

# Media — who reports the truth?

■ Just 35 percent of Americans trust media, an all-time low

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The spread of fake news during the 2016 presidential election and statements from President Donald Trump about the press being “the enemy of the American people”

have prompted wide public discourses about mistrust in the media.

The Pew Research Center published a report in July 2016  
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Trust in media is dwindling, as public discourse about bias news sources rises.

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## Driver in high-speed chase apprehended

■ Fenton Township teen tasered after resisting arrest

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An 18-yr-old Fenton Township resident is facing the possibility of numerous charges after he led Fenton police on a high-speed chase early Saturday morning.

Sgt. Dave Reinfelder of the Fenton Police Department said Officer Julie Bemus observed a red Grand Am at 12:41 a.m. on March 18 drifting within the lane as it headed northbound on North LeRoy St., near Wass St. in Fenton. As the car drifted from side to side, Bemus reported that it was traveling 52 mph in the posted 35-mph zone.

Determining that the driver might be intoxicated, Bemus activated the patrol car's lights and attempted a traffic stop. The car slowed and turned into the parking lot by Sagebrush. Instead of stopping, however, the Grand Am

**See CHASE on 8**



## At least 35 storefronts are currently vacant in Fenton

■ New Owen Road strip mall proposed

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Since Owen Road Partners LLC purchased the Pizza Hut and Big Boy Restaurant on Owen Road, they also have submitted plans to the city for preliminary site plan review.

A drive around town Sunday, inspired the question, do we need more strip malls?

According to a previous interview, Building and Zoning Administrator Mike Reilly said the Owen Road Partners' concept includes up to a nine-tenant building. The property is zoned general business, which could include anything from retail and restaurants, to personal services like medical offices, banks, etc.

According to Carmine Avantini, planner for the city of Fenton, the applicant will be going before the Fenton Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) on March 28.

**See STRIP MALL on 8**

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Lake Winds Plaza on N. LeRoy St., borders Fenton City and Fenton Township. It has only one space available. In other areas of Fenton there are at least 35 vacant commercial spaces currently available to lease.

## Fenton Township home catches fire

■ Suspicious in origin, fire marshal brought in to investigate

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**Fenton Twp.** — The Fenton Township Fire Department, along with aid from Mundy Township and Fenton City, responded to a house fire in the 2300 block of Belle Glade Court at 3:45 p.m. on Monday,  
**See FIRE on 6**

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Fenton Township, Mundy Township and Fenton City fire departments responded to a house fire on Belle Glade Court in Fenton Township Monday afternoon. Two occupants were transported to Hurley Medical Center for their injuries.



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“The saddest fact of climate change — and the chief reason we should be concerned about finding a proper response — is that the countries it will hit hardest are already among the poorest in the world.”



“Administrators at Carleton University have removed the bathroom scales from the campus gym, claiming that ‘being fixated on weight’ does not ‘have any positive effect on your health.’ What’s next, ban graduation because being fixated on earning a degree could instill a sense of shame for those who drop out?”



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“Hey King, back in the day, if you paid attention in school you would know that weather is now and climate is what happens over time. Two different things.”





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The entire ninth-grade class at Linden High School participated in the egg drop activity on Thursday, March 16. Students constructed contraptions in class using common household items and dropped them, with an egg inside, from atop the football stadium bleachers. Students learned the basics of physics and how to reduce force on objects.

## Breaking eggs for science



■ Students hope their eggs survive a 50-foot drop to the cold hard ground

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Linden — “Larry!” howled one student in mock dramatic relief. “Larry, you survived!” In this case, the egg named Larry, complete with a magic-marker face, survived the 50-foot drop from the top of the bleachers, his foam, tape and paper capsule insulating him from impact.

Not all of the eggs were so lucky. Some ended up splattered inside a 2-liter jug, while others were ejected from the mish-mash contraption of household items, cracking on impact.

Either fate drew uproarious reactions from the waiting crowd of 13-year-olds,

and from the student who had to release it from above and their teammate waiting on the ground.

The experiment ran from morning to afternoon, on Thursday, March 16, as part of their science class. Students arrived and built the device from items they brought from home.

“The hope is that they learned that there are many different ways to reduce force,” said science teacher Ben Cox.

The goal was to reduce the force played against the egg using basic household items like toilet paper rolls, socks, a bunch of straws, or a foam cup.

This science is very practical for a high school football player and their helmet, for example. “Hopefully if they go onto designing or engineering products, they’ll know the basics of the science and physics behind it,” said Cox.

## Pop sales fizzle due to popularity of bottled water

■ Local schools and health-conscious residents give up the soda habit

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Kathy Rezac of Fenton decided at the beginning of this year that it was time to give up her daily Diet Coke habit.

She was drinking up to 44 ounces a day, nursing it all day long.

“Just knowing I’m 54 and diabetes runs in my family, I decided I have to give up something,” she said. “It just felt right. Now I drink mostly water and hot tea.” She has also lost almost 15 pounds in the process, with the added healthy habit of going to the gym.

Rezac is not alone in giving up her pop addiction.

Today, soda sales have lost their fizz, replaced by sales of bottled water — the new beverage of choice for the majority of Americans. Soda sales have actually fallen for the 10th consecutive year, while bottled water sales have increased 7.7 percent,

See **WATER** on 9



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More health-conscious consumers are choosing bottled water over pop, causing soda manufacturers to focus their future dollars on bottled waters, juices and teas.

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## If I Were King...

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### Why did the chicken cross the road?

**DONALD TRUMP:** We don't really care why the chicken crossed the road. We just want to know if the chicken came here from Mexico. Can't you see that 'crossing the road' (cruzando la carretera) is a euphemism for coming to America illegally? If we had a wall that chicken wouldn't be here stealing jobs from Americans. It's huge, huge...

**HILLARY CLINTON:** What difference, at this point, does it make?

**AL GORE:** I actually invented the chicken. I invented the road also.

**IRAQI AMBASSADOR:** What are you talking about? We don't have a chicken. We don't even have a road.

**RODNEY KING:** Can't all the chickens just get along?

**RUSH LIMBAUGH:** Folks, I don't know why the chicken crossed the road, but I'll bet it was getting a government grant to cross the road, and I'll bet someone out there is already forming a support group to help chickens with crossing-the-road syndrome. Can you believe this? Chickens crossing a road paid for by tax dollars, and when I say tax dollars, I'm talking about your money, money the government took from you to build roads for chickens to cross. Furthermore...

**JERRY FALWELL:** Because the chicken was gay! Isn't it obvious? Can't you people see the plain truth in front of your face? The chicken was going to the 'other side.' That's what gay chickens call it – the 'other side.'

**JERRY SEINFELD:** What's up with chicken wings? I mean chickens can't fly. Shouldn't they have little hands instead? Can you see yourself eating a bucket of spicy chicken hands? Will that be regular or extra crispy?

