



'People love their Big Boy'

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TIM JAGIELO
Big Boy in Fenton opened in 1974 and has been a popular destination for decades. It faces an uncertain future now that neighboring Pizza Hut has closed its doors, purchased by a developer with tentative plans to build a strip mall.

■ 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

See **BIG BOY** on 18A

“I don’t have a date to say when we’re going to stop. I have to say it looks like the developers are moving forward, based on their (reported) comments.”

Keith Sirois

Big Boy chief executive officer

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LOCAL BUILDERS SEE MOMENTUM IN 2017

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2016 NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR

Are your property taxes too high?

■ Boards of Review meet this month to hear homeowner concerns

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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

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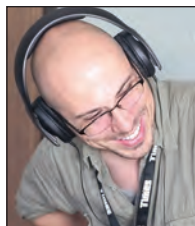
■ Click, watch, and learn about your community, local businesses

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

See **VIDEO** on 17A



Tim Jagielo

Poker tourney raises \$8,200 for Fenton schools



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Dennis Smith leaves the table in the "blue room" at the Fenton Hotel during the first round of cards at the Col. William Fenton Texas Hold 'em Tournament Thursday evening. Smith was one of 75 registered players and the proceeds from the Fenton Education Foundation event will benefit Fenton Area Public Schools.

See story on page 8A

Adopt-A-Pet takes on hard cases

■ Fenton organization aims to provide a 'happily ever after' for every pet they rescue

By Hannah Ball

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So far this year, as of March 2, Adopt-A-Pet of Fenton has adopted out 125 of animals.

Director Jody Maddock said in 2015, they

adopted out more than 1,100. In 2016, they adopted out 1,033 animals to permanent homes.

Adopt-A-Pet had fewer adoptions in 2016 compared to 2015, but only because they took

See **ADOPT-A-PET** on 10A



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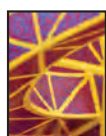
Gretchen, a beagle mix, needs specific medical care before she can be adopted out by Adopt-A-Pet of Fenton.

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“Since Fenton is proud of its history, why doesn't the city commission bronze statues of significant historical figures to be made and placed around the city instead of spending money on the art many do not appreciate?”



“The article on Presidential 'oops' throughout history forgot the one that is probably the biggest one ever. When Obama said, 'If you like your health insurance, you can keep your health insurance.'”



“Why not declare 225 W. Caroline (old Topps location) a nuisance property? The lot clearly fits the city code definition of 'nuisance.' You have no problem enforcing the code on your residents, why is this one exempt?”



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In Canada, McDonald's is already implementing kiosks where customers order from a computer instead of a person.

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Are they taking over the workforce?



PHOTO: UBER NEWSROOM

A few cities across America have self-driving Uber cars, which is an indication that automation is becoming more widespread in the workforce.

■ They don't pay taxes that support economy, but can be cost effective for businesses

By Hannah Ball

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Self-driving Ubers are being tested in certain cities across America. Manufacturing companies are using robots to complete certain factory line tasks. McDonald's is implementing kiosks so customers order from a computer instead of a person.

Robots are taking over parts of the workforce, and they're expected to take over many jobs.

Michael Wright, who's the coach of the Fenton AGS Middle School FIRST Tech Challenge robotics team and coach of the Durant-Tuuri-Mott FIRST Lego League, is the information service manager at the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation where he works with computers.

"There's no question that automated process will be replacing humans for different jobs and functions," he said. "That's not anything new."

Wright said looking back 30 years when car companies in Michigan began introducing robots into the factory line, low-skilled factory line jobs started disappearing. When he was a kid, there'd be 30 cashiers working at a grocery store and now he said he'll see three or four.

Companies are trying to maximize

returns on cutting costs, and people are often forgotten.

"I do feel like we're approaching this horizon where there's going to be an acceleration of jobs and functions that people currently handle that is going to be taken over by automated systems," he said. "There's all this talk about driverless cars but I expect in the next

10 years we'll see driverless trucks." By that time, he expects there will be a broader, national conversation about how to move forward utilizing machines in the workforce.

Approximately 49 percent of jobs worldwide can be done by some sort of machine or robot

using artificial intelligence software, according to McKinsey Global Institute. However, McKinsey points out that less than 5 percent of occupations are candidates for full automation. The rest have potential for partial automation.

See **ROBOTS** on 21A

“You’re breaking down the system that we have in place for maintaining our infrastructure. Robots are not paying property taxes on a house, not helping fund public schools.”

Michael Wright

Information Service Manager at the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation

Are you 'Fed Up?'

■ Obesity documentary focuses on health crisis of processed foods

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All calories are not created equal. In 1980, cases of type 2 diabetes in children, previously known as “adult onset diabetes,” were practically unheard of. From 2001 to 2009, type 2 diabetes rose 30 percent in children ages 10 to 19.



Hannah Ball

Health insurance companies invest billions in fast food stocks. Thin people can be fat on the inside.

