bible study, and Sunday school. It also mentions the presence of nursery services and special programs like Bible study groups and youth groups. The text is organized in a directory format, making it easy for users to find the information they need quickly.
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Calling all TEACHERS

As the end of the school year approaches, are you suffering from stress and soreness from being on your feet for many months on end?

Chiropractic care can help you! In addition, most educator’s health insurance covers not only chiropractic adjustments but massage and orthotics as well!

Teachers play many roles including educating their students, counselors, babysitters, employees and public speakers, just to name a few. It is well known that this career can be very stressful and taxing. Our office offers many services that can help solve these issues for you and get you feeling refreshed and at your best.

Chiropractic adjustments will not only help take away the aches and pains of the physical demand of your job, but also improve your body’s response to stress helping you cope and perform your job at your very best.

Massage therapy can also ease muscle tension, increase mobility and circulation, curing many aches and pains associated with the physical demand teachers face every day. Aside from body and feet aches, massage therapy is also a successful, non-medicinal cure for headaches and migraines associated with stress.

If your main concern is foot pain and soreness, orthotics is a great option for you. (custom designed devices to restore natural foot function). When your feet are not functioning properly, you may experience heel, knee and lower back pain. Orthotics create a better weight distribution which takes pain off of sore spots.

Area teen shares painful memories and recovery of motorcycle crash

By Sharon Stone sstone@tctimes.com; 810-433-6786

An 18-year-old Fenton graduate and Baker College student is recovering from injuries she sustained in a motorcycle crash last month. She is hoping by sharing her story that motorists will be reminded that it is motorcycle season again and to be more aware of their increased presence on the road.

Brooke Callaghan was a passenger on a Suzuki motorcycle, driven by a 21-year-old Fenton man.

According to Interim Fenton Police Chief Jason Slater, Callaghan and her friend were westbound on North Road in Fenton. Police were dispatched to the 900 block of North Road, near Poplar Street, at 5:48 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 22 in response to a personal injury crash involving their motorcycle and a pickup truck.

The investigation revealed that a 51-year-old Fenton woman was backing out of her driveway on North Road. Slater said a vehicle parked in a neighbor's driveway blocked the woman’s view of the road as she backed into the roadway. Not seeing the motorcycle, the woman backed into the motorcycle’s path, causing the driver of the motorcycle to swerve.

Unable to clear the pickup truck, the motorcycle struck the side of the truck, causing both riders on the motorcycle to be thrown from the bike. Both were wearing helmets. Slater said Callaghan was transported to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township for treatment of back pain.

Neither the driver of the motorcycle nor the driver of the truck were injured.

The driver of the truck was ticketed as the at-fault driver in the crash, according to Slater.

Callaghan, who has ridden numerous times on motorcycles over the past few years, had never been in an accident before. The day she and her friend went out riding was an unusually warm and sunny day for February.

When her friend noticed the truck ready to back out of the driveway, she said he revved the bike’s engine to bring attention to them. The driver of the truck didn’t see them and backed out.

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Brooke Callaghan
Fenton resident

“...”We had nowhere to go and no other choice than to hit the side of the truck,” she said. “The impact caused me to be thrown 40 or so feet across the road in which I hit my back and rolled.”

Callaghan said she was in the intensive care unit for three days. Her prognosis is compression fractures in two vertebrae in the lower lumbar along with the surrounding disc being herniated with a large possibility of becoming paralyzed.

No surgery has been decided yet and she is now recovering at home.

“I’m using a walker and back brace whenever I’m forced to walk around the house,” she said. “Other than that I’m bed-ridden and am having an in-home nurse and physical therapist.”

Callaghan, who just began a modeling career, is putting that on hold since her recovery is expected to take approximately six months.

A gofundme account has been set up for anyone wishing to provide monetary or moral support for the aspiring model in Fenton.

Motorcycle facts

• A total of 4,693 motorcyclists died in crashes in 2015 nationwide. Motorcyclist deaths had been declining since the early 1990s but began to increase in 1998 and continued to increase through 2008. Motorcycle deaths accounted for 13 percent of all motor vehicle crash deaths in 2015 and were more than double the number of motorcyclist deaths in 1997.

• In the early 1980s, the proportion of fatally injured motorcyclists who were 50 and older started to increase, rising from 3 percent of all rider deaths in 1982 to 13 percent in 1997 and 35 percent in 2015. In contrast, 30 percent of the fatally injured motorcyclists in 2015 were younger than 30, compared with 80 percent in 1975.

• In 2015, 61 percent of fatally injured motorcycle drivers were helmeted. Helmet use was lower, at 47 percent, for people killed as passengers on motorcycles.

