

# Downtown Linden resurgence one step closer to reality

■ Two-story, mixed-use building would have two businesses and five condos

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The revival of the old Union Block property in Linden, which was destroyed in a fire in 2007, is moving forward. The

Linden Planning Commission approved preliminary site plans on Monday, April 3, for a two-story, mixed-use building proposed by Dr. Nicole Wax of Dr. Wax Orthodontics.

City Planner and Zoning Administrator Adam Young said, "This gives the applicant the go-ahead to prepare a much more detailed 'final' site plan, which will need to include a more specific site design and

engineering details. Once prepared, the final site plan will need to be provided to the Planning Commission for review and approval."

Wax bought the property in 2016.

"I am in the process of designing a building for the corner. I think it will create a great positive energy for downtown Linden and bring new people and new business to the entire downtown," Wax said in a

See **DOWNTOWN LINDEN** on 20A



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The proposed building is a two-story, mixed-use structure.



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2016 NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR

## Tuesday marks seven-year anniversary of Dominick Calhoun beating death

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He should be 11 years old and in the sixth grade, just returning from a fun, playful week of spring break this week.

Instead, Dominick Calhoun never made it past the age of 4, having lost his life at the hands of his mother's boyfriend.

It was seven years ago this week, on April 11, that Argentine Township police responded to the apartment off Harper Street on a report of an injured and beaten boy.

Dominick was rushed to Hurley Medical Center in Flint. Due to the extent of his injuries, doctors were

See **DOMINICK** on 19A



Dominick Calhoun



## Tail-wagging tricks

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OF A DOG  
LEARNING HOW  
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Colleen Belanger of Otisville trains with Madison, her 9-year-old Alaskan malamute, at Positive Pawz Training in Fenton on Monday. Belanger drives to Fenton because she prefers positive reinforcement training methods. During this class, pets and owners learn more advanced techniques, such as opening doors. See **story and more photos** on Page 3A.



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TIM JAGIELO

## Grove Park Road 100-acre parcel could become apple orchard

■ Owner seeks to rezone property from residential to agricultural

By Vera Hogan  
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If it's just apples, it may be a go ... bees, maybe ... a couple of buffalo,

probably not.

On Thursday, April 13, the Fenton Township Planning Commission will hear from a property owner, Peregrine Ventures Properties, LLC/Ridgway White, who wishes to plant an apple orchard on vacant land south of Grove Park and west of Swanee

See **APPLE ORCHARD** on 17A

## \$500,000 bond ordered for Davisburg man

■ Charges include home invasion, assault, domestic violence and larceny

By Sharon Stone  
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Brent Alan Owings, 26, of Davisburg, was arraigned on four felonies Tuesday, April 4 in Oakland County 52-2 District Court.

See **BOND ORDERED** on 7A

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“Aren't the American women who are so outraged at Trump's occasional use of naughty words the same women who bought 80 million copies of the book '50 Shades of Grey?'”

“The Republicans and Democrats remind me of parents in a divorce who care more about getting their kids to hate the other parent than they do their well-being.”



COMMENT  
OF THE WEEK

“I've been studying this for years and it is 100-percent accurate. I can meet anyone and after a one-minute conversation tell their political persuasion. Liberals are cheap and self-important, but well-meaning. Conservatives are generous and gregarious, but arrogant. Now you know.”



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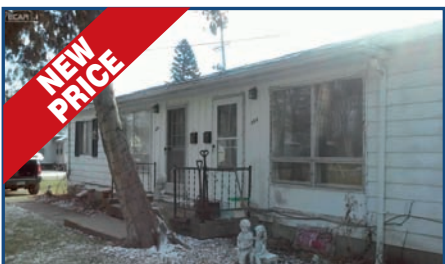
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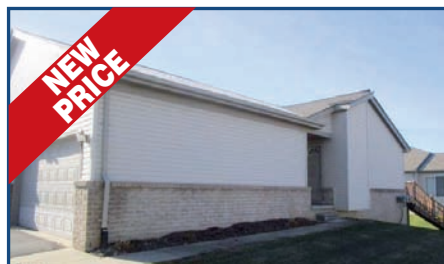
### BYRON

16222 Murray

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**This condo in popular Sleep Hollow** is the perfect location near retail, restaurants and the expressway. No worries about stairs as everything you need is on the first floor. 2 bedroom and 2 bath. Also has a 2 car attached garage. Basement with daylight windows is just waiting for your finishing touches.