**ERNEST HEMINGWAY:** To die. In the rain. Alone. The road was angry that day...

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.:** I



FOSTER CHILDS

envision a world where all chickens will be judged not by the color of their feathers, but by the content of their character.

**GRANDPA:** In my day, chickens would cross the road through 6 feet of snow, uphill, both ways.

**BARBARA WALTERS:** Isn't that fascinating? In a few moments we will be wistening to the chicken tell, for the first time, the heawtwawming stow of how the chicken, despite a sewious case of molting, went on to accompwish its wifewong dweam of ccrossing the woad.

**ROSEANNE BARR:** Burrrip – what chicken?

**DR. PHIL:** The problem we have here is that this chicken won't realize that he must first deal with the problem on 'THIS' side of the road before she goes after the problem on the 'OTHER SIDE' of the road.

**FOSTER CHILDS:** What was that chicken doing crossing the road in the first place? She should have been in the henhouse minding her chicks. She probably crossed the road in a foreign car while sipping on some Evian water. We've got a whole generation of chickens who lack parenting skills. If I were king, that chicken would be home, on the nest, where she belongs.

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**I HAVE A** great idea. Why don't we take federal health care away from Paul Ryan, the House and the Senate and give them health care under the new plan.

**SOMEBODY SHOULD TELL** Kid Rock that Bob Seger's not from Detroit. He's from Ann Arbor. If he's going to run for Michigan state senator, he ought to know stuff like that.

**I'M WATCHING THE** Arnold Palmer pregame. Some years ago I took my son and daughter putting. We were standing on the putting green and Palmer was putting. When he went to the driving range, I told my boy 'go ask for his autograph.' He asked and Palmer stepped on my son's foot, never said a word, and kept going.

**AS A CONSERVATIVE** Christian, I feel that anyone here illegally has no right to stay. Just like we, as sinners, have no right to salvation. Except the one without sin, who told us to 'Love our neighbors as ourselves' so we sinners would have a chance at salvation and eternal life.

**FENTON COMMUNITY CENTER** prepare for another claim. Amazing. All those workers up on roof and not one following OSHA safety requirements.

**IT'S SAD THAT** for years our leaders, acting like petulant children, have wasted taxpayers' money and left us with a \$20 trillion debt that we have to pay back.

**THE OIL PIPELINES** running under the Mackinaw Bridge are old and are wearing out. Parts of the outer skin are gone. If a group was formed from all States and Provinces that border the lakes to raise money to fix the pipelines, would you be willing to join or donate?

**WITH THE GOVERNOR** and state legislatures exempted from the FOIA and the legislators trying to do things that may sound good to their constituents, one wonders what is really going on with the legislative body. Michigan is the North Korea of the U.S.

**CONSERVATIVES OFTEN JOKINGLY** refer to CNN as the Communist News Network. During the Trump speech on Wednesday, I turned to CNN to see how they covered the speech. I was shocked to see self avowed Communist Van Jones doing the commentary.

**HOW MANY REALIZE** that the war in Korea never ended? We have a numbered U.S. Army unit in South Korea.

**ALL THOSE PROPOSING** a nationalized health care system have yet to deal with one. Try it, you won't like it.

**IF YOU'RE OLD** enough to vote and to fight and die for this country then you're old enough to buy alcohol and cigarettes. The Tobacco 21 initiative in Genesee County is a joke as is the drinking age in this country. It makes otherwise law-abiding 18-year-olds criminals.

**AS AN AMERICAN** who respects our Constitutional freedoms, I am disheartened by the way our courts, up to and including our Supreme Court, have stopped following our laws and instead are making decisions according to their personal political opinions.

**TRUMP SHOULD MANDATE** under his new health care law that all federally elected officials can only get a deductible health care plan and that they have to pay for it themselves.

**GLOBAL WARMING IS** real. Humans are the primary cause. If you don't believe it, turn off Fox News and spend some time reading the science journals and think for yourself.

**THE STOCK MARKET** is at an all time high, the economy is up and increasing, jobs are up 253,000 with the lowest unemployment in over eight years, wages are up, small business is up and illegal immigration is down 40 percent. All of this since Obama fixed the economy.

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## What is your beverage of choice?

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

## streettalk



"Probably water. It's just good. I'm an athlete so I drink it. I play football."

**Brendan Jagotka**  
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"Mine is Mountain Dew. I just always liked it. No rhyme or reason behind it."

**Angie Davies**  
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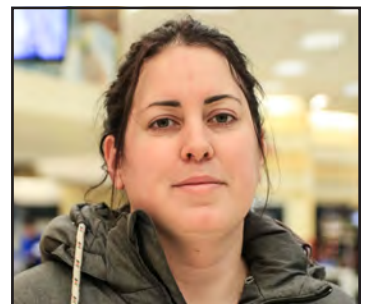
"I prefer Gatorade. Orange and blue. I like the colors."

**Hayvin Brown**  
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"I would have to say water. I have a really cool water pitcher where you can put fruit in it. It's infused. I usually do oranges, apples, strawberries, and blueberries."

**Mary McIntosh**  
Fenton



"I eat a low carb diet so they recommend basically just water so I drink about 100-110 ounces a day. Other than that, sometimes I make home-made lemonade."

**Jennifer DeGuise**  
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## MEDIA

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about which media consumers trust.

According to the report, 82 percent of U.S. adults trust the information they get from local organizations, 76 percent trust the information from national news organizations, and 34 percent trust social media.

However, in February of this year, Edelman, a global communications and public relations firm, found that only 35 percent of Americans trust the media, an all time low.

Trump has also fueled public discourse about which news outlets to trust. He's spoken in favor of Fox News and negatively about CNN, ABC, MSNBC, and others, even deeming them "fake news."

According to a survey of 1,603 adults in December 2016 from an online polling firm Morning Consult, ABC had the highest credibility rating out of news source in the poll, and The Wall Street Journal was the highest ranked newspaper. CNN ranked in the middle, below ABC, CBS and NBC, but above FOX and MSNBC.

According to a survey by Rasmussen reports, CNN is the least trusted news source.

The Tri-County Times posed this question on their Facebook page: Which type of media do you trust the most when it comes to print news, TV news stations, big media like CNN and Fox, online websites, and social media? Are you more likely to trust one more than another? Why?

### Here are the results.

Forty-two people commented. Some listed news sources they trusted, and some only commented on other's opinions. While the debate over trusting media revolves around big media sources, like Fox, CNN, and MSNBC, the most trusted source mentioned on the impromptu poll was NPR. (See sidebar for results.)

Many commentators mentioned bias. Mary Ann Podjun posted, "I don't trust any news outlets, in any format. Bias is a human condition. It has always existed. The difference is that now the public is awake, and participating. Do your own research. The truth most always lies somewhere in between what's reported on all fronts."

Marcy Andres Deffendall wrote, "It's hard to know who to trust right now, but I prefer Fox News because they are less biased and don't seem to have an ulterior motive as the others like MSNBC and CNN do."

Another person pointed out that Fox News has a conservative bias, and Deffendall agreed.