See **FED UP** on 18A



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The documentary “Fed Up,” which is available on Netflix, highlights childhood obesity and shows the ignorance of many consumers when it comes to healthy foods.

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And another thing...

• **News reports keep** saying the Michigan State Police are cracking down on left lane lurkers, but I doubt it. I've never known anyone who got such a ticket. If they ever do, I'm all in favor, though. As a longtime commuter, I think they should get a ticket and the death penalty. And lose all of their family assets.

• **Too harsh? OK**, fine, just the ticket then. But so you know, left-lane hogs are second on Andy's 'Extremely Long List of Annoying Things You People Do on the Road.' First is tailgating. Or not parking within the lines. Or blocking a freeway



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

lane that ends in a mile. (The lane is there to give people time to merge. You're not being a hero by blocking it — you're defeating the purpose of the road design.) Or just existing and getting in my way. Or flicking lit

butts out your window at night. Or in the day, for that matter. Maybe you should stay home or take the bus.

• **But here's what** I don't get: If someone is going the speed limit in the left lane, is it legal to go faster than the speed limit to pass them?

• **Oprah Winfrey hinted** this week that she might run for president in 2020. Please, God, no. I've had my fill of TV people in the White House.

• **Besides, if she** decided to run we'd have no end of 'you get an entitlement, and you get an entitlement, and you get an entitlement' jokes.

• **Would that make** Stedman the nation's first Significant Other?

• **Good Housekeeping magazine**, which, to my amazement still exists, says the 'appledoodle' is Michigan's most delicious cookie. Um, not to be picky or anything but shouldn't a cookie that's supposedly Michigan's best be something people in Michigan have heard of? I certainly haven't and I'm a cookie connoisseur.

• **As the newly** self-appointed GM of the Detroit Tigers, I hereby release Mike Pelfrey and Anibel Sanchez and anoint Mikie Mahtook the everyday centerfielder. You're welcome, Tigers fans.

• **They're going 90-72** this season, by the way. Mark it down. Unless I'm

wrong, then I'll deny I ever said it.

• **By the way**, why are people griping about Major League Baseball dumping the intentional walk rule? Is there really that much drama in watching a pitcher struggle to throw four consecutive meaningless pitches?

• **I'm not a violent** guy, but the commercial where a woman with positively fluorescent teeth shames her friend, who also has positively fluorescent teeth, into using whitening strips makes me want to smack someone. Anyone who uses those things ought to watch the old 'Friends' episode where Ross whitens his teeth first.

• **Would you eat** one of those Taco Bell things with pressed chicken in the form of a taco shell? You would? What's wrong with you?

• **How come people** watch the Oscars when they haven't seen any of the movies up for awards? Isn't that like watching cooking shows when you don't cook?

• **I'm officially over** winter. I can tell because I'm seriously hating everyone who goes on vacation in the tropics.

• **'We accept the love** we think we deserve.' — Stephen Chbosky

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“I’m officially over winter. I can tell because I’m seriously hating everyone who goes on vacation in the tropics.”

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WHOSE IDEA WAS it for Jimmy Kimmel to host the Oscars? Can't they get any real stars?

AFTER READING THE foodie destination article, I thought 'well, we dine out in town quite often. We're a family of four. When going out to dinner, we probably average \$50-75. Do the math. Dining out an average of four and a half times a week with tips brings the monthly total to much more than my house payment.

IN JUST LESS than a year Fenton has lost Kmart, Ruby Tuesday's, Bob Evans, Pizza Hut and soon Big Boy. All of them near the same area. What's going on?

TO THE HOT-LINER who asked 'why do Republicans lie about things that never happened?' Are you kidding me? Why do Democrats lie about things that never happened? Stop the nonsense please.

SITTING HERE IN the Walmart parking lot, I see this woman probably in her early 30s with a young child come out,

jump into her silver Volkswagen with a handicap sticker.

THE REPUBLICANS MAKE up their own alternative facts. If you tell them a lie three or four times, they believe them.

GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED NEWS is the greatest enemy.

FOR THE REPUBLICAN Hot-liners, please explain to me the side of letting severely mentally ill people buy guns. Republican congress people feel this is OK.

HIGH SCHOOL CIVICS is no longer required. The fact it's an elective is self-evident in the Hot lines.

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY is sinking faster than the Titanic and it is no longer relevant. They have lost congressmen, governors, legislatures and of course the presidency. It's a new day.

TO ALL THE conservatives writing in the Hot lines, Trump started the fake news. If he calls everything that the news puts out as 'fake news,' he's a fake person.

THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA censors by omission on many political hot topics. If it's dirt that helps their agenda they air it. If it's something that hurts their agenda they do not air it. It's called selective exposure, and sadly many Americans are propagandized daily without ever suspecting they are being spoon fed liberal concepts and programs.

TRUMP SAID HE'D do away with Obamacare on day one. Now he stalls with 'it's complicated.' Oh really?