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4331 McCormick

#### Don't miss this opportunity

to build your dream home. The lot is located in upscale Liberty Shores subdivision in Linden. The baseball lovers can take advantage of The Cartwright Field complex right in the neighborhood. Sub is just around the corner from Spring Meadow Golf Club and downtown Linden.

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# Yes, you can teach an old dog a new trick

■ Trick classes are the up and coming new trend in dog obedience training

By Sally Rummel

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Giving high-fives, making waves and riding a skateboard aren't just antics for teenagers; these are just a few of the tricks being mastered by four-legged students at the Positive Pawz Dog Tricks class in Fenton.

"People love to do tricks with their dogs," said Kellie Smith, certified professional dog trainer who is teaching this class in a rented space behind The Paw Palace as part of her dog obedience series. "They're fun. Dogs get to use their brains. It's a great way to build relationships."

Dog tricks aren't that different from a person performing skills, whether it's gymnastics, dancing, golfing or playing the piano, according to Dogtime.com. They're all learned physical and mental skills that get practiced to perfection.

"All dogs can learn tricks," said Smith. "Their age, size or breed doesn't matter."

I've taught tricks to dogs from tiny Yorkiepoos to huge Great Danes. They've all been successful."

Smith says that a good relationship between a dog and its owner is the key to successful tricks. "It depends on a dog's motivation. The two have to have a bond."

The process starts with teaching a dog to perform a trick by offering treats to reward their behavior. In no time at all, the dog will perform it with a verbal cue alone. Performing the trick becomes the reward, because everyone watching is smiling, laughing and giggling.

"There's no stress for the dog or the owner," said Smith. "It's all fun. You're not worried about obedience as much as you are going to class and having fun."

Some tricks take longer to learn than others because there are multiple steps involved in the trick. For example, a spin or wave can be learned sometimes in as little as five minutes, while teaching a dog to open and close a child's play refrigerator will require the dog to master multiple steps.

Some of the most popular tricks in

See **NEW TRICK on 20A**

"All dogs can learn tricks. Their age, size or breed doesn't matter. I've taught tricks to dogs from tiny Yorkiepoos to huge Great Danes. They've all been successful."

**Kellie Smith**  
Certified professional  
dog trainer

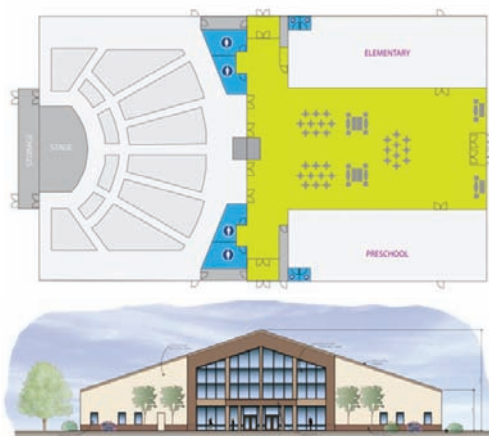
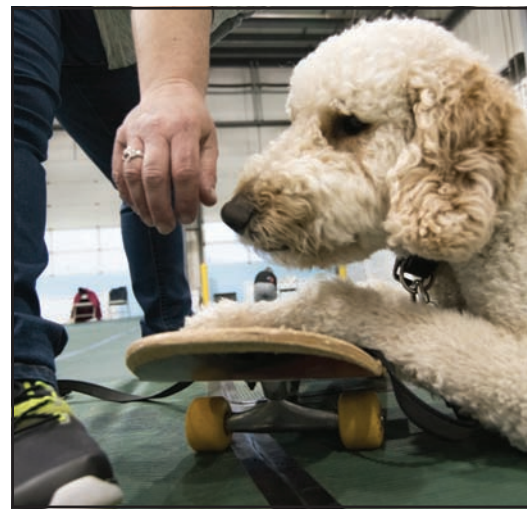
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(Right) Sandi Talerico of Davison works on the skateboard trick with Copper, her goldendoodle, on Monday. (Below) Julie Hussar of Fenton directs Molly, a 1-year-old mixed breed to "check his breath" during Positive Pawz Training on Monday. Molly won't actually be resuscitating anyone; the trick is meant to entertain. Hussar hopes Molly can become a therapy dog.



SUBMITTED CONCEPTUAL DRAWINGS

The Rock Church is planning to develop a building for a larger ministry, weddings, and funerals.

## The Rock reveals plans for \$3 million building

■ Church's new multipurpose facility will host weddings, funerals, community events

By Hannah Ball

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The Rock Church in Tyrone Township released drawings of its new \$3 million multipurpose building last week. The 44,000-square-foot building will not only be a church — it will also serve as a community center that can hold weddings and large-scale funerals.