Mike Revoir said that we all have bias, and that "we gravitate toward people and outlets who share our beliefs."

According to Politifact, bias was a huge contributor of the spread of fake news during this past election, because it can often be impossible for someone to change their mind about an issue even when they're presented with conflicting facts.

Oxford Dictionaries chose "post-truth" as its word of the year in 2016. It's defined when "objective facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal belief."

Some commentators said they avoid

big news to avoid the bias.

Christine Heron wrote, "I like NPR, Newsweek, the Atlantic, Rolling Stone, and NYT. I don't watch any sensational news stations like Fox or MSNBC."

Multiple people commented about the necessity of reading multiple sources.

Gregory D. Thompson said he trusts "None of them. You have to validate your stories on a couple of sources, or you're not getting the real story."

Brandon Brown's comment, which received 16 likes as of Monday, March 20, reads, "Honestly, you

shouldn't put all your trust in any particular source. You need to do your own research. Which means you have to read more than just the headline and read multiple articles."

### Being an informed consumer

A blanket statement of "I don't trust any major media site" can be overreaching. People rely on those sources to break huge news, like the 9/11 attacks, bombings, and news that doesn't involve bias or any slant. People trust these sites for fast news, but they shouldn't be the only source of news you consume.

Here are some tips to becoming a well-rounded news consumer:

**Read your news as well as watch it.** TV stations only have a small amount of time to report on one issue, and don't always have the time to report all the facts. Read your news as well. People consume more knowledge while reading something rather than only listening. Credible online articles also link to surveys, studies, and reports, giving those sites another layer of trustworthiness.

**Understand that hearsay is just hearsay.** When news breaks about proposed budget cuts, or alleged ties to something controversial, take those for what they are—something that *could* happen or *could* be true. Your opinion about a topic shouldn't solely be shaped by the first news article you see on it, especially if more investigations need to be done.

**Regularly consult fact-checking sites.** You should check fact checking sites as much as you're reading and seeing news. The news is the watchdog of the government, but the consumers need to be the watchdog of the news. Snopes, Politifact, Poynter Institute, and Truth or Fiction are considered trustworthy sources.

**Check your own bias.** If you have clear left-leaning or right-leaning beliefs, you need to check yourself if you want to be well informed. If you only trust Fox or CNN because they agree with your personal bias, you're not an informed consumer.

Source: Staff Reporter Hannah Ball



### FACEBOOK POST RESULTS

Fox News was mentioned the most at eight times, four times positively and four times negatively. Seven people said they trusted NPR, and four people said they trusted The New York Times. Four people spoke positively about CNN, while one person spoke negatively. Three spoke in favor of The Washington Post, and BBC received two positive comments.

The Times made the rankings with two positive mentions, and MSNBC received one positive and one negative mention.

Fortune, ABC, NBC, CBS, Dan Rather, CBC, The Guardian, The Huffington Post, Newsweek, The Atlantic, Rolling Stone, and The Rubin Report on YouTube all received one positive comment respectively.

The SNL weekend update and Trump's Twitter feed were also mentioned positively.

Source: Times Facebook page

## News briefs

### MEETING MINUTES NOW ONLINE

Genesee County residents may, for the first time ever, view the minutes of their Board of Commissioners meetings online. Previously, anyone wanting to read the minutes had to travel to downtown Flint. The minutes can be found at [www.gc4me.com/departments/board\\_of\\_commissioners](http://www.gc4me.com/departments/board_of_commissioners). Getting the minutes online was one of the campaign promises of newly elected Commissioner Drew Shapiro, representing District 6 in southern Genesee County.

### SPEEDWAYS SEEKING LIQUOR LICENSE

By not objecting or voting against it, the Fenton City Council gave the nod Monday night, March 20, to the Speedways on both sides of the highway on Owen Road to seek liquor licenses. If approved by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, both gas stations will be able to sell packaged beer and wine.

### CHARTER AGREEMENT RENEWED

At the recommendation of City Manager Lynn Markland, the Fenton City Council voted unanimously Monday, March 20, to approve the Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement with Charter Communications. The renewal is for 10 years. Markland said the state has authority over local franchise agreements. The city cannot change anything in the document.

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Genesee County Sheriff's Dep. Pat Shaw talks with a neighbor who lives near the house that burned on Monday.

## FIRE

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March 20. The Genesee County Sheriff's Office assisted.

Two residents, a male and a female, were transported to Hurley Medical Center in Flint for treatment of smoke inhalation and minor burns. A family dog was unharmed.

When the 911 call came in, dark smoke could be seen from the township fire department.

Once the fire was under control, firefighters worked at extinguishing any hot spots.

Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz said the fire was mostly contained to the living room area of the house.

The state fire marshal was requested to help with the investigation to determine the cause of the fire.

Media Editor Tim Jagielo contributed to this report.

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### 'GENESEE OPPORTUNITY' STIPENDS AVAILABLE FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

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Mark McCabe

67th District Court

Ask the

# judge

### A short history on nominating and confirming a Supreme Court Justice

John Jay was confirmed as the first Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court on Sept. 26, 1789. Historically, he became the first of some 162 presidential nominations with a total of 124 nominees being confirmed by the Senate.

The last of these nominees is Judge Neil Gorsuch, who is in the midst of his Senate Judiciary Committee hearing.

Judge Gorsuch will soon receive word on his fate, which will in part be based on how he does in answering the questions posed to him and the overall impression he makes on the committee and then the full Senate.

Having a committee hearing on nominations is a relatively recent development, as the first time this happened was in 1925 with Justice Harlan Fiske Stone. Prior to this, nominations immediately went before the full Senate for consideration.

A significant change in the approach to these hearings, by both the Senate and the candidates, occurred in 1987 with the nomination of Judge Robert Bork by President Ronald Reagan.

Judge Bork was considered to be a very conservative judge and made no secret of his judicial philosophy being that the 'original understanding' of the framers of the Constitution as to its meaning must always prevail in judicial decisions.

Additionally, there was great fear in some quarters that Judge Bork was against equal rights, the right to privacy, and other individual rights and it is widely agreed that Judge Bork's responses to certain Senators' questions regarding these issues did not help his case. Some have called his demeanor severe and forbidding.

At the end, his nomination was rejected by the Senate in a 58 to 42 vote. As a result of these hearings two things occurred.

The first was the creation of a new word 'bork,' which means to defame or vilify a person systematically, especially in the mass media, usually with the aim of preventing their appointment to public office.

The second is a more genteel and non-specific answers approach by Supreme Court nominees at their hearings to ensure that nothing they do or say can be construed in a negative way.

We will all await the results as to Judge Gorsuch with interest.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | HANNAH BALL

The Linden City Council briefly discussed creating an ordinance that would make it illegal to park cars on lawns for an extended period of time.

