

How does your favorite restaurant rate?

■ Most area schools and eateries pass county inspections with flying colors

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If you or any of your baby boomer friends worked in a restaurant during your high

school or college years, you likely have some horror stories to share of what went on in the kitchen.

One, who wishes to remain anonymous, recalls working at a busy pancake house when she was in high school. "We had a big old guy named Al with a huge beer belly. He was the dish washer, but he also was responsible for mixing the cole slaw for the day," she said.

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FILE PHOTO

Local school districts passed county inspections for their food departments, including Fenton, Lake Fenton and Linden.



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Few leads in attempted child abduction case

■ Crime Stoppers offering \$1,000 reward for information leading to arrest

By Sharon Stone

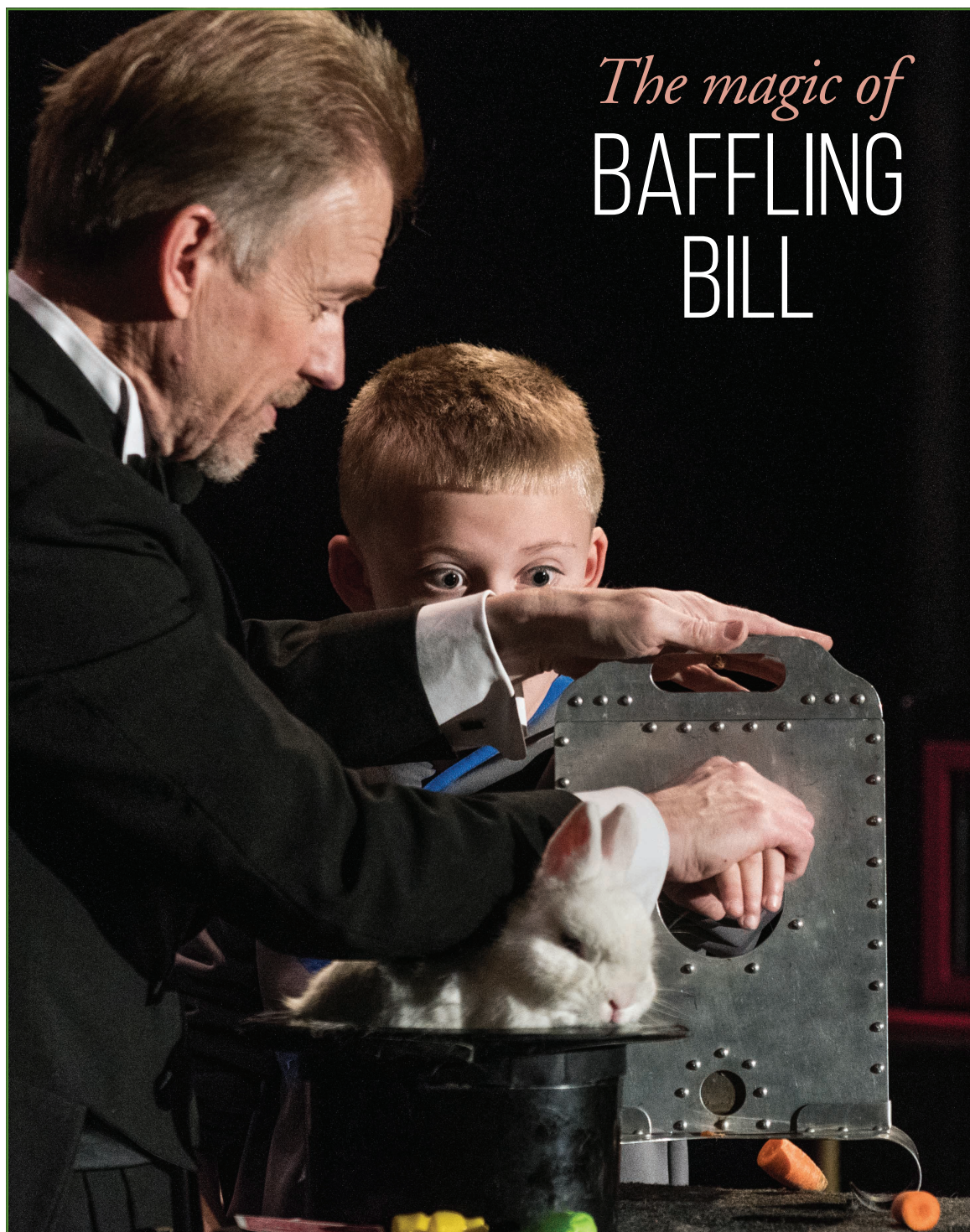
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Fenton police have continued its investigation of a home invasion and attempted child abduction that occurred at a home in the 400 block of E. Ellen Street last Wednesday.

Detectives have followed up on a couple of possible suspects that they heard about through Crime Stoppers and calls into the Fenton police dispatch, however, none of those tips have led to the suspect.

A Michigan State Police forensic artist created a composite drawing of the suspect last Friday by working with a teenage girl who lives at that house. She said she got a good look at the unknown intruder and provided a detailed description.

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The magic of
**BAFFLING
BILL**

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Magician Bill Schulert baffles a young volunteer as he chops a carrot, but not the child's hand, at the Lake Fenton High School performance on Saturday, March 4. The event raised \$1,800 for the Lake Fenton Education Foundation. See **story on Page 3**

Linden City supports increased 911 surcharge

■ Expected to generate \$2.6 million for 911 operations, vote will be on ballot May 2

By Hannah Ball

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Linden — The Linden City Council approved a resolution in support of an increased 911 surcharge, which will help police to purchase radios.

The surcharge is an increase from \$1.24 to \$1.86 per month, which is expected to generate \$2.6 million for Genesee County 911 operations. Linden City Manager Paul Zelenak said the money will help pay to improve the communication between police and fire departments.

The surcharge request will be on the May 2 ballot for Genesee County residents to vote on.

"It is important that jurisdictions do support this," Zelenak said. "We feel with what we do with police and fire department personnel,

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“It is important that jurisdictions do support this... We will definitely benefit by this.”

Paul Zelenak
Linden City manager

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“Community center roof.

Could we please stop over-paying contractors to do poor work in Fenton? Clearly, our elected officials are not qualified to hire construction firms.”



“Hey, people driving on

Silver Parkway. When a traffic light is out, it becomes a four-way stop. This is basic driver's training laws, not magic laws that favor your personal convenience.”



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Credit, financial concerns top consumer complaints list

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette has released his annual list of the Top Ten Michigan Consumer Complaints.

“My job is to protect Michigan, and protecting consumers from scams continues to be one of my top priorities,” said Schuette.

The 2016 Top Ten List was compiled by analyzing the more than 8,400 written complaints filed with the Attorney General’s Consumer Protection team in 2016. Between the Consumer Protection Division, Corporate Oversight, and the Charitable Trust Section, the department recovered more than \$15.8 million in consumer refunds, forgiven debts, and state recoveries in 2016.

For the 10th year in a row, **credit and financial concerns** topped the list of consumer complaints.

A total of 1,217 complaints were received in this category, which includes complaints about credit reporting and collection, non-bank credit agencies, and installment finance companies.

Complaints on debt collection and credit reporting accounted for the major-

ity (641) of the total complaints. Consumers also voiced concerns regarding aggressive debt collection tactics used by debt collection agencies.

The top complaint category for 2016 holds on to the spot that its held since 2006, also includes complaints in a variety of areas including debt collection and reporting, credit repair, payday lending, and mortgage brokering.

Telecommunications, cable, and satellite TV stays at the second spot for the second year. This category includes complaints involving issues like robo-calls, telemarketing, wireless communications, and cable and satellite TV services. Complaints in these categories exceeded 700 in 2016.

Motor vehicle and Automobiles: Used car dealers continue to top this category, with other top complaints involving motor vehicles and car bodies, new car dealers, and repair shops.

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Bill Schuette
Michigan Attorney General

Retail: This category includes complaints about general merchandise and furniture stores, business services, eating and drinking places, and computer stores.

Internet: Complaints in this computer-based category numbered nearly 600. More than a third of these complaints involved online purchases while other complaints include computer communication services and issues with internet service providers.

Personal service providers: This category ranges from dating services and beauty shops to home security, tax preparations services, and health and fitness organizations.