COULD IT BE that Trump's wall is meant to stop the suckers that voted for him from leaving the country?

THE TRUMP RUSSIA investigation is similar to the Nixon Watergate investigation.

I KNOW HOW to add. Both Republicans and the Democrats and the American people have to come together to bring down this deficit. We cannot go on with unlimited entitlements from Medicare and Social Security. These programs have to be pulled back and revamped because it's two-thirds of our budget. It is breaking us.

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Do you believe in aliens or other life on planets?

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streettalk



"Absolutely, I just think there's got to be something out there."

Duane Dawidomcz
Linden



"I used to when I was younger, not so much today."

Ronald Wienczak
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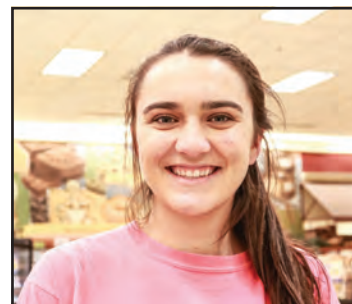
"I think it's a distinct possibility."

Amy Amthor
Fenton



"Probably. Why not? It could be any kind of life not necessarily a being."

Charles Ward
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"A little I guess. Some things or theories make sense."

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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 Argentine 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, Geneva Drive, and Alpine Drive. Items like iPhone chargers, spare change, GPS devices, and one firearm were taken from unclocked 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.

“It's an information delivery system. Like a neighborhood watch group.”

Daniel Allen

Argentine Township police chief

SUMMARY

■ Argentine Township Clerk Denise Graves told the audience at the Monday meeting about a neighborhood watch website nextdoor.com.

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 like. 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 littered 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



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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
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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,



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO
Trisha Peake celebrates winning a hand at the poker tourney on Thursday evening. The event raised \$8,200 for the Fenton Education Foundation.

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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HOT LINE CONTINUED
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NEWSPAPERS AND THE rest of the media are very important to keep the administration on a true path and not deviate for their own private agenda. We need the media more than ever to keep a check and validation on the administration and to stand up for the benefit of the people and not the administration's sometimes faulty agenda. Their agenda sometimes needs to be questioned and the media will do it and bring forth the truth.
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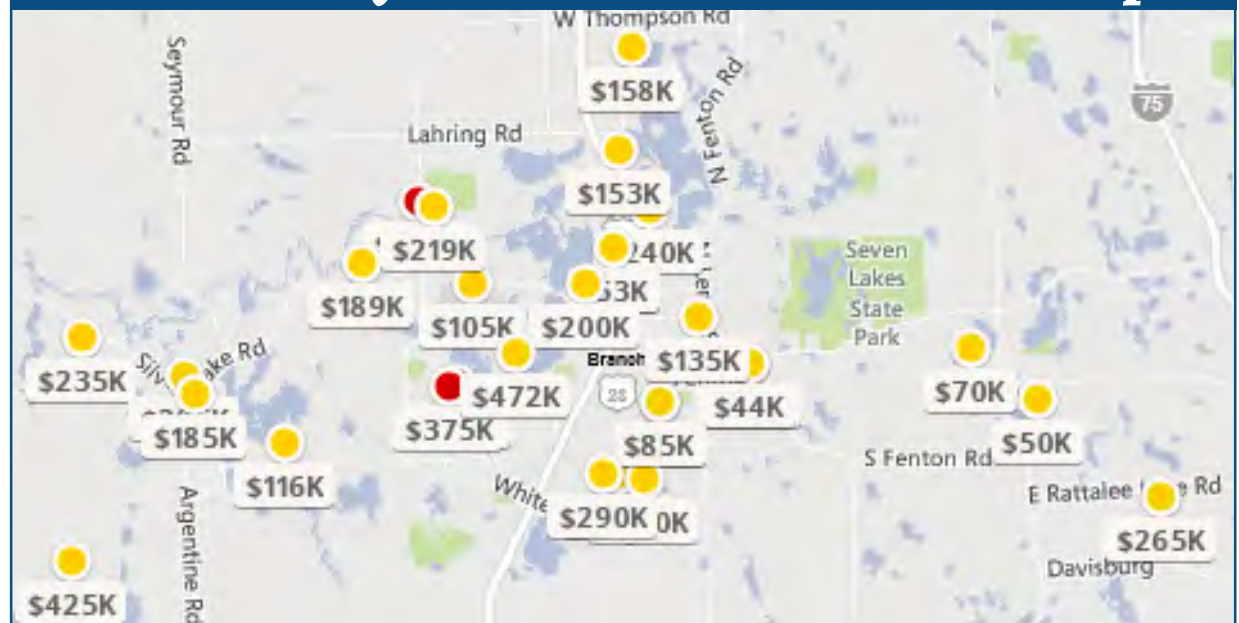
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ADOPT-A-PET

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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.

SUMMARY

■ Animals that come from hoarding situations often have severe medical problems. One such dog, Maude, a 5-year-old Pekingese, had to have both her eyes removed.