## Parking cars on lawns could be illegal

### ■Linden City Council considered restricting practice in 2015

By Hannah Ball  
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**Linden** — Linden City Councilor Dave Franz brought forth an issue at the Monday, March 13 meeting that's garnered controversy in the past — people are parking cars on their front lawns for an extended period of time.

Franz said this practice ruins the grass, and their lawn, creates a mud pile, and doesn't look good.

He said he doesn't have an issue when people temporarily park their cars on their lawns, but "When you've got a two-car garage, and there's not a car in the (darned) thing and they've got all these cars all over the front yard, that's my problem," he said. "Even from here (City Council chambers) to Calabria's Pizza place, there's 20 cars in driveways. You can't even walk down the sidewalk."

While there's an ordinance against blocking the sidewalks, there isn't one against parking on front lawns.

City Manager Paul Zelenak said this has been an issue for a while, and they had considered an ordinance that limited parking on front lawns except for parties and events.

"The request to restrict parking on the lawns was brought before the planning commission in 2015. An ordinance, which limited the parking on the lawns was brought before planning commission and then City Council. But it did not get passed by City Council, so the planned ordinance did not get enacted," he said.

They had aerial photos taken of cars parked on lawns on side streets and showed them to the planning commission.

#### SUMMARY

■ At the Linden City Council meeting on March 13, Councilor David Franz brought up the topic of people parking on their front lawns and ruining the grass, creating a mud pit.

"We even had residents coming in who had heard about that and were against it at the planning commission and did speak at the city council as well," he said.

Zelenak expects the issue to come back to the planning commission at the next meeting, April 3. It could also be talked about at the next city council meeting March, 27.

Linden Attorney Matt McKone recommended that residents take photos of cars parked in front lawns and give them to the planning commission. He said every city has this problem and it becomes more prevalent in spring.

"They can write an ordinance that prohibits the parking in a front yard area. I wasn't aware that they city allowed parking between the curb and the sidewalk. That is city-owned property, it's the right-of-way and it's too dangerous. Anything that's in that right-of-way is a target for vehicle traffic. You park a car there, that's a large target," McKone said.

## Video surveillance approved at gazebo

### ■Will watch over Mill Pond Park area

By Vera Hogan  
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**Fenton** — On Monday, March 20, the Fenton City Council voted unanimously to authorize the spending of \$7,645 on a new video solution capable of capturing the Fenton gazebo and nearby Mill Pond Park area.

According to Interim Police Chief Jason Slater, the gazebo has become the target of vandals within the last year, resulting in significant damage.

This, accompanied with a missing child last year from the Mill Pond Park area, prompted former Police Chief Rick Aro to suggest that the Mill Pond Park area be monitored with video surveillance.

"Recorded footage, captured within the park, would be instrumental in holding accountable those responsible for damaging the gazebo and would play an important role in our ability to respond to various situations that occur in the park area," said Slater. "This footage would be transmitted to and stored on the police department's video server."

The equipment will be purchased from Absolute Security & Investigations. The same company was responsible for installing the police department's surveillance system encompassing the jail, booking, lobby, interview room and rear parking lot.

Of the \$7,645, \$5,500 will pay for two cameras, licensing and software

upgrades. The \$2,145 balance represents the cost of increased storage to the police department's video server.

The current damage to the gazebo is estimated to be between \$15,000 and \$20,000, according to Terry Steffey of Dibbleville Woodworks in Fenton.

Steffey has been repairing damages to the gazebo for the past 10 years — for free. He is in the process of repairing it again. The cameras will be in place ASAP.

Slater told the City Council Monday that the equipment is very sophisticated, a 12 mega pixel camera. The camera will be programmed to video humans only, not squirrels, deer or other wildlife in the area. The council and administration agreed that the gazebo is a very popular gathering spot, especially for teens.

"We're not trying to limit recreation," said City Manager Lynn Markland. "We're trying to prevent damage."

Mayor Sue Osborn said, "I know it's a popular place for kids, but we can't have this (vandalism) happen."

Signage informing park visitors that they are being video-taped will be placed.

Problems with vandalism at the gazebo are not new.

Since the gazebo was built in the late 1970s, mischief and vandalism have occurred on a regular basis, resulting in needed repairs big and small to the gazebo. The damage was almost always to the slats (balustrades), and attributed to kids on inline skates and later skateboards.

A 2003 increase in gazebo rental and damage fees did little to stop the problem.

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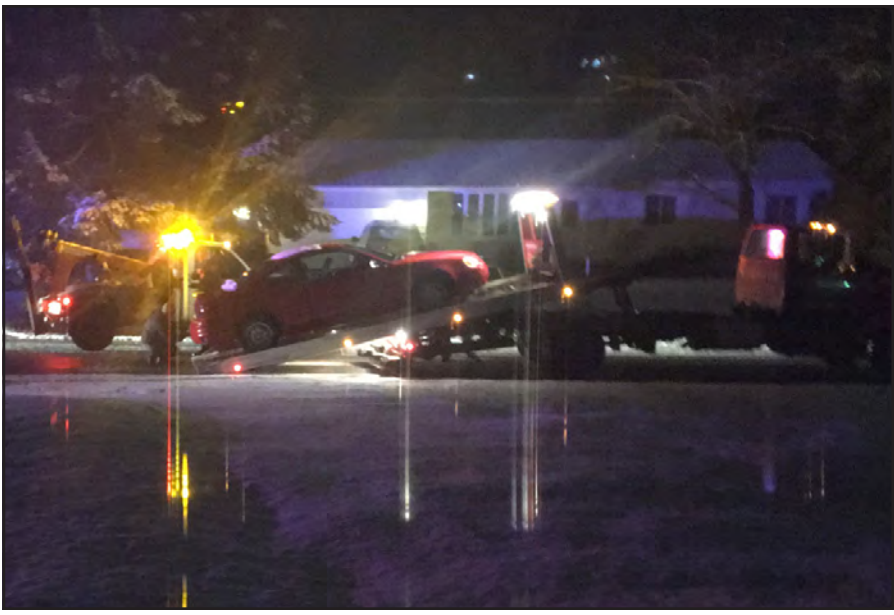
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The Grand Am, driven by an 18-year-old Fenton Township resident, is being impounded following a high speed chase which started in Fenton City and ended in Fenton Township.

## CHASE

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drove through the parking lot and back onto northbound North Fenton Rd.

Tracking the car at 70 mph in the 45-mph zone, Bemus activated the patrol car's siren and lights and notified dispatch that the car was not stopping. A Genesee County Sheriff's deputy and Linden police officer arrived to assist.

The Grand Am turned and headed westbound on N. Long Lake Rd., north on Main St. and then east on Belle Glade Ct. The Grand Am made a sudden stop at a home in the 2300 block of Belle Glade Ct. in Fenton Township. Police learned that this was the driver's home.

Reinfelder said the male driver exited the car and ran on foot to the back of the house, while Bemus yelled for him to stop. She ran after the driver who was attempting to open a door at the back of the house. Not complying with her orders to stop, Bemus activated her taser on him,

however, his clothing prevented the taser from slowing him down.