Landlord and tenant: This category had more than 400 complaints. A majority of the complaints in this category involved apartment owners and managers.

Contractors: These are complaints about residential building construction services, landscaping services, and special trade contractors.

Health service providers: This category involves nearly 400 complaints about different health service providers like doctors, dentists, hospitals, and medical clinics.

Gasoline, fuel, and Energy: With this year’s continued lower gas prices, complaints in this category dropped significantly.

Police & Fire report

HOME INVASION ON PINE LAKE FOREST DR.

The Genesee County Sheriff’s Office responded to a home invasion complaint on Tuesday, March 7 in Fenton Township. D/Sgt. Tom Zak said deputies responded to a home in the 5000 block of Pine Lake Forest Drive. A 26-year-old Swartz Creek man had broken into the home. He was taken into custody at the scene and was taken to the Genesee County Jail pending charges for first-degree home invasion.

LINDEN WOMAN ARRESTED

The Genesee County Sheriff’s Office is investigating an unlawful driving away of an automobile (UDAA) complaint in Fenton Township. A 27-year-old Linden woman was arrested for drunk driving in the 5000 block of Lobdell Road. She was found to be driving a vehicle that was reported stolen in Atlas Township on March 3.

SWARTZ CREEK WOMAN BREAKS INTO FENTON TOWNSHIP HOME

Deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff’s Office received a home invasion complaint from a resident in the 14000 block of Torrey Road in Fenton Township. A 53-year-old Swartz Creek woman broke into an unoccupied residence. The suspect was arrested at the scene by deputies and was transported to Genesee County Jail for second-degree home invasion.

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BAFFLING BILL

brings *'grand illusions'* to Lake Fenton

■ Event raises \$1,800 for Lake Fenton Education Foundation

By Tim Jagielo

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Lake Fenton — Magician Bill Schulert's goal is always the same — "create some wonder in the audience."

The 32-year veteran of the industry seemed to achieve this at Lake Fenton High School on Saturday, March 4.

Schulert of Lake Orion performed before 325 guests in the auditorium with his assistant, Kym Dominguez, also of Lake Orion.

This event was hosted by the Lake Fenton Education Foundation. According to event chair Tom Hufton, the performance raised \$1,800 for the foundation, which will fund grants for teachers, staff and programs at Lake Fenton schools. This is one of several events, which has raised approximately \$70,000 over the years.

This is Schulert's third time performing for Lake Fenton schools. His style is a callback to the golden era of magicians, and his illusions are of the "traditional" style.

"A lot of people don't experience that nowadays," he said. Schulert is a self-proclaimed "family magician" who also does some corporate work.

He performed eight major illusions, which included levitating his assistant, and making her disappear and reappear in several different ways. He always includes the white rabbit, and dove tricks.

He also packed as many smaller illusions into the show and used several child volunteers as well.



“I like to focus on the traditional magic from the bygone era; a lot of people don't experience that nowadays.”

"Baffling Bill" Schulert, Magician

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(Top) "Baffling Bill" Schulert levitates assistant Kym Dominguez at the end of his first act on Saturday, March 4, at Lake Fenton High School.

(Bottom) "Baffling Bill" Schulert performs his "sword temple" illusion. The last time the crowd saw his assistant, she was inside the box.

To learn more, go to bafflingbillmagic.com

Camel Races raise an estimated \$3,000 for students

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Fenton — Elvis, Prince, Dolly Parton, The Beatles, and many other famous musicians were represented in camel form Saturday night, March 11, at the Fenton Area Optimist Club's 14th annual Camel Races at St. John's Church Activity Center.

The event raised an estimated \$3,000, according to Fenton Area Optimist Club President Paul Dille, who said this is similar to past years.

Different organizations and businesses decorated fake camels to the theme of music through the ages, and bet on the event like a horse race. Linden Community Schools had a camel, as did The State Bank, Fenton Walmart, Pheasant Run Apartments, Andy Alger Remax, the Fenton Hotel, along with many others.

The event was moved to St. John School's cafeteria because of a power outage at the activity center.

"Since we had to change location,

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Camels are decorated with hilarious details.

The themes for 2017 were musicians through the ages, like Prince and Dolly Parton.



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If I Were King...

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Random royal thoughts

I read in a magazine that 4,213,357 people got married in 2016. Um, just one question... shouldn't that be an even number?

When I was growing up, schools taught the histories of people whose inventions and scientific discoveries dramatically improved the lives of millions of other people. Today's students are being taught to emulate those who complain, condemn, denounce and demand.

I changed all my passwords to 'incorrect.' Now, every time I forget one, a message pops up that says, 'Your password is incorrect.'

I have noticed that there seems to be a dramatic reduction in bumper stickers since the election. As a regular traveler on our highways, I am deeply disturbed by the demise of this clever communication method. My recent favorite: 'Sorry for driving so close in front of you.'

If the media ever decides to report the news — instead of spinning it — they could maybe start by not calling rioters 'protesters' and terrorists 'militants.'

I'll never understand how millions of leftist Americans can have so much sympathy for criminals and so little sympathy for their victims.

Global warming? Back in my day, we called it weather.

Why does society teach women how to avoid getting raped instead of teaching men not to rape?

When did caring about the Constitution, morality and making sure future generations of Americans have it as good as we do become 'radicalism' in America? When did believing that we should have a border and that people shouldn't be able to cross it illegally become 'racism?' When did expecting politicians to work to the benefit of their constituents, not themselves, become a plea, not a responsibility?

Whoever made the movie 'Ground-

hog Day' should announce that a sequel is coming out and then re-release the original movie.

If women ruled the world there would be no wars. Just a bunch of countries not speaking to each other.

Sadly, if you are a conservative there are no longer any late-night talk shows to watch. All of them spend their entire hour slamming President Trump. It makes me miss real entertainers like Johnny Carson and Jay Leno, each of whom skewered all politicians equally.

If two people who were lovers can remain just friends it's either because they are still in love, or they never were.

Definition of racist by liberals: Those who believe that people should be judged by the content of their character, not the color of their skin.

Let's have a moment of silence for all those poor people who are stuck in traffic on their way to the gym to ride stationary bicycles.

Why do we say 'hair' when referring to a large amount of it, but we say 'hairs' when referring to two or three?

I have to confess that the most care-free time in my life was when I spent several months as a man in a woman's body. But then I was born.

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WHO WOULD HAVE thought health care was so complicated? Well sir; anybody who isn't rich.

SOMEONE WROTE, 'CLINTON received the majority of American votes.' That's not true. Neither Clinton nor Trump received 50 percent of the popular vote. And let's remember that a lot of people voted for the lesser of two evils, not because they liked either candidate.

YOU CAN LOOK up 'greenhouse gas' at a lot of sources, including Wikipedia, and you'll find that carbon dioxide is indeed a greenhouse gas. And it is not the rhetoric, but the global warming of the last few centuries, that is manmade. Watch Cosmos episode 12 (which aired on the Fox network) and see for yourself.

SERIOUSLY? WHEN IS this idiotic time changing going to end, which serves no useful purpose whatsoever?

HEY JOE GRAVES put Michigan on Eastern Standard Time year round. Other states will soon follow. Be a leader.

I WOULD JUST like to thank the village of Holly for making Davisburg Road your by-pass for heavy trucks. Now we have to listen to them in the morning. It sounds like a bomb going off. When are you going to replace the road?

SOCIAL SECURITY CAN easily be fixed

by removing the cap on the tax. For 2017, every dollar you make after your first \$118,500 (or \$237,000 if you're self-employed) is not subject to the tax that funds it. Remove that cap and Social Security is in the black for decades.

TO THE HOT line writer who said that all the women participating in the 'Day without Women' event were all unemployed and uneducated. I personally know four people who attended who are all employed and very educated. All used vacation days to attend.

I'M A RIGHT-winger and here's what I get out of Obamacare. In the last four years, my health plan deductible went from \$2,500 to \$6,500, my premium tripled, and my coverage hasn't changed.

I MEAN, COME on people, use common sense, 60 mph winds and an uncovered recycle bin. Do you really have to put this thing out? Now your neighbors have to pick up after you.

WE RECEIVE SO much information from the different media sources often colored with a political viewpoint and we cannot always tell what is true and what is not. Use your own common sense to decide. Just because it is written doesn't make it true.