"We're looking to have it be a light-

house into the community, a place of hope and place of health. Everyone is welcome no matter what they're going through," said Pastor Wes Morris. "It's a very basic structure, very utilitarian, which will help us effectively do ministry into the community, accommodate more people on the weekend as well as be utilized for a community space."

On the 52-acre open lot across the street from The Rock, which is at the

northeast corner of Bennett Lake and Linden roads, the new building will have a large common area in the front that Morris said will be a spot for people to come, sit, and play.

“We don’t want it to represent a building, we want it to represent the heart of God.”

**Pastor Wes Morris**  
The Rock Church

"People with children can come and have a place to play that's out of elements, a place beside their home they don't have to pay to get into," he said.

People will be able to use the free Wi-Fi to

browse the internet or do some work. See **\$3 MILLION on 20A**

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Random thoughts

A new report says 20 percent of Michigan’s state-maintained roads are in poor condition. I think I speak for 110 percent of all Michigan drivers when I say “Ha ha ha.” Twenty percent is about 60 percentage points shy of the truth. I’m convinced the people who do these studies either don’t live here or fly to work.

• **Nasty little truth:** We could have better roads if — shocking concept dead ahead — we paid more in taxes. Just saying. Until then, well, don’t gripe. (I can gripe because I am willing to pay more. It’s called the collective good.)



Andrew Heller  
FEATURED COLUMNIST

• **I had one** of those “You know you live in Michigan” moments mid-week when I was simultaneously thinking about tuning the mower to cut the grass this weekend and gassing up the snow blower for Thursday’s snow. The state legislature should do something useful for a change (rather than, say, making it even easier to walk around armed) and ban winter weather after April 1.

• **Me, checking my watch.** Hey, America, are we done yet with man buns, porkpie hats and lumberjack beards?

• **Someone anonymously returned** a book to a New Jersey library this week that was 50 years overdue. You can see why they didn’t want to do it in person. “Here’s your book back.” “And here’s your \$64 million overdue book fine and four-hour stern lecture.”

• **Secretary of State Rex Tillerson** said last week the U.S. will have “no comment” on the latest North Korean missile launch. Of course he might have been stalling until he locates North Korea on a map, North Korea not being a major oil producer. Someone get this guy a copy of “The Interview,” which, by the way, was an underrated comedy that also has one of the best tank scenes (as in Army tanks) ever. (I’m a big fan of tanks, particularly the WWII variety. When I was commuting for a living, I wished for

a Sherman tank every single day.)

• **So why** is calling liberals “snowflakes” suddenly the “in” insult for conservative trolls? Explain, please.

• **A man in** Massachusetts is suing a Dunkin’ Donuts for serving him a butter substitute for his bagel when he asked for real butter. Sounds trivial on the surface, but margarine is awful, awful stuff. So, go, cranky dude, go.

• **Some people say** The Masters is the true start of spring. Not so. The true start of spring is when I take my first nap of the long season while watching the Tigers on TV. That moment has yet to happen. But it’s coming.

• **My lawn’s a** wreck this spring, and I’d use a lawn service but the last one I used over-communicated with me to the point where I wanted to pave over the yard. Look, people, I don’t want a relationship. I just want a lawn service, OK?

• **Have you ever** once read a teaser headline online that lived up to its billing? Me either. And yet I’m frequently drawn in, most recently on one that promised “horrificing” submarine photos of the Titanic. There, of course, was nothing even remotely horrificing. Nor interesting. But I clicked through 40 photos anyway. Dummy.

• **“It is better** to offer no excuse than a bad one.” — George Washington

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■ ■ ■  
**IF THE DEMOCRATS** filibuster Gorsuch’s nomination it just proves that they put political preference before ability and character. Proof in point nominating corrupt Hillary as their party representative in 2016. They are not considering the good of the American people.

■ ■ ■  
**WHAT YOU FAIL** to realize is 60 percent of Americans are not part of Medicare or Medicaid. They are either uninsured or have employer based healthcare. Your great coverage and low premiums aren’t free, it’s paid by other taxpayers who are charged more for their health care.

■ ■ ■  
**ANYONE WHO SUPPORTS** illegal immigrants and locks the doors to their own home is a hypocrite. Home intruders are simply ‘undocumented’ guests. Their lack of lease or deed for the property is a mere paperwork technicality. Not welcoming and surrendering your rights to them is racist.