Source: Insurance Institute for Highway Safety
Fenton’s robotics team pilots their robot around the Fenton High School Media Center for the first time in February of 2015. Most local schools have vibrant robotics teams where they gain first-hand knowledge of the technology.

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Activities most susceptible to automation are physical activities in structured and unsurprising environments, like a factory, along with data collection and processing. These are jobs in manufacturing, accommodation and food service, and retail, according to McKinsey. This amounts to about 51 percent of activities in the U.S. economy. Half of work activities performed by humans today could be automated by 2055. McKinsey estimates that higher-level jobs could have some aspect of automation. The list includes butchers and meat cutters, mechanics, painters, sewers, welders, mail clerks, technicians, and a few other jobs.

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Nine tri-county wrestlers capture first-round wins at state tourney

By David Troppens
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Nine tri-county wrestlers entered Friday’s second day of the individual state wrestling tournament with a chance to still win a title. The day’s second round featured three matches of the individual state championships alive as well.

Jarrett Trombley is looking to make it three titles in three years, and the 130-pounder set a strong first-match pace by defeating Whitehall’s Trent Blanchard by technical fall. Meanwhile, Trent Hilliger (285) is looking to cap his final three seasons of his prep career with three straight titles. The Wisconsin-bound wrestler opened with a pinfall victory against Hemlock’s Emiliano Flores. Both wrestlers entered the tournament undefeated this season.

Four other Blue Devils won first-round matches. Hunter Corcoran (125) earned a technical fall victory against Croswell-Lexington’s Christopher Lilly in his opening round match. Jackson Nevaodamski (152) opened with a 9-0 decision victory against Algonac’s Jake Jewell. A.J. Geyer (112) advanced to a state championship match a year ago and began this season’s possible title run with a pinfall win against Delton Kellogg’s Ethan Reed. Sean Trombley (140) earned a tough 5-4 decision win against Richland’s Gary Reck.

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Fenton’s Chloe Idoni (middle) scored 21 points in the Tigers’ 58-48 victory against Brandon on Wednesday.

Tigers headed to district final

By David Troppens
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GRAND BLANC — Last year Emma Evo had to sit on the bench and watch her Fenton varsity girls basketball teammates capture a Class A district title. Out due to a near season-long injury, she was able to play in the regional final (state championship), Evo had no choice.

This season, she’s back and making an impact. Evo netted 13 points, 13 rebounds and three assists, helping the Fenton Tigers to a 58-48 Class A district semifinal victory at Grand Blanc High School. Evo performed the best when the team needed her most, during the third quarter. Fenton led just 29-25 at halftime, but Evo scored nine of Fenton’s 22 third-quarter points, leading the Tigers to a 51-34 lead by the end of the stanza. Evo never led by less than six points from that point on.

“It’s different because I’m playing,” Evo said, describing the obvious difference between last year and this season. “It’s just a lot nicer to be on the court with my teammates and being able to actually compete on the floor with them.

“(In the third quarter) I think we opened our mouths and started talking more. We were kind of lacking that in the first quarter. We just started working together. The first part was kind of hectic but we eventually got it together.”

The Tigers (15-6) defeated Brandon twice during the regular season with the Blackhaws averaging just 24 points in those contests. However, Brandon went on a perimeter shooting frenzy in the opening half, netting 32 points. Evo sparks strong third quarter in win vs. Brandon

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Bronchos’ third quarter sparks victory vs. Linden

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Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Brian VanBuren consoles one of his players, Morgan Furey, just after she fouled out of the Blue Devils

Foul troubles cost Blue Devils in district semifinal

By Dale M. Smith
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Lake Fenton — It was a disappointing end to the 2016-2017 season for the Lake Fenton girls’ basketball team. Off to a great start in the first quarter while dominating the boards, the Blue Devils were beset by too many turnovers and fouls as the game went on as they fell to Ovid-Elsie on their home court Wednesday night, 47-41.

Lake Fenton came out of the gate to open the districts on fire. After a Taylor Cooper 3-pointer and a basket by Saige Fuller, the Blue Devils were up 8-0 early. They excelled on both ends of the floor off the glass and led 10-2 at the end of the first quarter. The Devils had 11 boards in the first quarter with freshman, Katelyn Siebert, hauling in five on her own.

Ovid-Elsie battled back to tie it at 13, with most of those points coming courtesy of free throws. The Marauders attacked the basket and it paid off. They were 11 out of 14 in the first half alone and were in the double-bonus in both halves, while getting there in the second half in only the third quarter.

When the game began to look like it would be decided solely on free throws, the Devils’ freshman, Morgan Furey, came off the bench to drop in two threes just before the half and help Lake Fenton maintain a 21-19 edge at the break.

The Devils held serve through the third quarter despite Fuller, Siebert and Furey each picking up their third fouls by midway through the third quarter.

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