TO THE PERSON who commented that right-wingers aren't aware of what the affordable health care act 'gives them.' I haven't had time to check it out. I've been working for the past 25 years to make my own way in this country, not 'take advantage.'

OUR 24 HOURS without electricity produced a very nice night for us. While at dinner, we talked to a man and learned he is related to one of our neighbors. The credit card machine was down, so we helped him pay. Another patron was the lady who found a credit card and returned to counter last week. Who would have thought it would create a very memorable 24 hours.

A SPECIAL SHOUT out to all the men and women who worked so hard to restore our electricity. Thank you for your service to the communities affected.

DOES ANYONE THINK it's possible for Nancy Pelosi to 'crack' a smile?

I'D LIKE TO ask the leftists about what are the lies he's made as president. I can think of hundreds made by Obama and Hillary.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

How do you feel about Daylight Saving Time?



"It sucks. I don't think they should have it. I especially hated when my kids were little. You'd put them to bed at 8 and it'd still be light out."

—Pam Allen
Holly



"I don't like it. All the clocks are different and no one changes them."

—Isaac Parsons
Holly



"I generally don't have to deal with it because I live in Arizona. They don't have it there."

—Karen McDevitt
Tucson, Arizona



"I have to admit, I enjoy getting the extra hour and losing one hour doesn't really bother me."

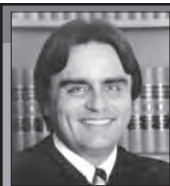
—Judy Hogan
Fenton



"It actually does help because I don't have to use my lights. I go to work at 6 a.m. so I save money when I come home."

—Kirt Estep
Linden

streettalk



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THE RIGHT TO AN IMPARTIAL JURY

Under our system of justice the right to a jury trial is an important constitutional right with the presumption being that individual jurors will be fair and impartial.

Although we have come a long way in rooting out bias and prejudice in our world, regrettably there are times when we see it still exists.

An example of this is seen in the March 6, 2017 decision of the United States Supreme Court in the case of *Pena-Rodriguez v. Colorado*.

A short summary of the facts of the case show that Mr. Pena-Rodriguez is Hispanic and was convicted by a Colorado jury of unlawful sexual contact and harassment. After the jury's verdict, his attorney was told by some jurors of how one juror believed the defendant was guilty 'because he's Mexican and Mexican men take whatever they want.'

This juror made some other equally abhorrent comments in the jury room during deliberations and may have convinced the other jurors to convict the defendant based only on his race and ethnic background.

Under the law in Colorado, the Federal Rule of Evidence and a majority of state jurisdictions, post-trial evidence of what occurred in the jury room cannot be admitted into evidence except for evidence of extraneous prejudicial information, outside influence, or mistake. This is called the "no impeachment rule" and means an individual juror can't challenge his or her own jury verdict. This is to protect the sanctity of a verdict.

A minority of states allow an additional exception to permit testimony about how racial bias played a part in deliberations when this is alleged.

The Supreme Court held in a 5 to 3 opinion, that when a juror makes a clear statement that he or she relied on racial stereotypes or animus to convict a criminal defendant, the Sixth Amendment requires that the no impeachment rule give way in order to permit the trial court to consider the evidence of the juror's statement and any resulting denial of the jury trial guarantee.

Michigan is one of the states that has the no impeachment rule and it now appears that in these types of cases the Michigan Rule of Evidence and the Federal Rule may be changed.

You're entitled to those public records

■ 'Sunshine Week' shines light for open government

March 12 through 18 is "Sunshine Week," a national initiative spearheaded by the American Society of News Editors to educate the public about the importance of open government, and the dangers of unnecessary secrecy.

It was established in March of 2005.

Public records, and the availability to have access to them, are serious because most newspaper stories rely on them as a source of information.

Members of the news media are probably the most adamant protesters when politicians attempt to limit public records.

But it is just not newspapers or other media that have the right to access public records.

If you are not sure whether a record is public, simply ask for it. It is the responsibility of the municipality or other government agency to let you know and if you are denied access, they must provide the exact statute to back up their denial.

You have the right to access public records via the Freedom of Information

Act (FOIA). In Michigan, it is known as the Freedom of Information Act.

Public records are generally defined as records made or received in connection with official government business. That includes meetings of minutes for your local government body, such as your city council or board of trustees. The same holds true for commissions, such as planning commissions, etc. Anytime elected officials or their designee members of commissions meet publicly, their actions during that meeting becomes public record.

Further, you have a right to be at that meeting because of the Open Meetings Act (OMA).

These records can be made available through their physical form, meaning on paper. But it also allows for records transmitted electronically via fax and email. They can also be photos, video or audio.

For example, the emails of your mayor,

a mugshot, video from a police dashcam, audio from a court hearing, the deed on your neighbor's property and their water usage may all be public records.

Using your public records law, you can check out a health care provider. Just go to medical licensing board and request discipline reports on a doctor.

If you request enough public records, you will see the free flow of information from government agencies. Things can go along smoothly and then along comes an attorney, who is trained to stop the flow

and prevent access to records.

But don't let that stop you. Google the statute they gave you in denying the records. Are they right or not? If not, ask them once again for the record and quote the statute.

There is a wide variation in public record laws since each state has its own statutes. But the bottom line is public records are your records.



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RESTAURANT

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“Not only did Al roll up his sleeves to his elbows and mix the slaw in a huge pot with his bare hands, he had a lit cigarette hanging out of his mouth at the same time. She said it was fascinating to watch that cigarette burn down and the ash eventually fall into the slaw in one piece.”

As nice as Al was, none of the employees ate the cole slaw there — ever.

Another man remembers working at a restaurant truck stop back in the day (not the one that used to be at Old U.S. 23 and M-59). He worked the breakfast shift and recalls cooks going in and out of the walk-in cooler in the kitchen, and grabbing a handful of pork link sausages out of the barrel. But not without dropping five or six of them on the cooler floor. He and his coworkers would pick them up, brush ‘em off on the side of their pants and toss them back in the barrel. That happened with pickles from the pickle barrel, too.

Fortunately, things like that don’t happen anymore — not while they’re under the watchful eye of the Genesee County Health Department, which in accordance with Michigan Food Law, licenses and regulates all food service establishments within the county.

These include restaurants, bars, cafeterias, coffee shops, doughnut shops, concessions, catering kitchens, rental halls, schools, and private organizations serving the public.

In the Fenton and Linden areas alone, there are 101 such food service establishments.

It is the mission of the health department to protect the health of all food service customers. And the public, which



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Leo's Coney Island server Angela Wood brings over meals to a table right before the lunch rush in August of 2015.

is far more concerned with cleanliness and good health than it ever has been in past decades, demand that their favorite eateries are as clean as their own kitchens.

Routine evaluations of food service providers assures that routine practices are conducted in a safe and sanitary manner.

Local “foodies” are forewarned, however, that the inspector’s evaluation report is just a “snapshot” of the day and time of the inspection.

Of the 101 food service providers in

the Fenton and Linden areas, most are compliant and pass their inspections with flying colors.

That is the case with all of our schools in the Fenton area including the Ellen Street Campus and St. John’s School, Lake Fenton and Linden schools, and their athletic concession stands. Their notations are: “This facility is extremely clean and well organized. All hot and cold holding temperatures were in the safety zone during the inspection. Proper hair restraints and food handling techniques observed. There are no violations to report at this time.”

The Loose Senior Center and Fenton Community & Cultural Center also are among those receiving positive inspections with no violations.

There are some restaurants receiving violations, most of which were corrected while the inspector was present.

Some of those violations include the presence of “slime mold” around the nozzle of sprayer hose at the bar (from which water and drink mixers are dispensed). Other violations included containers stored on the floors, cross contamination of foods, and employees’ personal belongings on or near food service equipment. One said an employee’s coat and scarf were draped over a stack of clean dishes.

For those concerned about their restaurant of choice, visit healthspace.com/genesee, and click on Fenton or Linden. Food service providers will be listed alphabetically.

Health departments do not regulate grocery and convenience stores, meat markets, bakeries, food warehouses, and food processing plants.