"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 who's going to cost \$1,000 as opposed to 10 animals that's going to cost \$200," she said. "You look at their faces and every single one deserves a chance."



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO
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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Adopt-A-Pet kennel staff member Anjela Sullenger holds Gretchen, a beagle mix, who was brought to Adopt-A-Pet because of her medical needs. The shelter she came from couldn't afford her surgery. "We're lucky because we have our vets that come here," said Sullenger.

However, because Adopt-A-Pet has a medical staff and the kennel staff has experience with animals that need more medical care, they're contacted by vet offices and Genesee County animal control to take in these animals.

"A lot of times these medical cases are huge wins for us because we can see every day improvements. We can see that complete save, the complete rescue," she said. "All of a sudden they're asking for attention and they have transformation of their personality because somebody cares. They get their happily ever after."

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 "horrific" 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.

“All of a sudden they're asking for attention and they have transformation of their personality because somebody cares.”

Jody Maddock
Adopt-A-Pet director

"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



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO
More cats than dogs need medical care at Adopt-A-Pet. Inkie needed a calcified mass removed and she is now ready for adoption.

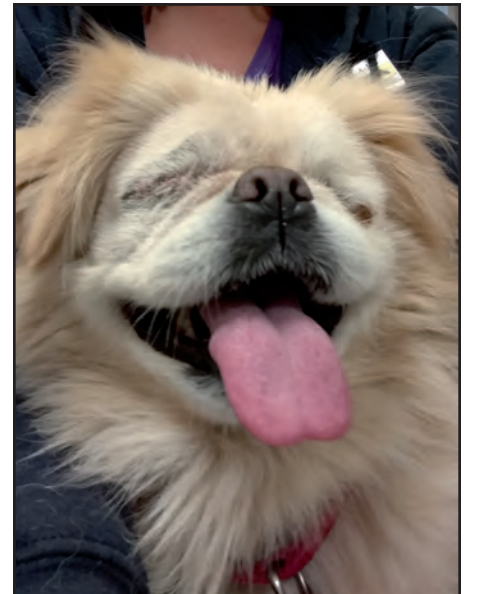
for approximately 10 years, said Maude was one of the worst cases.

Maude is now in a permanent home. Even though Maude can't see, Renwick said she rarely bumped into things after she learned the layout of the house.

"I tell people 'don't feel bad for her, she's much happier.' I've been in contact with the family, and they just adore her. It was amazing watching her adjust to different things," she said.

“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.”

Angela Renwick
Foster mom for animals



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Maude, a 5-year-old Pekingese, was in an enormous amount of pain due to having severe glaucoma. Shown here, she is much happier after her eyes were removed.

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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. Do your research and you'll find the poll only includes leftist academics and leftist journalists.

IF YOUR INFORMATION about dangerous driving is correct, it means that half of all traffic fatalities involve belted passengers and over two thirds involve unimpaired driving. Think about it.

LOOKING BACK

at this week in

NATIONAL HISTORY

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MARCH 5

1953: Joseph Stalin, leader of the Soviet Union since 1924, dies in Moscow. Born in 1889, Ioseb 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 studying to be a priest at Tiflis 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

1987: A British ferry leaving Zeebrugge, Belgium, capsizes, drowning 188 people. Shockingly poor safety procedures led directly to this deadly 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

1988: After rejecting what the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers (AMPTP) said was a final offer, representatives of the Writers Guild of America (WGA) called a strike for all the union's members to begin at 9 a.m. Pacific Time. Producers began demanding that writers accept a sliding scale on residuals — payment received when work is re-broadcast after its original airing — from domestic syndicated reruns of one-hour shows. Writers balked at this restriction; they also wanted a bigger share of foreign rights and more creative control over the scripts they were writing. With negotiations stalled, the current contract between the AMPTP and the WGA expired at midnight on March 1, and the strike began a week later.

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.

MARCH 10

1927: Robert Kearns, who patented a design for a type of windshield wiper and later won multi-million dollar judgments against Chrysler and Ford for using his concept without permission, is born on March 10, 1927, in Gary, Indiana. Kearns' invention, the intermittent windshield wiper, enabled wipers to move at timed intervals, rather than constantly swiping back and forth. Kearns' real-life David versus Goliath story about taking on the auto giants was made into a movie titled "Flash of Genius" that opened in 2008 and starred Greg Kinnear.

MARCH 11

1818: "Frankenstein," or, "The Modern Prometheus" is published. The book, by 21-year-old Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, is frequently called the world's first science fiction novel. In Shelley's tale, a scientist animates a creature constructed from dismembered corpses. The gentle, intellectually gifted creature is enormous and physically hideous. Cruelly rejected by its creator, it wanders, seeking companionship and becoming increasingly brutal as it fails to find a mate.

Source: History.com

HOT LINE CONTINUED

TELL HELLER THAT if he wants the woman to know what insurance bill the Republicans have, the bill has to be passed to see what's in it — exactly like his Democratic hero said.