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**COMPARING THE ITALIAN** Mafia to Islamic terrorists is a ridiculous comparison. The Mafia is not interested in forcing you to adopt their religion or die. Your comparison exposes your argument as frivolous.

■ ■ ■  
**UNLESS YOU WENT** to school across the street from Comer & Fox and had Coke drinks at Herlick’s drug store after school, you are not from Fenton. You merely live here. There is a difference.

■ ■ ■  
**WRONG AGAIN; IDA** May Fuller, the first Social Security recipient, had no husband. She paid only \$22.54 and collected \$22,888 from the Ponzi scheme known as Social Security. You baby boomers had the chance to correct the scam and blew it. Suffer your consequences.

■ ■ ■  
**IF YOU THINK** Obama wiretapped Trump, why did the election turn out the way it did? Because wiretapping can’t cure Clinton’s incompetence.

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**YOU CLAIM THERE** is no way people can get healthcare without government entitlements. Baloney. I’ve earned mine with no government assistance. How about you do the same?

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**WE’RE PUMPING OIL** out of the earth’s core? Not even close. Deepest well ever drilled is less than eight miles deep. The Earth’s mantle is over 1,800 miles thick. Got a long way to go before we get to the core.

■ ■ ■  
**EISENHOWER WARNED** AMERICANS about the, ‘vast military industrial complex.’ In that same exact speech, he also warned of ideological capture of our universities. Funny how you never remember that part.

■ ■ ■  
**YOU HAVE A** serious misunderstanding of war if you think one idiot acting up is equal to war. I recommend you purchase a dictionary. There is no war in Korea.

■ ■ ■  
**THE PUBLIC HAS** no say on what gets built? This was written by someone who has never built nor tried to build a new commercial or residential structure. Local government exercises a great deal of control over what, where and how almost everything is built, even a relatively small shed.

■ ■ ■  
**TRUMP WILL BE** the first president in modern American history to fail to get any major legislation passed by Congress and signed into law in his first 100 days in office. This despite having Republican majorities in the House and Senate. Somewhere Barack Obama and John Boehner are laughing hysterically.

■ ■ ■  
**OBSOLETELY, THE ONLY** connection between global warming and man evolving from apes is ‘science.’ The point you missed is they fudged the facts to support the theory of global warming.

■ ■ ■  
**ANY BUSINESS THAT** is not successful based on product, price, and service, should close. My charitable contributions go to charity, not some business.

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—Lisa Wick  
Fenton



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—Shelly Long  
Fenton



“Grape Nuts. They taste like nuts. I like the texture and they don’t get soggy. I like them over yogurt. That’s my breakfast.”

—Paulette Gage  
Tyrone Township



“Berry Crunch. I just think they taste really good. It’s a good night snack. I like berries.”

—Camille Mazurek  
Fenton



“I’d say Peanut Butter Crunch is my favorite. I like peanut butter. It doesn’t get soggy in milk fast.”

—Steve Mazurek  
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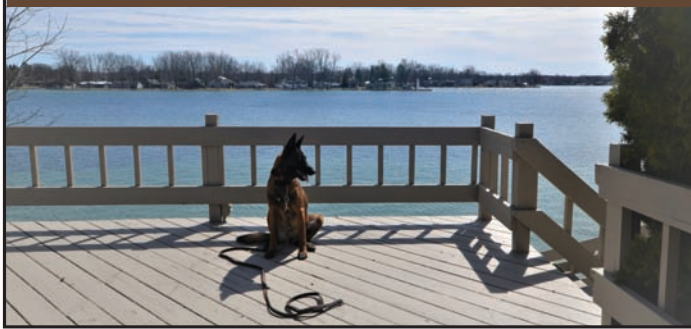
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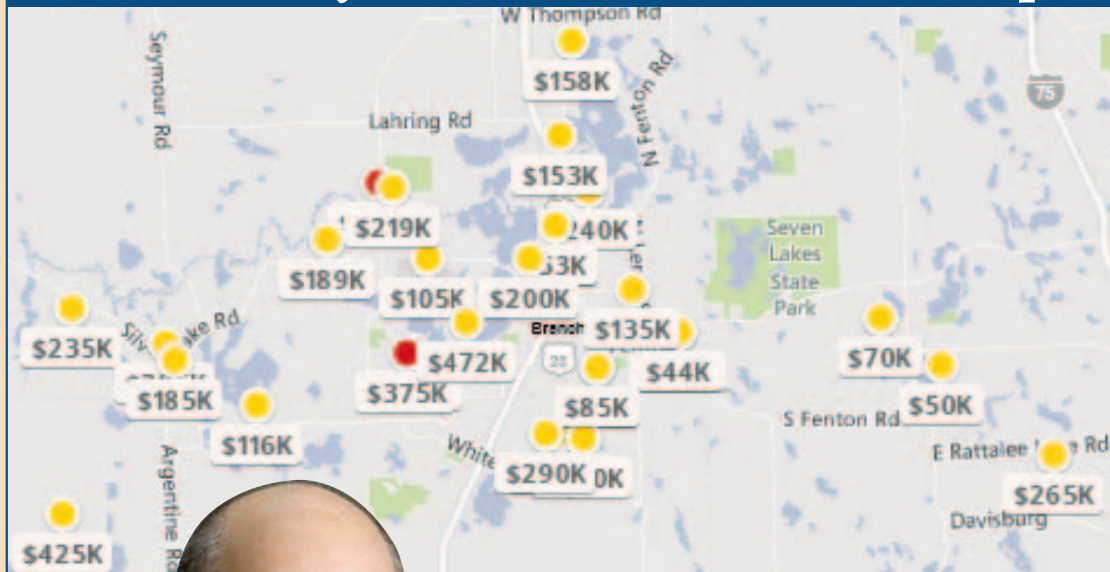
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# Lottery helps fund Michigan schools