Ten food safety steps that restaurant owners and managers should be correcting

Check food temperature control (use your local health regulation requirements) Check refrigerators and freezers to ensure they have indicating thermometers and in compliance of temperature requirements.

Check food storage to ensure food protected from contamination

Store cooked and ready-to-eat food items on shelves above raw food. Cover food with lids or wrap and use utensils to reduce direct hand contact with prepared food.

Use clean safe water for making drinks, ice and preparing food.

Label chemicals and pesticides and store them away from food and the food preparation area.

Keep all food items off the floor and store on shelves, racks or pallets.

Check to ensure good personal hygiene is required from all employees. All food handlers must wash hands thoroughly before and after handling food. Provide hot/cold running water, soap in a dispenser and a supply of paper towels at all hand wash basins. Ensure these basins only for hand washing and not for other purposes such as food preparation or dish washing.

Wear clean outer garments and hair constraints

Check food contact surfaces/ equipment to ensure good maintenance/sanitation.

Clean and sanitize with soap and water followed by a solution of approved sanitizer.

Keep all food contact surfaces clean and in good condition. Discard cracked utensils such as cutting boards or deeply grooved food contact surfaces.

Wash all utensils, dishes and equipment either by hand, using the two or three sink method (wash-rinse-sanitize) or in a mechanical dishwasher as required.

Empty and clean ice bin regularly. Twice a year, ice machine (inner-workings) must be professionally sanitized.

Check non-food contact surfaces/ equipment to ensure good maintenance/sanitation

Keep floors, walls and ceilings clean and in good repair and to ensure all surfaces are smooth, non-absorbent and easy to clean.

Ensure the mechanical dishwasher and other equipment in good working condition.

Check all public and staff washrooms to ensure good maintenance/sanitation.

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Check to ensure food service staff have received food handler training and re-refresh food handlers regularly with the knowledge of safe food handling practices

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Waterworks Park — save or demolish?

■Of historical significance, dilapidated property had first pressured water system in county

By Tim Jagielo

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Holly — After years of sitting empty and blighted, the fate of Holly Waterworks Park building will be decided soon — and the village Council wants to know what residents think.

In February, the village of Holly's Parks Commission voted to recommend the Village Council seek bids to demolish the blighted pump house building on the Waterworks Park property, according to commission and council member Chris Rankin.

Today it sits unused. One portion of it is covered with dark brick, the other has wood siding. The Shiawassee River flows beneath it.

At the Feb. 28 Village Council meeting, the motion was tabled to give community members time to offer their feedback, or possibly seek an alternative to demolition. These options include selling or leasing the building, or seeking grants or donations.

Rankin said that the council has a love/hate relationship with the building. "We love the idea that it's such an integral part of the village's history, and we hate that the cost of rehabilitation of the building is so high and its condition worsens with each passing year," he said via email.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Brian Klaasen offered estimates of at least \$100,000 for basic structural work. They don't know yet what demolition would cost, but in 2013 it was estimated to cost \$20,000 to demolish the home at 102 First St., for example.

The council still has to vote to demolish the building to begin the bidding process. For now, the council wants to know what the public thinks.

Rankin said the reaction from three speakers was mixed at the previous council meeting.

“We love the idea that it's such an integral part of the village's history, and we hate that the cost of rehabilitation of the building is so high and its condition worsens with each passing year.”

Chris Rankin

Holly Village council member,
parks commission member

While at least one property, like the “Grey Lady” of Holly has been saved and renovated, the Waterworks park building has been sitting unused, and is generally unsafe to even be in.

Former Holly Fire Department Chief Jack Hollands broke his ankle in the building in 2006, and in 2013, an informal committee was put together to assess certain blighted properties in the village.

About the pump house

Lifetime resident Jerry Coale is mainly interested in seeing the water turbine and other hardware saved to become a static display for the public. The water turbine

and building may be approximately 110 years old, though exact dates are not available at press time.



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The pump house at Holly Waterworks Park at 690 Broad St. may be demolished, pending a council vote. Rehabilitation is possible, but expensive.

“It's absolutely historically significant. It was the first pressurized water system in Oakland County,” said Coale. “Back in the day it produced water for wooden water mains.”

If residents would like to offer feedback, Council Member Chris Rankin invites comments at crankin@hollyvillage.org.

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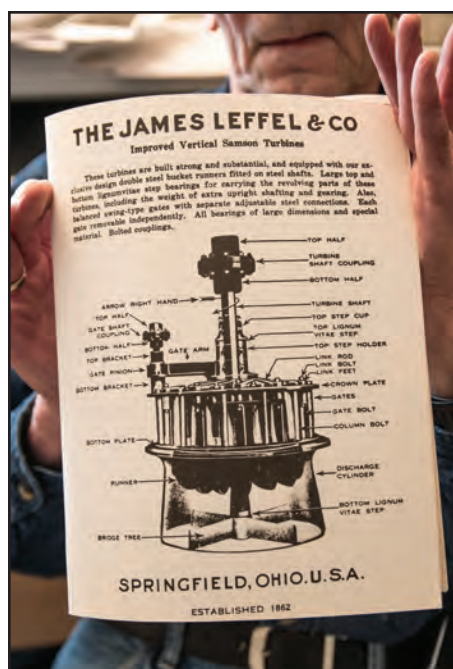
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Resident Jerry Coale has a stack of information about the turbine that brought water to the village at the turn of the 20th century.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

ANY MEMBER OF the Bush family is more honest than any Democrat in recent history. I might say that Jimmy Carter was an honorable person but he follows Obama in being the second worst president in recent history.

THE ONLY COMPLAINT I have in regards to President Trump is that he wasn't elected eight years ago. If he had, Ivanka could be our first female president.

THIS GOES OUT to William Willett and all of the other idiots who believe you get an extra hour of daylight because of Daylight Saving Time. DST is a complete waste of time. You mean just by me changing my clock that my electric bill will be cheaper?

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TO THE MILLENNIAL who does not want to pay Social Security taxes because it supports the elderly. Maybe we should stop paying school taxes at age 50 because our kids are not in school anymore. All taxes and insurances are ponzi schemes. Social security will be self-sufficient when the government pays back the \$3 trillion that they stole.

TO THE HOT-LINER who stated Momma's Tacos are the best. Where can we buy them? Thanks.

911

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as well as being on the board on the 911 Commission, that the dollars raised through the 911 surcharge will assist us in buying radios. We will definitely benefit by this."

Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter was in attendance and spoke in favor of the surcharge.

The resolution passed by a 5-0 vote. Councilors Ray Culbert and Charlie Ross were absent.

The Genesee County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously on Monday, Jan. 30, to place the matter of increasing the 911 surcharge fee on the May 2 ballot. On Monday, Jan. 9, the Fenton City Council unanimously approved supporting by resolution a 911 surcharge increase.

About the surcharge

The Genesee County Board of Commissioners, by voter approval and state law, can vote to raise the local 911 surcharge to \$3 per device per month. Emergency dispatch centers in Michigan are funded by a surcharge paid by cell phone users for each device, which is collected by cell phone providers. The surcharge is then returned to the emergency dispatch centers of each user on a county-to-county basis.

The surcharge from Genesee County cell phone users is returned to Genesee County. That revenue is then divided proportionally, based on population, between the Genesee Central Communication Consortium and Fenton.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | HANNAH BALL

Camels race at the roll of a dice. The funds raised benefit the Fenton Optimist Club.

CAMEL RACES

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everyone was super gracious about it. We all had a good time," Dille said. "We signed up a new member last night, which was huge."

The camels raced six at a time for 10 races. Pheasant Run Apartments won best camel, and United Way of Genesee County won the camel races.

People traded in real cash for "camel cash" to bet on their favorite camels. Once the bets were placed, the odds were read off by Dille and two volunteers rolled huge dice to determine which camels would advance. Attendees screamed and cheered for their favorite camels.

In between races, people put their names on the back of losing tickets to be entered in a drawing to win a prize brought by a represented business.

Dille said the demand for camels was "crazy" this year.

"Everyone wants a camel, it seems like," he said. "There were a lot of newbies."

Proceeds go to the Optimist Club.

"This is our only fundraiser. It's usually pretty good, gambling and whatnot. It's fun," he said.