As Bemus attempted to arrest the driver, a female opened the door and tried to let the driver into the house. As the driver ran into the house,

Bemus, the Linden police officer and sheriff's deputy ran after him and eventually tackled him in a dark bedroom.

The driver remained uncooperative, however, police were able to handcuff him and take him into custody. When police turned the bedroom lights on, they observed a plastic freezer bag containing marijuana in plain view.

The teen is facing civil infractions for speeding and having improper plates on the car. He is also facing charges of fleeing and eluding police, resisting an officer, possession of marijuana, and possession of alcohol in a motor vehicle. The Grand Am was impounded and charges against the driver are pending lab results.

## SUMMARY

■ Multiple charges are pending on an 18-year-old Fenton Township resident after he led Fenton police on a high-speed chase early Saturday morning.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

The Torrey Road plaza that houses The Sugar Shack has just one commercial space available for lease.

## STRIP MALL

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"The variances they are requesting will allow the cross access connections with the proposed development to line up with the Sunoco site to the east and the Tuffy site to the west," Avantini said. "In addition, the property narrows considerably for the current Big Boy site and makes it difficult to provide adequate parking while still meeting the ordinance parking setback requirements."

When and if they get a variance from the ZBA, the plan will proceed to the Fenton Planning Commission for site plan approval.

There have been two chief complaints from the public about this project — increased traffic in an already congested area, and the number of storefronts that currently sit vacant throughout the city.

According to Interim Police Chief Jason Slater, there have been 18 accidents in the past 15 months. He said there have been nearly as many at other nearby Owen Road intersections such as at Alloy and Donaldson.

As far as empty buildings, the Tri-County Times' drive around town on Sunday, March 19, resulted in a count of

every vacant storefront in the city.

We did not include businesses that we thought could be closed, but were not sure. We were unable to verify many of the addresses because the address numbers were either missing from the front of the building or door, or were too faded and illegible.

To date, there are approximately 35 vacant commercial spaces in the city. The 35 includes the now-closed Kmart, Bob Evans and Ruby Tuesday buildings.

Beginning with the former (now vacant) Sweet Variations building in downtown Dibbleville, we drove north on LeRoy Street, ending at the Lake Winds Plaza.

There are 10 empty storefronts along that stretch of roadway, and the majority are in the smaller strip malls.

Taking N. Leroy Street south again to North Road, and North to Adelaide and Silver Lake Road west to Silver Lake Village, there are five vacant storefronts.

There are eight more vacant storefronts along Silver Parkway, with the heaviest concentration in the strip mall anchored by Dunham's.

Along Torrey Road within the Fenton City limits, there are two vacant storefronts.

In a previous question and answer interview with Reilly, he said there is nothing the city can do to force property owners to rent their buildings or storefronts. As long as they pay their taxes and utilities and maintain their properties, there is nothing the city can do, he said.

On the question of imposing a temporary moratorium on commercial building, Reilly said that would be a decision for the Fenton City Council to make.

## SUMMARY

■ Owen Road Partners LLC will be seeking a variance from the Fenton Zoning Board of Appeals on Tuesday, March 28. According to city planner, Carmine Avantini, the variances they are requesting will allow the cross access connections with the proposed development to line up with the Sunoco site to the east and the Tuffy site to the west.

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**Correction:** In the "Our Town" feature on Ciaran Tighe, published in the March 15 Midweek edition, the photo caption should have said his daughter's name is Fia.



## WATER

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according to the Beverage Marketing Corporation.

Some of the biggest losers have been the diet soda brands, with consumers becoming increasingly skeptical of artificial sweeteners.

Tasha Stuve of Mundy Township, used to drink at least two diet pops a day, but she has replaced that habit with a healthier one of water, sometimes flavored with freshly, squeezed lemon.

"I always kept pop in the fridge, always ordered it at restaurants and always drank it at friends' houses," said Stuve. "I gave it up cold turkey a month ago to help with weight loss and to help lower my blood pressure. I've lost a few pounds since giving it up."

Not only are fewer individuals drinking soda, more healthier choices have been mandated on the federal level by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for foods and beverages served at schools.

"Water and Propel (flavored water) are our best sellers," said Anna Goss, food service director at Fenton Area Public Schools. "We don't sell any pop during the school day. Vending machines that sell pop are available only after school hours and on weekends."

Milk is also included in the purchase of lunch or breakfast at Fenton schools, and can be bought a la carte, including 1-percent white milk and fat-free chocolate milk. "We also offer a mix of iced tea and lemonade, but that's not nearly as popular," said Goss.

Soda makers are trying to lure people back to pop by making smaller cans and bottles, even with a higher price point. They're also cutting back on sugar content to meet the demands of more health-conscious consumers. Pepsi announced last fall that by 2025, two-thirds of its drinks will have 100 calories or fewer from added sugar, per 12 ounce serving.

Major beverage manufacturers also have their own stake in the popularity of bottled water. Pepsi owns Aquafina, and Coca-Cola owns Smartwater and Dasani. The bottled water market totals more than \$14.2 billion dollars per year.

You can save more than your health by drinking water from the tap. At an average cost of \$1.22 per gallon, consumers are spending 300 times the cost of tap water to drink bottled water, not to mention the environmental concerns of 50 billion plastic water bottles thrown away each year in the U.S. That's a whole different story.

## How to break your pop habit

We all know soda is bad for you, even the diet kind. Here are a few tips for breaking the soda habit:

- **Wean yourself off slowly.** If you typically drink multiple servings of soda a day, cut back to one a day, then switch to three sodas a week.
- **Mix soda with water.** Start drinking half-soda, half-water. That will help your taste buds adjust to less sugar.
- **Track your calories.** Downloading a calorie-tracking app may help you realize how much sodas are affecting your waistline. A 12-ounce can of Coke has 140 calories, and a 20-ounce bottle contains 240.
- **Switch to unsweetened tea.** It can be just as refreshing, and there are health benefits to drinking the phytochemicals in tea.
- **Drink a glass of water first.** When you have an urge for a soda, fill up a big glass of ice water and finish that first. You may find you don't need the soda after that.
- **Try other water options.** Class up your water with lemon, orange or cucumber slices to a pitcher of water, or try seltzer water for the carbonation, which mimics soda.

Source: Health.com

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**OUR LIAR IN** Chief has been exposed once again. There is no evidence that Obama ordered wire tapping of any kind on 'The Donald.'

**IT'S IMPOSSIBLE THAT** LaJoice could've operated for as long as he did with his only legitimate source of income being a salary from a credit union. Dance studios aren't that profitable. Someone had to know what was happening and did nothing.

**TRAUMATIC EVENT CRISIS** Intervention Plan? Today's parents never cease to amaze me. Death is a natural part of life. Life isn't a guarantee. Everybody is going to die someday. The sooner your children understand this universal truth the better their life choices will be.