■ Michigan Lottery contributed approximately \$888 million to School Aid Fund in 2016

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Those who like to play the lottery are helping to provide an education to Michigan students.

"The lottery proceeds go to the state School Aid Fund and then that's distributed out," said Phil Boone, director of the Office of State Aid and School Finance.

From the 1993-1994 school year to the 2013-2014 school year, the Michigan Lottery contributed nearly \$12 billion to the Michigan Department of Education School Aid Fund, according to the MDE.

In 2016, the Michigan Lottery contributed a record \$888 million to the School Aid Fund, which amounts to \$585 per pupil in the state's K-12 school system, according to michiganlottery.com.

People keep buying scratch-off tickets to see if they're a lucky winner, and some



METRO CREATIVE GRAPHICS

The Michigan Lottery contributes hundreds of millions of dollars to the Michigan Department of Education each year. Most recent numbers show Lottery contributions equaled nearly 6 percent of the school aid fund.

may be wondering why their property taxes aren't going down because of this significant amount. However, looking at the annual State Aid Fund, that's just a drop in the bucket.

Boone said the most recent numbers he has show that the Michigan Lottery contributed \$734,148,118 in the 2013-2014 school year.

"That represented 5.49 percent of the State School Aid fund," he said. "It's one of those things that people ask about once in awhile. People are curious. But it's really not a big piece of the pie."

According to the Michigan Lottery's website, they contributed \$795 million in 2015. Since its inception, the organization has contributed more than \$19.6 billion to education in the state.

Approximately 29 cents of every dollar they receive goes to the School Aid Fund, 60 cents goes to prizes for players, and 9 cents goes to retailer and vendor commissions.

Other sources for the School Aid Fund come from the sale and use tax, the state education tax, income tax, tobacco tax, liquor tax, real estate transfer tax, federal funds, and other taxes and revenue.

The biggest source of funding is the sales and use tax, which contributes anywhere from 36 percent of the budget to 56 percent yearly.

The Michigan Lottery started contributing to the School Aid Fund in 1993, equaling 10.92 percent of the entire budget. In 1993, income tax and real estate transfer tax did not contribute to the fund.

"That really changed the system of how districts were paid. It went from being mostly property taxes to a mix of property taxes and state revenue," he said. "It's been at least \$500 million every year (from the lottery)."

The entire School Aid Fund has more than tripled since 1993. From the 1993-1994 school year, the total state School Aid Fund was more than \$4 billion. In the 2013-2014 school year, it was over \$13 billion.

Boone said they received questions about the lottery helping fund schools when it was put in place, but they receive fewer and fewer questions every year.

Even though the Michigan Lottery does not fund a large portion of the School Aid Fund, Boone said the funding definitely helps.

"I think it's good, positive advertising for the Michigan lottery. And certainly it's \$500, \$600, or \$700 million that would have to come from somewhere else. It's not like that's small money. It may not be a big chunk of the state aid budget but if the money had to come from somewhere else, something else would have to be cut to make up for it," he said.

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# Should we have year-round school?

## ■Balanced calendar schedule popular with students and parents

By Hannah Ball

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Local school districts have been discussing the possibility of switching to a balanced calendar, meaning students would technically go to school year round. Nothing has been voted on, but administrators are educating themselves on their options.