The camel races event is an "Optimist

Club thing," he said. Other optimist clubs host camel races as a fundraiser as well. Proceeds provide schools with back-to-school funds and helps supports scholarships.

The Fenton club hosts a turnaround banquet at Spring Meadows Country Club in Linden every year, where they honor middle school students students who made a dramatic change for the better academically, behaviorally or otherwise.

The Optimist Club also hosts a fishing derby in June and a pumpkin hunt in October.

"We're always looking for new members," he said.

Jenny Wojtaszek, an employee of Edward Jones Investments, has volunteered at the event as a bartender for three years.

"It's a great event. It's a great fundraiser for the youth. They do different

events for children over the years. It's a lot of fun. I love seeing all the different camels," she said.

Wojtaszek was there representing the optimist club, but she also decorated a camel for Argent International. She decorated it as the late musician Liberace, with red ruffles, a huge black wig, a coat and candelabra.

“It's a great fundraiser for the youth. They do different events for children over the years...I love seeing all the different camels.”

Jenny Wojtaszek
Fenton Optimist Club member

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AS A MAN, I assume everyone is referring to Ally's shooter as a man because I cannot recall any similar incident or hardly any incidents of gun violence period where the shooter was a woman. Correct 'shooter' to 'murderer.'

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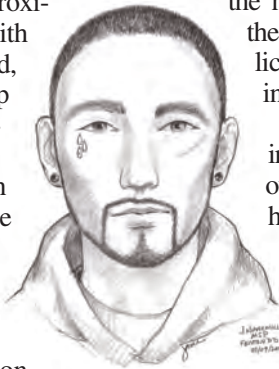
The teenage girl is being credited for saving her 4-year-old sister from being abducted from her Fenton home just before 3 p.m. on Wednesday March 8.

Fenton Interim Police Chief Jason Slater said the preliminary investigation has revealed that a white male, approximately 6-feet tall, thin build, with dark hair and a dark thin beard, and having a small teardrop tattoo under his right eye, wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt, walked into the home through the rear door of the house. He picked up the 4-year-old girl and started to walk outdoors with her in his arms.

The older sister reported that she heard the commotion and immediately grabbed her little sister and pulled her from the man's arms. The man fled the house and drove away.

The car, last seen heading east on E. Ellen Street, was described as a silver/grey four-door passenger car. Only the front windows of the car are tinted.

After talking with the family, Slater



said police learned that this same man had been at their home twice before. On Feb. 27, the man arrived at the house and asked if a particular person lived there. Once the older sister said that person lived there, the man left.

On March 1, the same man arrived at the house and attempted to assault the teenage daughter. She told police that he appeared to be highly intoxicated during that incident.

Slater said police are attempting to identify this man and find out why he has returned to this house multiple times. The family members do not know who he is.

The teenage girl said a man, with a blue pickup truck, had been fishing at the park across the street from their home during the home invasion. She said it appeared that the fisherman had heard the commotion at her house, got in his truck and followed the silver car on E. Ellen St.. Police spoke with a neighbor with a blue truck matching the girl's description, but they do not believe this is the same blue truck.

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Senate Bill 129: Regulate small copper mines different than big ones

To establish a separate and more streamlined regulatory regime over small ("native") copper mining operations.

Passed 24 to 11 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES

Senate Bill 19: Cut off parole absconders from welfare

To cut off cash welfare or food stamp benefits given to an individual who absconds from parole. This and the next few votes are part of a large Senate probation and parole reform package the House approved this week (except for one bill that would give subsidies to employers who hire ex-convicts).

Passed 101 to 6 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES

Senate Bill 13: Cap penalties for technical parole violations

To cap at 30 days in jail the penalty for probationers who commit technical probation violations, except for multiple offenses.

Passed 99 to 8 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES

Senate Bill 12: Facilitate release of medically frail prisoners

To authorize expedited prisoner commutation hearings and procedures if this is requested by the governor for a particular prisoner, and the request is based in part on the individual's medical condition.

Passed 107 to 0 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES

Senate Bill 22: Create new rules for housing young prisoners

To require the Department of Corrections to develop rehabilitation plans for inmates aged 18 to 22, and provide programming designed for that age group. This is a change from the Senate-passed version of the bill, which required young prisoners to be housed together and separated from older prisoners. Prison officials criticized this, warning of "gladiator schools."

Passed 107 to 0 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES

House Bill 4208: Ban expelled legislator from running in replacement election

To revise a procedural detail related to when legislators are expelled or resign. The bill would require a resignation letter or expulsion resolution to explicitly cover the full balance of the term (rather than be temporary).

Passed 72 to 36 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES

Tri-county area rich with Irish heritage

■Friday, March 17 is St. Patrick's Day, a day to celebrate the Irish and those who wish they were

Compiled By Vera Hogan
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If every nationality was as beloved and celebrated as the Irish, the world would be a much happier place.

As people prepare to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Friday, it would be good to remind residents of just how deep the Irish roots are in the tri-county area.

The Fenton area is rich in Irish heritage, especially in Tyrone and Deerfield townships, south of the city.

Tyrone Township is named for County Tyrone in Ireland, from which many of the original settlers came shortly after the potato famine hit their homeland in the 1840s. County Cork, Ireland's largest county, is also well represented in the hills south of Fenton.

Many descendants of these families, including the Murphys, McKeons, Carmody's, Conklins, Conleys, Callaghans, McCarthys, Kellehers, Hogans, O'Connells, Foleys, Delehantys, Lyons, Sweenys and McGuires, just to name a few, continue to live in the Fenton, Linden

and Holly areas.

Ask any of them about their heritage and most will be able to trace their families back to Ireland and tell you from which county they hail.

When arriving on American soil, many of these Irish families dropped the "O" from their names, such as the O'Callaghans.

The Irish are known for their beliefs and superstitions, great food and their traditions.

One popular Irish toast is "May you be in heaven an hour before the devil knows you're dead."

Irish families from the area tell about the wakes that were held the night before the burial. Often the dearly departed would be propped up in a corner and toasted. Often the two big toes of the deceased were tied together so that his/her soul could not wander off the straight and narrow path to heaven. It was also traditional to leave a brand new pair of shoes near the deceased so that he would be well shod when he arrived in heaven.

Shamrock plants have been handed down from generations to generation. Ireland's patron saint, St. Patrick taught the Holy Trinity with this famous plant. He said, "The leaves are three; they represent the Father, The Son, the Holy Ghost; just as they are unified, the blessed three in one."

St. Patrick's Day, is a great day for the Irish and

for everyone who wants to be Irish for the day.

Faith and begorra! The non-Irish will join in the "wearing of the green." They may "wolf down" a Shamrock shake from McDonald's or several green beers from local watering holes, not to mention Irish food ranging from stew and soda bread to corned beef.

Our new Irish friend (see Our Town in this edition), Ciaran Tighe, who with his American wife and daughter chose to make Fenton his home, says in Ireland they don't call it "St. Patty's Day." It's "St. Paddy's Day."

The Irish are responsible for "Murphy's Law," which means if anything can go wrong, invariably it will, however, Murphy's Golden Rule is "Whoever has the gold makes the rules."

Irish sayings are "Nothing is ever as simple as it seems" and "You can fool some of the people all the time and all of the people some of the time, and that is sufficient."

There is a famous Irish blessing: "May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, the rain fall soft upon your fields, until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of his hand."

Irish lore is filled with

tales about shillelaghs (walking sticks), leprechauns (shoemakers), fairies, banshees, witches, the devil, saints, priests and angels.

The Irish custom of wearing the claddagh, an emblem ring featuring two hands clasping each other, is traditional. In the old days, both an engaged man and woman would wear a claddagh ring made of gold with the hands pointing outward. When they married, they'd use the same rings, but turned them around so the hands pointed to the heart.

The Irish say, if you are lucky enough to be Irish, you are lucky enough. But on St. Patty's Day, the Irish welcome everyone to join in the fun.



Green beer is a staple for Irish and non-Irish revelers on St. Patrick's Day.

FRIENDS NOMINATE THEIR IRISH PALS

The Tri-County Times asked Facebook friends to help us find some of the most Irish people in the area. We received several responses and decided on one to interview for our "Our Town" feature in this edition. We don't want to leave anyone out though so here are the names of people suggested to us, and the person who nominated them.