**GLAD TO SEE** Commissioner Brown's years of effort finally got Genesee County meeting minutes online for his constituents. No, wait, that was Drew Shapiro after two months.

**IT IS WITH** great sadness that I must report that your microwave, a device that has neither a video camera nor a microphone nor Internet access, is spyware on you. — Yours Truly, Kellyanne Conway.

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**WANT TO KNOW** why the village of Holly is doing away with the Smart Bus program. Many people who have no other way to get to dialysis, doctor appointments, and other places rely on this ride. The village says they're not ending the program but their actions say otherwise.

**I'M AGAINST SELLING** California to Mexico as the 'wall,' would need be longer and higher.

**YOUR WEEKEND TIMES** for March 19 on mail volume. You state 'social media sites allow people to share their lies instantaneously...' You're so right.

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### Local woman speaks out

"I used to drink a lot of pop and I've tried to reduce my intake of sugar in the last six months. Sugar is eight times more addictive than cocaine and causes so many health issues, from diabetes to elevated levels of insulin. I quit my pop habit in stages, by finding replacements. I like the refreshment and carbonation of La Croix water. If you drink diet pop, it has artificial sweeteners that still trigger your sugar addiction."

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Tomek-Eastern second-grade teacher Beth Ann Mavis hands out pre-cut yellow circles of paper to her students during the International Day of Happiness event on Monday. The students decorated the circles with happy faces and positive messages.

# Did you know it was International Day of Happiness?

Local elementary students bring extra joy to their day

By Hannah Ball  
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Students at Tomek-Eastern Elementary School celebrated International Day of Happiness Monday, March 20 with little activities that brought joy to their day.

Throughout the school, round yellow emojis of various sizes were taped to walls, hung by necklaces, and cut small enough to toss about as a “pocket full of sunshine.”

Emojis (ideograms and smileys used in electronic messages and Web pages) are those simple round faces you can send to others via text or Facebook messenger that convey emotions. On Monday, they were used to convey happiness.

The larger, cheerful yellow circles had positive messages on them.

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Sharon Howell of Fenton was the happy act facilitator for the event. “There’s so much negativity in the world right now,” she said. Their goal was to remind students, and teachers, to celebrate happiness.

“It’s an effort to spread happiness between the kids, and have them be really respectful of each other and to send positive messages, and to spread that not just here, but out in the community,” she said.

She brought this event to Linden Community Schools’ Central Elementary last year, where the kids wrote positive notes on Post-its and stuck them on lockers, among other activities.

“The comments we got from the teachers were

“It’s an effort to spread happiness between the kids...not just here but throughout the community.”

Sharon Howell  
Happiness Movement facilitator

amazing, the energy for the school was just so positive,” Howell said.

Media Editor Tim Jagielo contributed to this report.

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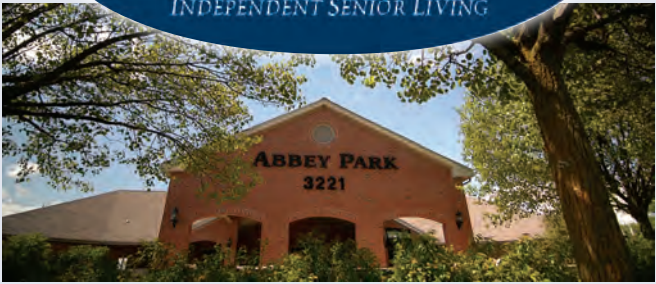
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# 14 Fenton seniors headed to college athletic programs

By David Troppens

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Fenton High School athletic director Mike Bakker had a problem.

Usually during his signing days for senior student-athletes, he likes to get all of the students together, honoring all of the future college ath-

letes at one time.

However, when he held his first college signing day in late February, he couldn't collect the athletes together in one photo.

There was a serious problem. There were too many of them.

Talk about a good problem to have, that's it.

Fenton senior class had 14 student-athletes at the signing day, celebrating their college decisions.

To make up for the large num-

ber, the group was split up in two groups of seven. And to think, chances are there will be another signing day for other seniors later this school year.

"That's an extremely large number for us at any one time," Bakker said. "We are pretty excited about that."

"I just think all of the See **COLLEGE** on 13

## David's Dabblings

A few thoughts about the area's sports scene and others not dealing with sports at all.



**IS IT GOOD TO HAVE YOUR BEST ATHLETIC EFFORT AT THE END OF A SEASON? IN MY CASE PROBABLY NOT**

My curling season ended last week and with it I had a question pop up.

For those that don't know or who can't remember, curling is that funny game with the people pushing the shiny stones with handles on them down the ice while others sweep in front of the moving rocks. Basically, you try to get as many of your stones closer to the middle of the house (the bulls-eye) than your opponent. Yes, I do play this sport.

Well, during my final match of the season, I had what had to be my best performance of the season.

First off, I was our skip, which meant I was making most of the decisions on how we played our game. That's rare. Usually I'm not the skip, a position usually designated for the best player on the team. But considering it was the last week, we made a lot of changes with our lineups. While doing so, I seemingly made all my shots. I made several really good shots, making me wonder who the heck took over my body for the night. When the night ended, we actually won with the other team conceding early.

I couldn't believe how well I played. But then I remembered, this was our last match of the season. What a way to finish the season, with my best match of the year! But then I realized, it also meant the season was over. It meant I couldn't find out if I suddenly became good enough to play on Team USA, or in the Olympics. That kind of bummed me out. Maybe I was on to something, and if I had a chance to bottle it and expand on it for another couple of weeks I was about to begin a curling legacy unsurpassed by no one.

I guess I'll never know. The season ended, so now all I'll have are the great memories of the match, piled with a little regret that my greatness probably will be stymied since I won't play the sport until next October. Gosh, can life be cruel.

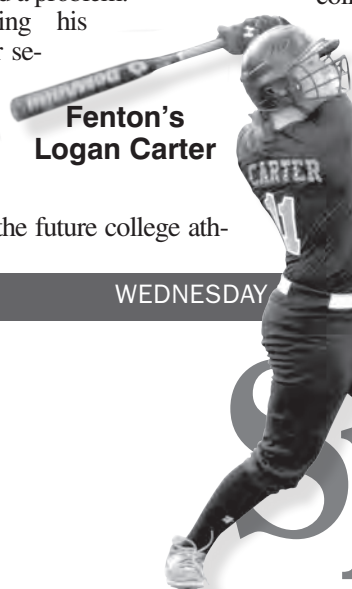
**Boys basketball can be crossed off the no regional title list**

I have been at the Tri-County Times for about 14 years. I know that because one of my fellow employees was pregnant when I started and she had her son about a week after I joined the staff.

So instead of remembering how long I've been here, I have a simpler way to remember. I just ask my co-worker how old her son is.

During my 14 years here, I've seen some great teams advance

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Fenton's Logan Carter



Fenton's Madaline Hall

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## Times Sports

# LF's seniors have made their mark on program

■ Blue Devils' veterans guiding boys basketball program through its best postseason success ever

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After Lake Fenton's 68-52 Class B regional championship victory against Frankenmuth, there was a lot of celebrating amongst the teammates.