Linden Superintendent Ed Koledo said the Board of Education has discussed two different initiatives: balanced calendars and delayed start for secondary schools.

"I told the board that they should begin to look into both as they would be up and coming 'hot topics' and that they should be knowledgeable about them," he said.

Lake Fenton Superintendent Wayne Wright said the district has had discussions regarding the positives and negatives of a balanced calendar. The number of school days would stay the same, but the breaks would occur at a different time.

In a traditional calendar year, students have approximately 12 weeks off for summer vacation. In a balanced calendar, it's approximately eight weeks. (See sidebar for balanced calendar schedules.)

"Some of the benefits include a shorter summer vacation, which leads to less remediation when school begins the following year. There are also vacations during the year in a Balanced Calendar — typically a week off in October, February and May. We are hearing from other districts parents enjoy these breaks and can take a vacation in the winter (February)," Wright said.

According to the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, students in year-round schools do as well or slightly better in academics compared to students on a traditional schedule. Studies have also found that balanced calendars are beneficial for students from low-income families, and that students, parents, and teachers tend to have positive attitudes after switching.

Larry Godlewski, Lake Fenton school board president, said schools on a balanced calendar offer some type of child-

care during breaks because it's important to create an intersession program for all grade levels, which are theme-based teacher-led opportunities.

"We had representatives from Davison come in to one of our meetings to give us an overview of their program. They have done a great job in aligning intersessions with topics that benefit students at all grade levels," he said.

Koledo said there were many points to understand better before making any decisions, such as:

1. What data shows for year-round schedules and academic retention
2. How the "intersessions," or breaks, affect student success
3. Any hidden costs involved, such as air conditioning
4. How the calendar works with shared programming with the Genesee Intermediate School District and consortium district special education programs
5. What the data shows when older students start later in the day than elementary students, and how it affects student success over time

Fenton Area Schools Superintendent Adam Hartley said they are not currently looking at a balanced calendar.

Davison and Beecher schools are currently on a balanced calendar.

Wright said, "We are being told that during the process of change, communities have concerns but after the change is made communities do not want to go back to a traditional calendar," he said.

Wright said that after-school activities like sports would not be affected. Sports season begins in early August, along with other activities like band camp.

"I do not see where there are issues a balanced calendar creates with sports schedules or other activities," he said. "We compete with Beecher and I have not heard of any issues affecting their programs with them being on a balanced calendar."

Koledo said the Linden Board of Education is open to further study the options, but they will not push for either until they see consistent data that shows increases in student success and the specifics on how others achieved that success.

Wright said "I feel if every school district in Genesee County decided to change Lake Fenton would consider

**“We are being told that during the process of change, communities have concerns but after the change is made communities do not want to go back to a traditional calendar.”**

**Wayne Wright**  
Lake Fenton superintendent

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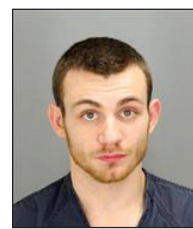
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Owings was charged with first-degree home invasion, assaulting another person by strangulation or suffocation, domestic violence-third offense, and larceny in a building. A cash surety bond of \$500,000 ordered. He remains in the Oakland County Jail.

His arrest results from a situation involving his 3-year-old daughter and the child's mother, which allegedly occurred last week.

On Sunday, April 2, at approximately 4 a.m., Michigan State Police Metro North troopers assigned to the Groveland Detachment received information regarding a missing 3-year-old girl from Holly Township. Investigators had reason to believe that the toddler was with her father, Owings, after he failed to return her to her mother.

A Missing Endangered Alert was issued for the missing child. The child



Brent Owings

was reunited with her mother early Tuesday morning.

Owings turned himself in to authorities at 3:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 4 after contacting the MSP's dispatch center and telling them that his 3-year-old daughter had been returned to the child's grandfather's house in Clarkston.

Troopers arrived at the Clarkston address and could see that the child was unharmed. Shortly after troopers arrived, the child's mother arrived at the home and was reunited with her child.

If bond is met and he is released from jail, Owings is to have no contact with the victim, must not have any alcohol or controlled substances, not to purchase or possess any dangerous weapons and he is to stay in Michigan.

A probable cause conference has been scheduled for April 17 at 1:30 p.m. and a preliminary exam has been scheduled for April 24.

changing and the change would be for all buildings in the district. I do know districts around the state are investigating balanced calendars."

### Balanced calendar facts

According to publicschoolreview.com, school systems originally adopted the traditional calendar, which gives students the two months in summer off, in order to allow the children to help the family harvest crops. However, this is no longer necessary.