Matt and Pam Wilson nominated Patrick McKenney, the long-time

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"Ollie" looks like he's ready for St. Patrick's Day. He is a 100-percent Irish wolfhound and belongs to Mishelle Dutiaume-Albers.

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Stephens, Hutchings cap season with All-State honors at state meet

By David Troppens

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The Linden/Fenton/Lake Fenton co-op gymnastics team ended the season with a bang at the individual state gymnastics meet on Friday.

The squad had two gymnasts end the season with All-State honors. Miranda Stephens and Blake Hutchings each tied for seventh during the Division 2 floor exercise with scores of 9.375, earning

All-State honors at the meet.

"It was a good day," LFLF gymnastics coach Nancy Holden simply stated.

Stephens and Hutchings tied for seventh with two other competitors — Brighton's Maddie Vernon and Farmington's Emily Stecevic.

The squad had several other state competitors. Carly Kozlowski was the team's only Division 1 competitor, competing in all four events. She

posted an all-around score of 33.075. Her best placing came on the vault where she placed 16th (8.700). She also competed on the balance beam (7.950), the parallel bars (7.900) and the floor exercise (8.525).

Stephens came close to earning All-State honors in one other event. She tied for 10th on the parallel bars in Division 2 action with a score of 8.575. She missed a top-eight score by just .125 points.

Teammate Jessica Richert also competed on the parallel bars, finishing in a tied for

24th (8.300).

Finally, the LFLF squad had two more competitors perform on the balance beam. Nicole Haberkamp finished 19th (8.675) while Richert finished 40th (7.150).

"Nicole did a nice no-fall routine," Holden said.

The squad had an outstanding third season, breaking the team score record several times during the season, while also winning several meets and invitationals. The squad's numbers have grown as well.

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Miranda Stephens earned All-State honors on the floor exercise and also placed 10th on the parallel bars at the individual state meet.



Times Sports

Blue Devils headed to regional final once again

■ Lake Fenton faces Frankenmuth tonight in regional championship game

By Dale M. Smith

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Corunna — As with any sport, the game of basketball has an ebb and flow. Sometimes the basket looks 3-feet wide and wins come easy. Other nights, that cylinder looks mighty small but you fight through it. The Lake Fenton boys' basketball team did just that Monday night at Corunna High School as the Blue Devils held on to beat Freeland, 55-52.

The Blue Devils (18-6) now play a Class B regional championship contest for the second season in a row, facing Frankenmuth (21-2) in the title game at Corunna High School, Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Maybe it was the cold. Maybe it was the jitters in the regional semi-final game. Whatever the cause, both teams were ice cold in the first half.

With Lake Fenton coming in at 17-6 and Freeland at 20-2, you might have expected a little more offense as the teams scored a combined 35 points in the first half with the Devils up one at 18-17.

Both teams had some pretty good looks at the basket but it seemed the little Leprechaun might have shown up a few days early as several times the ball was headed southbound through the basket only to find its way north again.

Lake Fenton's Isaac Golson and Andrew Foerster both had strong first halves while the rest of the Devils struggled. Foerster had eight points at the break while Golson had six and five rebounds.

Beginning with a Golson dunk along the baseline midway through the third quarter that put Lake Fenton up 26-17, the Devils were able to take control and hold on. Talking about the dunk, Golson said, "(The guys) were getting on me for going up weak and I wasn't getting any calls so I decided to go up strong."

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Lake Fenton's Isaac Golson attempts a shot in the Blue Devils' 55-52 Class B regional semifinal victory against Freeland on Monday.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPENS

Lake Fenton's Jalen Miller (right) and Andrew Foerster take their second straight Class B district trophy to their teammates on Friday.

Jackson's shot propels Lake Fenton to Class B district

By David Troppens

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Perry — Cameron Jackson took just two shots during Lake Fenton's Class B district championship game against Corunna on Friday night.

The Lake Fenton senior just doesn't like shooting at Perry High School's gymnasium.

But when his team needed his shot the most, Jackson provided it with authority. Jackson hit a 3-pointer with 1:12 left in the contest, giving Lake Fenton the lead for good at 54-52, helping lead the Blue Devils to a 57-52 district championship victory. The district title is Lake Fenton's second straight Class B trophy, marking the first time since 1997 when the Blue Devils won a second straight district crown.

After Jackson's shot, Corunna, who led most of the contest, turned

See JACKSON'S on 13



Eagles' postseason run ends in regional semifinals

■ Linden caps season with furthest Class A state tourney run in school history

By David Troppens

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Grand Blanc — Linden's historical and some would call unexpected state tournament run came to an end on Monday night at Grand Blanc High School in the Class A regional semifinal round.

The Eagles fell to Stoney Creek by a

53-39 margin, ending the Eagles' longest state tournament run since 1998, when the squad won a regional title. It also ended the Eagles' longest state tournament run ever in Class A action.

It also marked the end of a successful first season with Chris Root as head coach. After a strong start to the season, the Eagles found themselves in a mid-season lull, at one time losing 10 straight games. Linden bounced back by winning two of its final three regular season

games, creating some confidence entering the postseason. From there the Eagles soared, defeating Holly, Brandon and Grand Blanc to capture the team's first-ever Class A district in history. The Eagles (9-13) had every reason to feel proud of their season, even after the defeat.

"It was awesome. We finally won after all of these years of putting in all of that hard work," senior Gavin Lund said. "We got out that district championship and it was good."

"I think we took districts as a new season and a new beginning," fellow senior Tyler Hoerberling said.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPENS

Linden's Cole Sarkon attempts a shot during the Eagles' 53-39 loss to Stoney Creek in a Class A regional semifinal at Grand Blanc High School Monday night.

Eagles make history with Class A district crown

By Dale M. Smith
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Holly — In a season that began with a great flash of wins, the Linden boys' basketball team struggled mid-season and ended up with only a 6-13 record heading into this year's tournament.

But, it has been a total turnaround as the Eagles swept their way through three games at Holly High School's Horseshoe on the way to their first district title since 1998, topping the Grand Blanc Bobcats 53-51 in overtime. It also marked Linden's first-ever Class A district championship.

Linden came out strong with senior Cole Sarkon setting the tone by hitting two 3-pointers in the first three minutes of the game. Grand Blanc tried to follow suit while taking most of its early shots from outside the arc but failed to keep pace with Sarkon who hit all four of his game-high threes in the first half.

The Eagles' junior Noah Giacomantonio was solid on the boards and on the defensive end but picked up his third foul with 5:04 left in the first half. Linden coach Chris Root wisely pulled him from the lineup but it created a big problem for the Eagles who were looking at serious height disadvantage even with the 6-foot-2 Giacomantonio on the floor.

The Eagles led 12-9 at the end of the first quarter and were down one at the break at 25-24.

A Tyler Hoeberling three got it started for the Eagles in the second half and when Aaron Sarkon and Giacomantonio hit consecutive 3-pointers late in the third quarter to put Linden up 35-29, it looked like the Eagles might take control and close it out.

Grand Blanc continued to battle, though, and when junior Lonnell Martin got hot they were able to close the gap in the fourth. Led by Martin, the Bobcats took the lead at 46-45 before a Garrett Strang three-point play put Linden back on top with 1:09 to go. A late bucket by the Bobcats then forced the extra session.

Linden only committed six fouls for the whole game and that proved to be important in overtime as they had fouls to give and could aggressively defend Grand Blanc on the defensive end. The Bobcats were up 51-50 with 2:32 left in overtime after a Thomas Cook three. Then with only 38 seconds left, Giacomantonio scored on a layup. Cole Sarkon split a pair of free throws with 13.1 second left to put the Eagles by two before a last second three attempt by Grand Blanc fell short.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES
MARK BOLEN

The Linden varsity boys basketball team celebrates the program's first district title since 1998 and its first-ever Class A district crown in school history on Friday. The Eagles defeated the Grand Blanc Bobcats 53-51 in overtime in the district title contest. This was the program's first year under varsity boys head coach Chris Root.

Bartow leads Tigers at D2 state swim meet

By David Troppens
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The Fenton varsity boys swimming and diving team completed its season by having three competitors compete at the Division 2 state meet at Eastern Michigan University on Friday.