That's to be expected. Considering that nine of the 11 players on the squad are seniors, this is a tight-knit group that's played together for a mighty long time. They truly are family.

But there also was time to celebrate with "other" Blue Devils. Many of the players slapped high fives with the Lake Fenton children in the audience. Meanwhile, others, like Andrew Foerster, took time to take photos with some of the youngsters as well. After all, he knew what it felt like when he was one of those kids. And starting around middle school, the seniors started hearing little rumblings about their potential.

"We were just like those little kids, and we were the ones who were going to bring it home," Foerster said. "We had high expectations. But we are not done yet. We are going after everyone. We have that final four in site. We have one more to get and then we are at Breslin."

It has been a maturation process for this group of seniors. When the group reached Lake Fenton High School, most had to wait until they were featured on the varsity squad. Jalen Miller was the major exception. He was one of the team's top players already as a freshman and was on the 10-10 squad that lost to Goodrich in the opening round of districts.

As sophomores, more entered the varsity squad. And the trio that soon quickly became the most recognizable of the nine in the class were together. Miller was teamed up with Isaac Golson, along with Foerster. The squad started to show those glimpses of promise during that sophomore season, as the Blue Devils finished 13-10 overall and advanced to the district title game before losing a tight 62-58 verdict to the Goodrich Martians.

Their junior season was a breakout year in many ways. The Blue Devils capped the regular season with a 17-3 record,



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Two of Lake Fenton's key members of their nine-person senior class are Jalen Miller (above with ball) and Isaac Golson (right attempting a slam dunk). The Blue Devils' senior class has led Lake Fenton to its greatest postseason in school history this winter.

and seemingly were the most overlooked 17-win team in the state. Once the tournament began, the Blue Devils started making their charge. The Blue Devils beat Flint Southwestern, Goodrich (for the third time during the season) and Powers en route to the school's first-ever Class B district title. They followed that up with a blowout victory against Yale before losing to New Haven in a tremendously entertaining regional title contest.

And now this season, the Blue Devils (19-6) are breaking new barriers once again, earning a spot in the Class B state

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# St. John's boys basketball teams capture league titles

## Seventh- and eighth-grade team finished perfect year

By David Troppens  
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Lake Fenton's varsity boys basketball team isn't the only area school to have a dream season this winter.

St. John's seventh- and eighth-grade boys basketball team had a pretty memorable season itself.

In fact, it was a perfect season. The Jets finished the season a perfect 11-0, capturing the Genesee County Catholic League championship. The St. John's fifth- and sixth-grade boys team also had a championship season, winning its league title and finishing 10-1.

The seventh- and eighth-grade team capped its perfect season recently with a 40-29 victory against St. Roberts at St. Matts gym located in downtown Flint.

"We had a couple of key players that were good, but what made the team great is the fact the traditional players who could've been mediocre really stepped up and really played hard," said head boys basketball coach for the seventh- and eighth-grade boys basketball team James Stein. "It made all the difference in the team because you can't win with just one or two great players. We had a bunch of kids that exceeded expectations."

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St. John's seventh- and eighth-grade boys basketball team celebrates the squad's league title. The Jets finished their season a perfect 11-0.

## SENIORS

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quarterfinal contest, which was played on Tuesday against Ludington. Results of that game can be found at tctimes.com or in the weekend publication.

The rest of the senior class includes Cameron Parker, Kyle Steffey, Parker Mitchell, Cameron Jackson, Liam King and Dalon Earnest. They have certainly left their imprint on the school.

"We are probably one of the better teams that came out of the school," fellow senior Cameron

Jackson said. "I think we play together as a team."

### Other notes:

- In the last three seasons Lake Fenton has won 11 postseason contests entering Tuesday's state quarterfinal matchup. Prior to that run, the Blue Devils had won just five games since the turn of the century.

- Jalen Miller is going to have a legitimate beef when it comes to discussing who is the best boys basketball player in varsity history. He not only is second in school history in points scored,

but is a four-year varsity player who has led Lake Fenton to the school's two best state tournament runs ever. Yet, beyond the local area, it seems he doesn't get noticed.

- Who is going to be the Tri-County Times top winter team of the year? Right now it looks like two Lake Fenton squads are battling for that position — boys basketball and wrestling. The wrestling team, of course, had its own great team tournament run, advancing to the state semifinals before bowing out.



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Dalon Earnest (right) is one of nine Lake Fenton seniors on the boys basketball team.



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Fenton's 14 athletes who announced their college athletic school choices recently were (left to right starting with the front row) Jessica Warford to Ferris State, Reid Thompson to Wayne State, Jarrett Smith to Oberlin College, Troy Smigielski to Albion College, Grace Siefker to Albion College, Abigail Quesnelle to Notre Dame College, Skylar Parks to Sienna Heights, Andrew Bond to Saginaw Valley, Jonathan Gillman to Hope College, Elise Cassidy to Oakland University, Madaline Hall to Oakland University, Miranda Campbell to West Virginia Tech University, Logan Carter to Western Michigan University and Taylor Mowery to Sienna Heights. The staff will have a more detailed story about the D1 athletes in future editions.

## COLLEGE

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coaches are doing their job, obviously," said one of the three D1 athletes at the signing day, Madaline Hall. "I think our grade is really athletic and really driven."

"It's so exciting so many of us are moving on," said fellow D1 athlete Logan Carter. "We can look at each other and realize other people are doing this, too. There was enough around here that we could push each other — that we could encourage each other to keep going. Sports means so much to our community. Thinking that all of us

have the opportunity to continue on, that's exciting."

"It's pretty cool because we all work so hard," said the final D1 athlete of the 14, Elise Cassidy. "We work hard at our sports and stuff and we put the work and effort to get to where we want to be."

And these are truly student-athletes. Baker said the 14 students had a combined grade-point average of 3.66.

Here is a quick summary of each athlete honored.

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far into their sports state tournament series. Just about every head-to-head sport has given me the opportunity to witness at least a regional championship. Lake Fenton recently placed the boys basketball off the list. Earlier this school year, Fenton boys soccer placed that sport off the list as well, leaving few sports on the checklist.  
The head-to-head sports (defined by two teams being on the field at the same time competing directly against each other) I have yet to see a regional championship are girls basketball and football. I guess I should add both boys and girls lacrosse to that list, but since those are relatively new sports to the area, that's being a little unfair to those programs. Both have come close to winning regional title, but neither has done it. So, starting next school year those two sports are on the clock. Who will be the last to get off the list? I think we will get our answer probably sometime next school year.

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Talking can help the grieving process begin. If you were an acquaintance of the deceased but not well-known to the family, immediately introduce yourself. Do not feel uncomfortable if you or the family member becomes emotional or begins to cry.

Allowing the family to grieve is a natural healing process. However, if you find yourself becoming extremely upset, it would be kinder to excuse yourself so as not to increase the strain on the family.