I AGREE WITH it being silly to pay for other people's meals in a restaurant. I pay frequently but for military or for the police. And at every opportunity, I shake their hand and thank them for their service to me and my country.

ANDY HELLER CONTINUES to support the jobless idiots that disrupt, not demonstrate. He should be ashamed of himself for sticking up for these losers.

TRUMP BASICALLY SAID in his speech last night that he is going to continue following the failed Republican policy of supply side economics. So soon, we will have a recession and rapidly expanding budget deficit. Great.

TRUMP AND THE Republicans are all about fake news because they make up most of their stuff.

Business briefs

SKYPOINT VENTURES PROMOTES DAVID OLLILA TO PRESIDENT AND CHIEF INNOVATION OFFICER

Skypoint Ventures, a Flint-based ventures firm headed by CEO/Founder Phil Hagerman and co-founder/owner Jocelyn Hagerman of Fenton Township has announced the promotion of David Ollila to president and chief innovation officer. He will oversee company operations and strategic planning. A no-box inventor and serial entrepreneur with a portfolio of 12 patents, Ollila was the first mover in the now multi-billion dollar helmet camera category. He joined Skypoint in June 2016. "We're very excited to see David take Skypoint Ventures to the next level," said Jocelyn. "Based on his background and experience, we are confident in the role he will take in moving Flint forward." Skypoint Ventures was founded in 2014, and has created economic opportunities through its Dryden and Ferris buildings in Flint, as well as several developments in Fenton.

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16486 WHITEHEAD DR, LINDEN

LOBDELL LAKE \$369,999
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6263 CANTER CREEK, GRAND BLANC

PINE HOLLOW ESTATES \$1,750,000
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1263 VICTORIA LANE, FENTON

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Which golf shot does Don need to work on most - his putting or driving?
HIS PUTTING

150-mile memorial run to benefit veterans

■ Participants to run from Ludington to Bay City

By Hannah Ball

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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 developmental 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



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Fenton resident Andrew Siniarski and a group of runners are planning to run 150 miles to benefit veterans.

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.

“While the distance is 50 miles longer than anything we’ve done, we’re not strangers to running long distances.”

Andrew Siniarski
Fenton resident



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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
- Make a comparison of average selling prices per square foot for properties that have been 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 do so, verify that the appraiser agrees that his or her work may be used in a Board of Review hearing. Also verify that the appraiser you hire would be willing to appear on your behalf, if necessary, before the Board of Review, or later, the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

You cannot appeal an assessment because you cannot afford to pay the tax levy. Property taxes are based upon a property's value — not the owner's income.



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Homeowners who believe their taxes have been assessed too high have the option of scheduling a Board of Review hearing.

There is one exception, however, with the state of Michigan poverty exemption. It is granted for only one year at a time. The Board of Review may order your State Equalized Value to be reduced or even set a zero valuation (a complete exemption). Such a reduction forces the property's Taxable Value to be reduced and thereby causes a reduction in your annual tax burden.

When your taxes are too high, you should first look to Michigan's "Circuit Breaker" law for help. This is the form 1040CR filed with your state income taxes. Any Michigan taxpayer who pays more than 3.5 percent of their household income in property taxes is eligible for benefits under the circuit breaker law. Household income means income from all sources.

Senior citizens, the disabled and others may qualify for a greater reduction under circuit breaker laws than ordinary working people, but each category receives benefits.

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/lara.



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Spotlight on:

NICK + CREW

• New men's retail store is owned and operated by Eclections, located next door

By Sally Rummel

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

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.



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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.

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

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

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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.

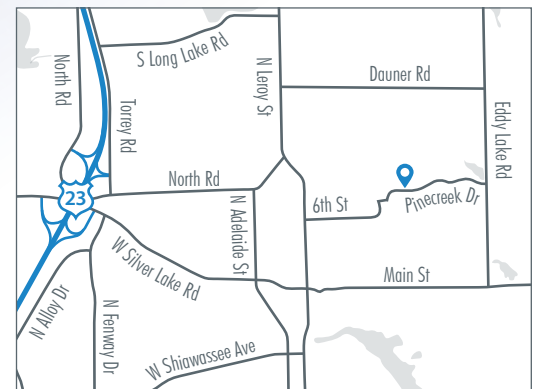
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Compiled By Vera Hogan

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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.



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

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

PHOTO: GOODTIMES.SC
Because they all look alike and do not feel cold or heat, extraterrestrials do not need to bother with clothing.

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 returned and said, "I have come back, I did not like it there." No, of course, not.

Are there really big, ugly aliens like on TV with hunched over bodies, slimy gross-looking heads and tentacles going every which way?

Unfortunately, yes they do exist. You had an author more than a century ago, a kind soul named L. Frank Baum and he wrote "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz." He explained ugliness quite well through Glinda, the beautiful witch. She said, "Only bad witches are old and ugly." It is the same in outer space, only bad aliens are old and ugly — and they do die.