Evan Bartow led the Tigers, posting a time drop of nearly three seconds in the 500 free-style preliminaries. The sophomore posted a time of 4:56.53, considerably lower than his seeded time of 4:59.35. However, his time placed him 23rd, seven places short of qualifying for Saturday's consolation finals.

Kyle Banner capped his Fenton swimming career by competing in the 500 freestyle as well. He recorded a time of 4:58.11, placing 28th.

Finally, junior diver Ethan Krantz concluded Fenton's competitors by placing 35th in diving. He was unable to get beyond the preliminary stage, posting a score of 121.55 during his five dives.

The state meet concluded the season. The Tigers won the Metro League title for a sixth straight season this winter.

AAU basketball program hosting tryouts on Sunday

There will be an AAU/travel basketball tryout with the TC Elite Basketball program at Howell High School on March 19 for boys and girls from the fifth-grade through 11th grade.

The program is run by ex-Fenton varsity boys basketball coach and current Howell varsity girls basketball coach Tim Olszewski.

Girls from grades sixth through eighth will try out from 2:30 until 4 p.m. while high school girls will try out from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Boys in the fifth through eighth grades try out from 6 to 7:30 p.m. while the high school aged boys begin their tryout at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Olszewski at (810) 429-1274.

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the ball over on its next possession. Andrew Foerster was fouled on Lake Fenton's next possession, making two free throws and raising the edge to 56-52 with just 21.9 seconds left. If that didn't ice the game, then Jalen Miller's converted free throw with 8.5 seconds left did.

"We were down two and I got the ball on the wing," Jackson said. "I was open so I had to shoot it."

"He makes big plays when we need big plays," Miller said. "He's been struggling shooting in this gym but I told him to keep shooting and you'll knock your shot down."

A year ago the Blue Devils used a lot of the same players to win a district title and advance to a regional title game. Many of their victories this season are following the same pattern created last year — the Blue Devils seem to struggle in the opening half, but rely on their experience, teamwork and composure to capture the win in the second half.

"We've been here before and all we had to do was relax, calm down and just go play every play," Miller said. "In



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Lake Fenton celebrates its district championship victory on Friday.

practice we create that situation and just calm down. We were down 3 with about four minutes left, and we came back with some good buckets and rebounds, and they were the key to the game."

"These guys know it's playoff time and nobody wants to lose. It was just a tough game," Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Jake Erway said.

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pharmacist at Rite-Aid in Holly.

Judy Rockman nominated Heather Lockwood of Fenton, the daughter of Fenton City Councilwoman Pat Lockwood.

Mishelle Dutiaume-Albers nominated her dog, Ollie, who is 100 percent Irish wolfhound (see photo).

Margaret Enright Molenda said her grandparents were all born in Ireland.

Chris Taylor-Holove nominated Jim and Violet Potts. They live in Linden and each year on March 17, they make an appearance in Terry Tibbets first-grade class at Linden Elementary. Both are 100 percent Irish and have been featured by the Tri-County Times in the past.

Holly DeMott nominated her physician, Dr. Jason McMasters at McLaren Hospital.

Christopher Moore, Jr. nominated his friends Kevin and Brian O'Neil. They own a snowplowing and landscaping company in Holly and come from a 100-percent Irish family. He calls them a very tight knit family and says theirs is a great success story.

Rylee O'Leary said she is fully Irish with both sides of her family from Ireland. She says she still has family there.

Thank you to all who shared information and Happy St. Patrick's Day.

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Meet CIARAN TIGHE

(pronounced 'Key'r Awwn Tie')

- Native of Ireland
- Software systems engineer
- Assistant soccer coach

By Vera Hogan

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Ciaran Tighe, 32, lives in Fenton with his wife, Andra Gorski, formerly of Holly and their 15-month-old daughter. He is 100 percent Irish!

When and why did you move to the United States?

We arrived in September 2016. We wanted to relocate to be closer to my wife's family here in Michigan and experience life in America after my wife spent five years living in Ireland.

Are you employed? Where and doing what?

I am a software systems engineer for a local company based in Waterford. We provide software support for large corporations in the automotive industry both in Michigan and internationally.

How did you meet your wife?
We met at a wedding in Michigan back in 2009. A close friend of mine from Dublin married one of my wife's roommates from Michigan State, so a group of us came over from Ireland for the wedding. We stayed in contact then and two years later I lucked out when I convinced my wife to come to



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SUBMITTED PHOTO Ciaran Tighe (pronounced Key'r Awwn Tie) with his wife, Andra Gorski of Holly and their 15-month-old daughter, Kia, at his family home in Lackenmore, Cavan, Ireland.

Ireland to live there and then even more so when we got married a few months later.

Have you been to the U.S. previously?

Yes, I spent a summer in Santa Barbara, California when I was a college student in 2005 with my friends on a 90-day work/travel J1 visa. I have also been coming to Michigan every year since I met my wife for vacations and family events.

Tell us about your daughter.

Our daughter is 15 months old and her name is Fia, which means "little deer" in the Irish language. She has settled really well in Fenton and has made lots of friends from her toddler playgroup.

"It's common for families to be quite large in Ireland, for instance both my mother and father grew up with six sibling each so I have 65 first cousins."

Ciaran Tighe

What do you like best about living in this area, and the United States?

The friendliness and warmth of the people and also the great sense of civic pride. People are very proud of their heritage here and everyone is committed to building a strong community. It's very inspiring to see and to become a part of.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I have signed up to be an assistant coach for soccer at a tri-county area high school. The season kicks off with tryouts this coming week and I am very excited to be involved.

Do you have family in Ireland? Will they be coming to visit you some time?

Yes, I have my mother, two brothers and one sister back in Ireland. My mother and sister are actually here now in Fenton, visiting for two weeks, so we will get to enjoy St. Patrick's Day together. It's great to show them around Michigan, as it's their first visit here, and for them to spend time with our daughter. It's common for families to be quite large in Ireland. For instance both my mother and father grew up with six siblings each so I have 65 first cousins.

Tell us about sports in Ireland.

Ireland's national sports are Gaelic football and hurling. These sports are centuries old and are enjoyed by Irish people across the globe. There are

clubs even in Michigan, a hurling club in Kalamazoo and a Gaelic football club in Detroit.

If you were in Ireland, what would you be doing on St. Patrick's Day?

For St. Patrick's Day in Ireland we would always attend the parade in Dublin City. The streets are thronged with locals and

tourists alike and the atmosphere is always excellent. It's a great day out for families and everyone has a good time watching the parade floats and marching bands go by. It's been known also for people to have a drink or two! In sports this weekend the nation will be glued to their TVs as Ireland takes on England in the 6 Nations Rugby Championship which as you can guess, is quite the grudge match.

What will you be doing here on St. Patrick's Day?

We are planning a road trip west to visit our extended family in Grand Haven on the shores of Lake Michigan. They are a proud Irish-American family so St. Patrick's Day is an important event for them to celebrate their heritage.

Tell us something about the Irish that we probably don't know.

One in six Irish-born people, at the moment, live abroad. Emigration is still extremely common. Nowadays the majority will head to the UK, Canada, Australia and the Emirates, to seek new opportunities/gain experience in their chosen field.

Also, in Ireland we don't ever call it St. Patty's Day! It's either St. Patrick or St. Paddy! *Go raibh míle maith agaibh!!* (thank you all!!).