Approximately 86 percent of public schools in America operate on a traditional calendar, but balanced calendars are becoming more popular, according to the

National Center for Education Statistics.

According to data from the National Association of Year Round Education, schools in 46 states have adopted a year-round calendar. Nearly three million students are on a year-round calendar, which is approximately 4 percent of all K-12 students in the U.S.

### Schedules

The most popular year-round schedule includes a 45-15 plan, with school in session for 45 days and then have three weeks off. This calendar makes adjustment for major holidays and teacher work days.

Other popular schedules include the 60-20 calendar and the 90-30 calendar.

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## our town

# Meet TOM BROECKER

- Diehard Detroit Tigers fan
- Operations manager for Fenton Township
- Golfer

By Sally Rummel

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Tom Broecker, 57, is operations manager/deputy clerk for Fenton Township by day and an avid Detroit Tigers fan in his spare time. He also enjoys golfing. He and his wife, June, live in Fenton Township with their two children, JT, 19, a college student and Erin, 11, a fifth-grader at Torrey Hill Intermediate School.

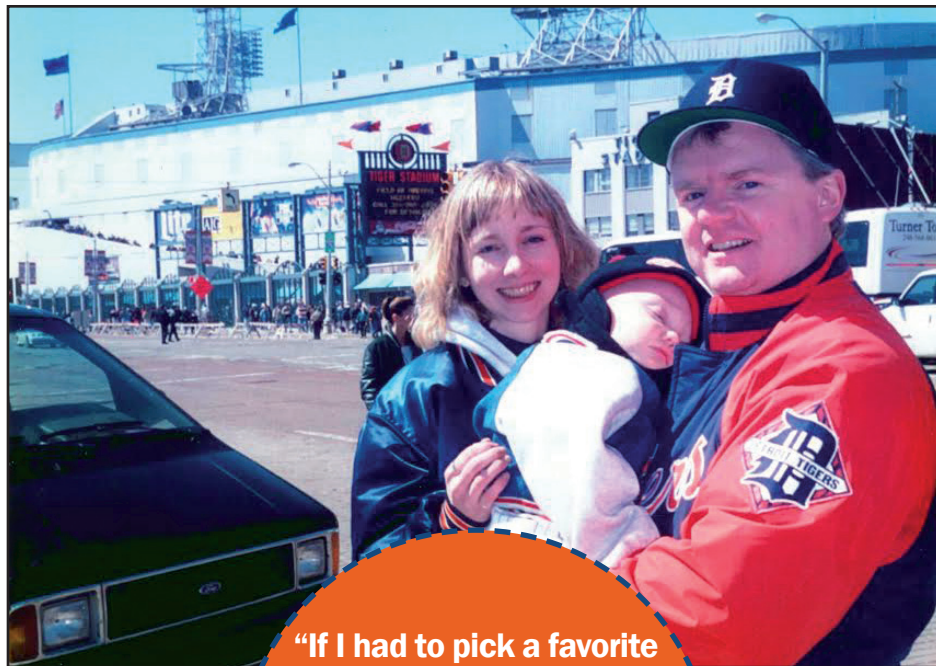
**How did you get to be such a huge Tigers fan?**

My father took me to my first Tiger game on Sept. 18, 1967 and I've been a diehard fan ever since.

**Do you usually go the home opener each season?**

I've been to a number of Opening Day games over the years, but not recently. I wasn't at Comerica Park on Friday in person, but I was in spirit.

**How many games do you attend each**



**"If I had to pick a favorite memory, it would have to be the final game at Tiger Stadium. Not only did the Tigers win, the postgame ceremony with all the former players was very special."**

**Tom Broecker**  
Fenton Township

**year? Do you ever go to out-of-town games or spring training in Florida?**

The most games I attended in a single season was 16 (back when I was single and tickets were less expensive). Now I try to get to one or two games each year. I've never been to spring training but we did see the Tigers play the Cubs at Wrigley Field in Chicago in 2000.

**What is your best Tigers memory?**

There are so many, including the 1968 World Series Championship, the 1984 World Series Championship, the 1980 game when the Tigers retired Al Kaline's number 6, and a special event

of the Detroit Tigers Kids Club. About a week after the final game at Tiger Stadium, members and families were invited to go onto the field, into the clubhouse and press box. JT was only 1½, but he had a great time running the bases and sitting in the dugout, etc. I also attended the first game at Comerica Park on April 11, 2000.

If I had to pick a favorite memory, it would have to be the final game at Tiger

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This 1999 photo is the final Opening Day at the old Tiger Stadium on April 12. Tom and June Broecker brought their 1-year-old son, JT, with them.