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 would 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.

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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 spotnews 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, I make videos and photos in 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, 11-year old Dane Jarvis. With the help of his mother, Jessica Marocco, and local musician Lisa Bayer, he produced a functioning, 3D-printed violin—a unique feat with new technology. The video gathered more than 5,000 views on YouTube.

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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.

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.

Please click and watch, and learn a little more about our community. I know I always am.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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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.

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

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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.

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

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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 don't want to play by the rules, suffer the consequences.

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IF WE HAVE driverless cars what will happen to NASCAR? Full size slot cars? A robotic 500?

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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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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.

Side effects are the problem. According to Pharmacy Times, approximately 40 percent of bariatric patients develop "Dumping Syndrome." During or immediately after a meal, patients report nausea, bloating, cramping, diarrhea, dizziness and then vomiting.



Other problems include fecal incontinence. More than a third develop gallstones. Alarming, 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.

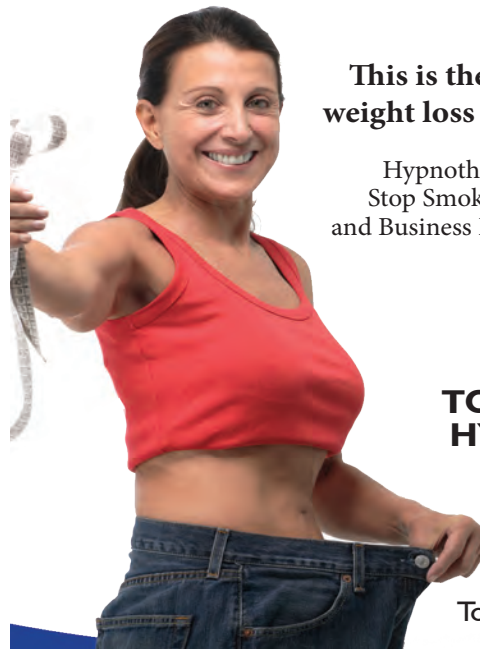
Dr. Tomlinson, certified in the procedure, believes hypnosis allows clients to do more. Weight problems are psychological. As such, his eight-week program helps clients with the deep-seated issues that keep clients from losing weight.

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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.

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, when they misled the public about the effects of smoking.

The movie follows a few families with obese children as they 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.

Many try 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.

That's 23 grams of sugar, almost all of the recommended daily amount, with only two snacks.

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 store 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 have shown this isn't necessarily true. Calories from carbohydrates like white bread, cookies, crackers, and breakfast cereals raises your bloods 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 that could make 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 a lot 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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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 agree 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 see what 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 are maybe 20 left. We've told all the

employees that we will place them in other restaurants. It's not our intent to lay them off."

It's a wait-and-see period for the Fenton Big Boy at this time. "I don't have a date to say when we're going to stop," said Sirois. "I have to say it looks like the developers are moving forward, based on their (reported) comments."

Sirois said he'd love to re-locate the Big Boy in Fenton. "We've closed many over the last several years. We're going in and testing new concepts with smaller stores, about 4,000 square feet. Right now, we're testing a fast casual concept in Ohio.

"We'll be 81 years old this June," he added. "People love their Big Boy. 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.

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Brooke Callaghan, 18, of Fenton is putting her modeling career on hold as she recovers from a motorcycle crash.

Area teen shares painful memories and recovery of motorcycle crash

By Sharon Stone

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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.

"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 1980s 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.

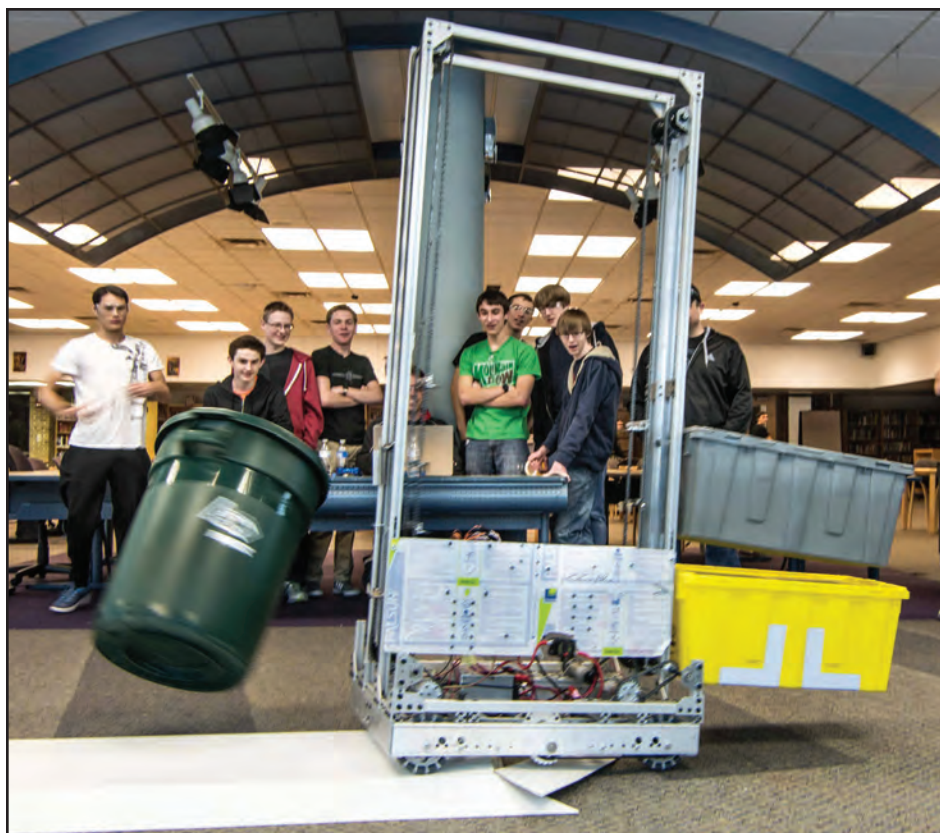
- **In the early** 1980s, the proportion of fatally injured motorcyclists who were 50 and older started to increase, rising from 3 percent of all rider deaths in 1982 to 13 percent in 1997 and 35 percent in 2015. In contrast, 30 percent of the fatally injured motorcyclists in 2015 were younger than 30,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