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF KENT 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FAMILY DIVISION

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER
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Obituaries Times



Mary Lou Cole 1934-2017

Mary Lou Cole - age 82, of Linden, died Monday, March 13, 2017. Funeral services will be held 1 PM Saturday, March 18, 2017 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Rev. Donald Neuville officiating. Burial in Evergreen Cemetery, Grand Blanc. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Friday, March 17, 2017 from 4-8 PM. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to Linden Presbyterian Church. Mary was born August 6, 1934 in Flint, the daughter of Arthur Stevenson and Tillie Geneva (Ford) Boone. She married William George Cole April 25, 1961 in Flint. She had resided in Flint and Linden her entire life. Mary was a member of Linden Presbyterian Church and also was a Girl Scout Leader. She loved her family and friends dearly. She enjoyed talking to them and visiting them when she could. Mary was always eager to help care for those in need. She enjoyed going to garage sales and collecting knick knacks. Mary loved animals and took in many stray cats over the years, giving them a home with her. Surviving are: her husband of 55 years, William; five daughters, Betty Cole and Shirley Cole both of Linden, Rosemary, Betty, and Dorothy; three sons, Danny Smith of Standish, Clifford (Sharlene) Rose of Shelby Township, and Billy; granddaughter, Jessica Cole of Grand Blanc; brothers, Frank (Chris) Boone of Grand Blanc and Charles Boone of Au Gres; sister, Dorothy Frye of Flushing; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Robert, William, and James Boone. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Robert Phil Chom 1949-2017

Robert Phil Chom - age 67, of Fenton, died Friday, March 10, 2017 at his residence. Services will be held 1 PM Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. The family will receive friends from 3-8 PM Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at the funeral home. Robert was born July 12, 1949 in Detroit, the son of Edward and Viola (Dymecki) Chom. He married Lauren Morgan on August 6, 1977. Robert was the owner of Fenton Kar Wash for over 40 years. He was a devoted family man and loved spending time with his family. Surviving are: wife, Lauren; three children, Jacob Chom, Kristy (Thomas) Burns, and Jessie Chom; granddaughter, Lorelai Burns; sister, Glory (Robert) Elliott; brother, Randy (Marilyn) Chom; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by: his parents; and his brother, Paul Chom. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

NOTICE OF HEARING LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION – DOLLAR GENERAL CITY OF LINDEN – CITY COUNCIL

The Linden City Council will be conducting a public hearing as part of the meeting agenda on Monday, March 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers on the lower level of the Mill Building at 201 N. Main Street, Linden, Michigan. The purpose of the hearing is to hear citizens' comments on a request for the following:

Petitioner: Dolgencorp, LLC for Linden BTS Retail, LLC, is making an application for a Specially Designated Merchant (SDM) liquor license for the Dollar General located at 601 W. Broad St. under Linden's Liquor License Ordinance No. 375.

Applications and supporting documentation are available for public review at the City Offices. Persons wishing to comment may do so at the hearing or written comments should be addressed to Lynn M. Henry, City Clerk, at P.O. Box 507, 132 E. Broad Street, Linden, MI 48451.

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

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

Keep an open mind about a suggestion you see as unworkable. Give it a chance to prove itself one way or another. The results could surprise both supporters and detractors.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

News about an upcoming venture causes you to make some last-minute adjustments in your plans. But the extra work will pay off, as you come to learn more about the potential benefits opening up.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

A more positive aspect grows out of your determination to reach your immediate goals. Continue to keep your focus sharp and on target by steering clear of petty quarrels and other pesky problems.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

By acting as a voice of reason, you can avoid adding to an already turbulent situation. You might have to shout over the tumult, but your words ultimately will be heard and heeded.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)

The possibility of a new acquisition always makes those Leonine eyes light up. But be careful that what you see is what you want. Appearances often can be deceiving.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

No matter how much you might feel that you're in the right, resist saying anything that could reignite a still-unresolved situation. Let the matter drop, and move on.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Help with a personal problem comes from an unexpected source. You also find workplace pressures easing. Use this period of calm to restore your spent energies.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

You might have to share the credit for that project you're working on. But there'll be enough credit to go around, and your efforts will be recognized and rewarded.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Details need to be dealt with before you can move on to another area. Make sure you don't leave any loose ends that could later cause everything to unravel.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

News about a change in the workplace carries with it a challenge you could find difficult to resist. Check it out. It could be what you've been waiting for.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Allowing your artistic nature full expression will help restore your spirits and will put you in the mood to take on that new career challenge. A Libra creates excitement.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)

Expect to happily plunge right into a hectic social whirl starting at week's end. Your aspects favor new friendships as well as the strengthening of old relationships.

WEDNESDAY JUMBLE

JUMBLE

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

LOVAC

VEELA

COSHOL

STOJEL

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

My heart skipped a beat
He almost hit you
10/5
WHAT THE RECKLESS DRIVER GAVE THE BARBER.

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

Ans: A

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

1 Smooth-talking

5 Water barrier

8 Urban pall

12 Places

13 "Where did — wrong?"

14 Ocean motion

15 Enthusiastic, plus

16 — de deux

17 One

18 Cognitive

20 Dry cleaner's challenges

22 Acapulco gold

23 Branch

24 Freeway access

27 Small details

32 Peyton's brother

33 Alias (Abbr.)

34 Sharp turn

35 Church VIP

38 Titanic foe

39 Ostrich's cousin

40 "Flying Down to —"

42 High-ranking angel

45 Historic write-up

49 Rocky peak

50 Suitable

52 Castle protection

53 Leering look

54 Zodiac cat

55 Former

56 Pitch

57 Listener

58 Abound

DOWN

1 Glitz

2 Theater box

3 PC picture

4 Circus tent

5 Embassy big-wig

6 Turkish title

7 Peat source

8 Washington's

9 Play down

10 Valhalla VIP

11 Understands

19 It's between

21 Greek consonant

24 Sleep phenomenon, for short

25 "The Greatest"

26 Ores

28 Prez after

29 Storyteller

30 Melody

31 Early bird?

36 Pictorializations

37 Dine

38 Witticism

41 Fashionable

42 Highlander

43 Therefore

44 — and hearty

46 Top-rated

47 Chantilly, e.g.

48 Goblet feature

51 Shooter ammo

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DVD RELEASES

ELLE

Michèle seems indestructible. Head of a successful video game company, she brings the same ruthless attitude to her love life as to business. Being attacked in her home by an unknown assailant changes Michèle's life forever. When she resolutely tracks the man down, they are both drawn into a curious and thrilling game-a game that may, at any moment, spiral out of control.

R, 2 hr. 10 min.
Art House & International, Drama, Mystery & Suspense

FENCES

Denzel Washington directed and stars in this adaptation of August Wilson's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, which centers on a black garbage collector named Troy Maxson in 1950s Pittsburgh. Bitter that baseball's color barrier was only broken after his own heyday in the Negro Leagues, Maxson is prone to taking out his frustrations on his loved ones. Both Washington and co-star Viola Davis won Tonys for their performances in the 2010 revival of the play.

PG-13, 2 hr. 13 min.
Drama

74%



liked it

(Audience score on rottentomatoes.com)

79%

liked it

(Audience score on rottentomatoes.com)


3-DAY FUEL SAVINGS!

Thursday, March 16 through Saturday, March 18

SAVE 50¢

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



*Limit 1 offer per transaction with yes card. Fuel discounts are limited to a \$75 purchase. Items excluded from fuel promotion: purchase of prescriptions, tobacco, lottery, stamps, gift cards, beer, wine, liquor, sales tax & service counter items.



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Corned Beef Brisket Flat Cut

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Yukon Gold or Red Potatoes
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Boneless
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Folgers Coffee
22.6 - 30.5 oz.

Sunbeam, Holsum King or Soft 'N Good White Bread
(24 oz.); or Aunt Millie's Deluxe Hamburger or Hot Dog Buns (8 ct.)

\$1.69 with yes



Luck o' the Irish Cupcakes
6 ct.

\$2.99 with yes



Nabisco
Oreo Cookies
(10.1 - 15.35 oz.), Nilla Wafers (11 oz.), Nutter Butter Rounds (11.8 oz.), Honey Maid Graham Crackers (12.2 - 14.4 oz.), or BelVita Breakfast Biscuits (8.8 oz.)

\$1.99 When you buy 5 Lesser or Greater Quantities \$2.99 with yes



Spartan
Shredded or Chunk Cheese
6 - 8 oz.

BUY 2 GET 1 FREE with yes



Campbell's Chunky or Homestyle Soup
(18.6 - 19 oz.) or Microwavable Bowl (15.25 oz.)

4/\$5 with yes



Pepsi-Cola Products
24 pk., 12 oz. cans (plus deposit)

\$5.99 When you buy 2 Lesser or Greater Quantities \$7.99 with yes



Budweiser, Miller, Coors, Labatt or Molson
24 pk., 12 oz. cans (plus deposit)

\$15.49 with yes



Angle Soft Bath Tissue
(6 ct. mega or 12 ct. double rolls) or Sparkle Paper Towels (6 ct. big rolls)

2/\$10 with yes



Prices effective through Saturday, March 18, 2017