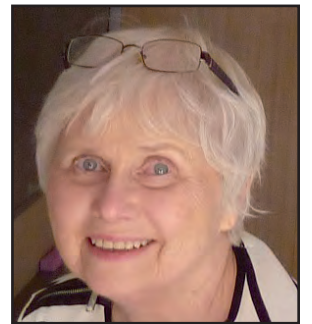
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## Jackson "Jack" E. Marks

1935-2017

Jackson "Jack" E. Marks - age 81, of Fenton, died Sunday, March 19, 2017. Funeral Mass was celebrated 11 AM Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at St. Rita Catholic Church, 309 E. Maple St., Holly. Fr. David Blazek celebrant. Burial in St. John Catholic Cemetery, Fenton. Visitation was held at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton Tuesday, March 21, 2017 from 4-8 PM where a rosary was prayed at 5 PM and Wednesday at church from 10 AM until the time of Mass. Those desiring may make contributions to St. Rita Catholic Church. Jack was born August 2, 1935 in Flint the son of Isiah Carroll and Margaret C. (Bergman) Marks. He married Rita Catherine Goldsmith October 7, 1961 in Flushing and she preceded him in death July 22, 2014. He had resided in Fenton since 1969 coming from Flint. Jack retired from GM Proving Grounds as senior test engineer after 37 years of service. Jack was a member of St. Rita Catholic Church, Holly. He also was a member of the Fenton Fraternal Order of Eagles and Linden Loose Senior Center. Jack won 1969 & 1970 NHRA US Nationals stock championships. Surviving are: three children, Jackie (John) Fultz of Holly, Michael (Kim) Marks of Indianapolis, IN, and Dr. Linda Marks Grant (Mitchell) of St. Louis, MO; five grandchildren, Lauren, Alana, John, Nathan, and Rachel. He was also preceded in death by his daughter, Cathy Marks; parents; and brother, Jim Marks. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



## Nancy Alison Hoeg

1944-2017

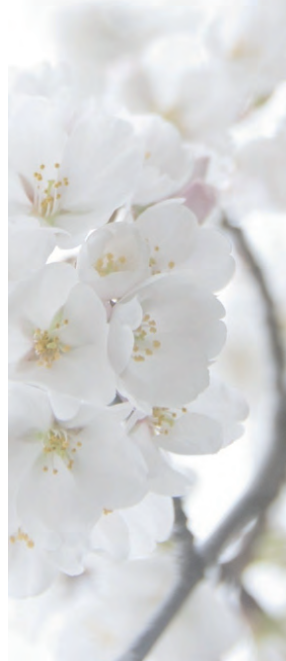
Nancy Alison Hoeg - age 72, of Fenton, died Saturday, March 18, 2017. Funeral service will be held 11 AM Thursday, March 23, 2017 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Burial in Fairview Cemetery, Linden. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Wednesday, March 22, 2017 from 2-4 and 6-8 PM. Nancy was born August 27, 1944 in Temple, TX the daughter of First Lieutenant Walter G. and Clover Arlene (Branch) Klamer. She was a 1962 graduate Geneva High School in Geneva, OH and a 1966 graduate of Albion College as a biology major. She married Bion Lynwood Hoeg July 6, 1968 in Geneva, OH. As a child she was in Girl Scouts, Rainbow Girls (Worth Advisor), and picked strawberries, cherries, and raspberries as summer employment. She taught at Clarkston Community School for four years and Linden Community Schools for 16 years, where she was a middle and high school teacher of biology, science and home economics. Nancy as an adult was a Girl Scout Leader and Trainer, AAUW member, Child Study group leader, and she was a volunteer in daughters' early elementary classrooms for eight years. She enjoyed cooking, baking, needlepoint, reading, flower gardening, and visiting family and friends around the USA on summer vacations. "Don't cry for me, but remember the most important things in my life, and make that your memory of me, not my death." Surviving are: her husband of 48 years, Bion; daughter, Dr. Karin Hoeg and husband Dr. John Rampton; grandsons, Alexander and Thomas Rampton all of Salt Lake City, UT; brother, Dr. Thomas Klamer and sister-in-law Rochelle Fournier of St. Simons Island, GA, nephews Bradley (Kristen) Klamer and Brian Klamer of New Orleans, LA as well as cousin Judy Davidson of Naples, FL. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Alison Schoenherr; parents; parents-in-law, Bion R. and Lillian B. Hoeg. Online tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Approved:	Dawson Tire Counter Offer.
Approved:	Fiber Technologies Metro Act Permit – Proposed Resolution 2017-05.
Approved:	Child Abuse Awareness Month – Proposed Resolution 2017-06.
Approved:	Spring Clean Up.
Approved:	Board of Review Appointment – Jim Clark.

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**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)**  
This is a good time to reassess important relationships, both personal and professional, to see where problems might exist and how they can be overcome. Keep communication lines open.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)**  
It's not easy to bring order to a chaotic situation, whether it's in the workplace or at home. But if anyone can do it, you can. A pleasant surprise awaits you by week's end.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)**  
Be careful that you don't make an upcoming decision solely on the word of those who might have their own reasons for wanting you to act as they suggest. Check things out for yourself.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)**  
A personal relationship that seems to be going nowhere could be restarted once you know why it stalled. An honest discussion could result in some surprising revelations.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)**  
That unexpected attack of self-doubt could be a way of warning yourself to go slow before making a career-changing decision. Take more time to do a closer study of the facts.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)**  
A workplace problem needs your attention, now, before it deteriorates to a point beyond repair. A trusted third party could be helpful in closing the gaps that have opened.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)**  
A recent family situation could give rise to a new problem. Keep an open mind and avoid making judgments about anyone's motives until all the facts are in.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)**  
Rely on your always-sharp intuition to alert you to potential problems with someone's attempt to explain away the circumstances behind a puzzling incident.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)**  
Although you still need to do some snipping of those lingering loose ends from a past project, you can begin moving on to something else.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)**  
With your self-confidence levels rising, you should feel quite comfortable with agreeing to take on a possibly troublesome, but potentially well-rewarded, situation.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)**  
Travel is favored, both for business and for fun. The end of the week brings news about an upcoming project that could lead toward that promised career change.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)**  
You might feel suddenly overwhelmed by a flood of responsibilities. But if you deal with each one in its turn, you'll soon be able to hold your head above water and move on.

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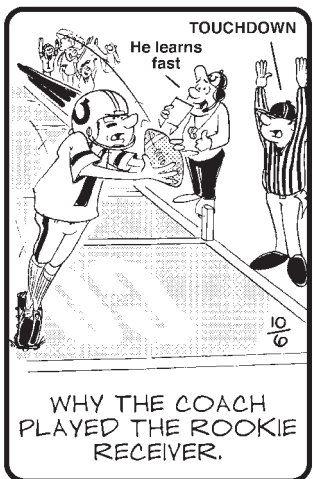
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