“The impact caused me to be thrown 40 or so feet across the road in which I hit my back and rolled.”

Brooke Callaghan
Fenton resident



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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.

ROBOTS

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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.

"Whether it's good or bad, that's hard to say," Wright said. One consequence is that with more automated jobs, there will be fewer opportunities for people to sustain themselves and their family.

These robots also aren't paying taxes, shopping in their local communities, or paying into retirement pools. Since they aren't paying income taxes, school systems could suffer.

"You're breaking down the system that we have in place for maintaining our infrastructure. Robots are not paying property taxes on a house, not helping fund public schools," he said.

Bill Gates, co-founder of Microsoft, proposed taxing these robots the same

as human workers to solve this problem. Wright said this is a good idea.

"If we don't do it, the system that we have in place for funding city and state-wide and some federal services would start to break down," he said.

On the plus side, Wright said, if robots did take over repetitive jobs, that could help humans get more productive jobs.

"If they have the willingness, they should be able to find work," he said. "It's a complicated, interwoven issue." Experts suggest the workforce could see a shift in training. Instead of being trained for a factory line job, people would be trained to fix and maintain robots that do those jobs.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)

Artificial intelligence is at the center of the automation debate. Self-driving cars and other self-operating machines are examples of artificial intelligence. Wright said these AI systems are important to everyday life in other machines.

There's some paranoia about artificial intelligence becoming sentient and potentially gaining more power in the world. Wright said these discussions have been going on for decades, due to books like "Frankenstein" by Mary Shelley and movies like "I, Robot" and "Ex Machina." Scientists use the Turing Test to determine whether a machine is self aware.

"They're getting close to having something pass it, but it's not there yet," he said. "People may be wary of it, but I think most people aren't willing to go without the everyday conveniences of life that systems that utilize AI support."

WHAT YOU MISSED in the MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

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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 state championship at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Two Lake Fenton wrestlers kept their dream of three straight individual 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 Trenton Blanchard by technical fall. Meanwhile, Trent Hillger (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 Cro-

swell-Lexington's Christopher Lilly in his opening round match. Jackson Nevadomski (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 Resk.

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

Tigers headed to district final

Evo sparks strong third quarter in win vs. Brandon

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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 contest), 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. Fenton never led by less than six points from that point.

"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 Blackhawks averaging just 24 points in those contests. However, Brandon went on a perimeter shooting frenzy in the opening half, netting

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Bronchos' third quarter sparks victory vs. Linden

By David Troppens
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Grand Blanc — When the Holly girls basketball season began about three months ago, sophomore Payton Price was a first-year varsity player trying to find her niche on the team.

Three months later, she's sparking the Bronchos to Class A district victories.

After the Bronchos scored just 17 points in the opening half, Price led Holly's

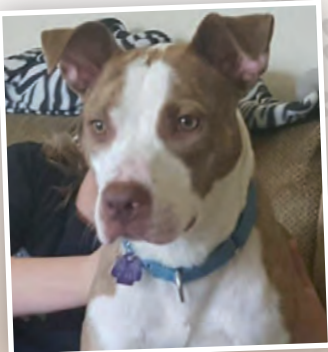
18-point third quarter by scoring seven points, grabbing several rebounds and just becoming a pest in Linden's side. She helped lead the Bronchos to a 52-26 semifinal victory against the Linden Eagles.

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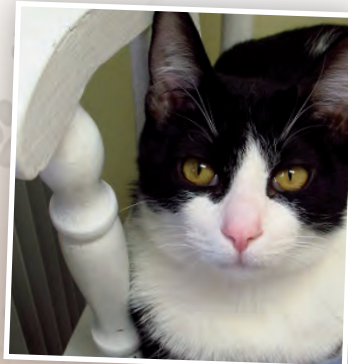
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Eagles' offense soars in 74-63 win vs. Bendle

By David Troppens
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The Linden varsity boys basketball team is getting on a decent roll right before districts.

The Eagles won their second game in three contests by defeating Burton Bendle 74-63 on Tuesday night.

The 74 points represent the highest scoring output Linden has had this season, eclipsing the 71 points the Eagles scored in a 71-57 victory against Lake Orion on Feb. 21.

"We ended the regular season on a nice note," Linden varsity boys basketball coach Chris Root said. "We had seven guys score seven points or more. We had another good night like (last Tuesday) where we made shots."

Linden's offense was pretty consistent throughout the night, scoring at

least 15 points in every quarter. In the opening quarter, Gavin Lund scored nine of Linden's 17 points, leading the squad to a 17-11 lead into the quarter break. Four others also scored during the period.

In the second quarter balance was the key. Five players scored with only Corbin Sines and Noah Giacomantonio scoring as many as four points. Meanwhile, Linden's defense was stellar, limiting Bendle to just two field goals in the quarter and six points overall. Linden enjoyed a 32-17 halftime lead.

Both teams scored 21 points in the third quarter. Cole Sarkon sparked the Eagles with seven points, including two treys in the stanza. Garrett Strang also chipped in five points.

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Linden's Gavin Lund scored 14 points in the Eagles' 74-63 victory against Burton Bendle on Tuesday.

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Blue Devils sweep two games entering this week's district tourney

By David Troppens

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The Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team split a couple of contests last week, beating Atherton 59-56 on Tuesday and Dearborn Heights Robichaud 54-50 on Thursday.

In the win against Robichaud the Blue Devils (14-6) trailed 20-6 after one quarter but cut it back to within one point by half-time.

"I was very happy with our win tonight against a very good team on the road," Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Jake

Erway said. "In the second half we made more plays in the fourth quarter. I'm proud of all our guys. Everyone did something positive to contribute tonight."

Andrew Foerster led the Blue Devils with 17 points, six rebounds and three steals.

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Tigers entering districts on a hot streak, defeat Powers, 67-56

By David Troppens

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The Fenton varsity boys basketball team will be heading into Class A district action on a high note.

The Tigers won their fourth game out of their last five contests, defeating Flint Powers 67-56 on Tuesday.

Fenton's offense was reasonably consistent, scoring at least 13 points each quarter. The Tigers led 16-12 after one quarter, but that lead was trimmed to 29-27 entering halftime. The Tigers blew the game open in the third quarter by netting 22 points and taking a 51-39 lead into the fourth quarter.

Nick Wyrick, who had a big contest in a 48-33 victory at Linden on Feb. 24, had another huge contest on both sides of the floor. The 6-foot-9 senior post player had 16 points, 10 rebounds and five blocks, giving him 28 points, 22 rebounds and 11 blocks in his last two contests.

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Nick Wyrick (right) had a big game against Linden and Powers in back-to-back games.

year on the varsity and starting off I was not getting much playing time. Eventually I was starting. I am proud of myself, but I couldn't have done it by myself. For sure I feel more comfortable with my teammates and I have more confidence with my shooting. At the beginning, I kind of struggled with confidence and shooting."

Holly varsity girls basketball coach David Hall noticed the difference Price made.

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Price was the difference. She ended the contest with nine points, 10 rebounds, seven of them off the offensive glass, and two steals.

"In the first half we were not passing the ball as much and in the second half we really passed it around and got some really good set ups," Price said.

"Last year I was on the JV. I started this

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five 3-pointers. Jordan Brady hit three of them while Alexis Hendershott hit two others. Also helping Brandon's cause was Fenton netting just 9-of-18 free throws during the first 16 minutes, helping keep Brandon within a 29-25 margin at the half.

However, both trends ended in the third quarter. Fenton got nine points from Evo, seven points from Aly Lenz and four from Chloe Idoni, sparking a strong Tigers' offensive quarter. Meanwhile, Brandon hit on just 3-of-13 shots and turned the ball over five times, resulting in Fenton's 51-34 lead entering the fourth quarter.

"It's one of those things at this time of year, you refine things, work on things you need to do, survive and advance," Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Becki Moore said. "We knew Brandon was going to give us fits. The kids that were hitting (the shots), do (make those shots). They have always given us problems in the past. That's what they usually do. ... We have some things we have to fix and we will. But this time of year it is just survive and advance."

Brandon did make a spirited comeback attempt in the fourth quarter, cutting Fenton's lead to just 54-48 after a breaking layup by Brady with 4:20 left. However, Fenton's defense didn't allow Brandon another point the rest of the game. Conversely, Idoni hit a free throw and Lenz hit two more free throws on Fenton's next two possessions, increasing the lead back to 57-48 with 3:42 remaining.

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