Stadium. Not only did the Tigers win, the postgame ceremony with all the former players was very special.

**What was the most exciting game you ever saw?**

It was Game 5 of the 1984 World Series. When the Tigers beat the Padres to win the championship, the whole city of Detroit erupted into one huge victory celebration. After staying to party inside the ballpark for a while, it took over an hour to travel the two blocks from the stadium to my car, with lots of hugs and high-fives along the way. It was awesome.

**Do you have a favorite ball player from decades of being a fan?**

My two all-time favorite players are Al Kaline and Alan Trammell. Both played their entire careers of 20-plus seasons with the Tigers and both were considered outstanding all-around players.

**Have you ever had a chance to meet any Tigers?**

I've attended baseball card shows at Gibraltar Trade Center in the past and had the opportunity to meet and obtain autographs from many former Tigers, including Al Kaline, Sparky Anderson, George Kell, Dick McAuliffe, Denny McLain, Mickey Lolich, Mickey Stanley, Jim Northrup and Lance Parrish.

**Do you collect any Tiger memorabilia?**

Yes, quite a lot, actually. My collection includes baseball cards, yearbooks, programs, media guides, photos, postcards, pennants, posters, video recordings, audio recordings and more.

**What's your favorite thing to eat at the ballpark?**

You might think this is funny but, even though stadium menus have expanded greatly over the past 20 years, my favorite ballpark meal is still a hot dog, a bag of peanuts and a pop.

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Spotlight on:

# BRIGHTON TUX SHOP

• The official 'promposal' season is here, so it's time to suit up

By Sally Rummel

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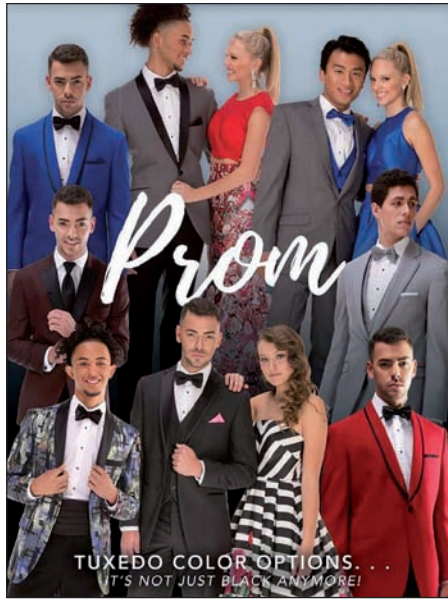
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**Your name says it all, but what else do you offer at Brighton Tux Shop?**

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**How many tux styles do you offer?**

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## Business briefs

### The State Bank welcomes new senior vice president of Information Technology

The State Bank welcomes John M. Scott as the company's senior vice president of Information Technology. Scott will be responsible for the overall operation of The State Bank's information technology and operations



departments, as well as maintaining a secure banking network through system and vendor management. He also will be creating and implementing technology vision for the company. Scott has worked in information technology in the finance industry for more than 23 years. He holds a bachelor's degree from Spring Arbor University and is also retired from the military. He served five years active duty in the United States Army, 10 years in the Army National Guard, and seven years in the Air National Guard with deployments to both Saudi Arabia and Qatar in support of Desert Storm/Desert Shield and Iraqi Freedom, respectively. When Scott's not working, he enjoys a busy home life with his wife Lisa, and their five children. "I am excited to bring my 23 plus years of technology and financial industry background to The State Bank. It is definitely a busy time to join the team during a conversion to an outsourced computer system and a recent merger with Community State Bank, but that is the lifestyle of ever-changing technology." Ron Justice, president and CEO of The State Bank, said, "I am pleased to have John join as part of the Bank's senior team. His experience, leadership and skill set will help guide our future information delivery and technology based services."

## Police&Fire report

### FENTON MAN ARRESTED FOR USING STOLEN CREDIT CARD

Charges are pending against a 39-year-old Fenton man. Sgt. Dave Reinfelder of the Fenton Police Department said on March 31, at 11 a.m., they received a call from a 20-year-old Fenton woman who claimed her boyfriend (the 39-year-old suspect) used her car without her permission. She said she had let him use it in the past, however, when she learned he had a suspended license, she would not let him drive her car. He also took her 50-inch TV. Inside the car was her neighbor's purse containing personal belongings and credit cards. Reinfelder said the man used a credit card, from the neighbor's purse, in Mt. Morris. A Michigan State Police trooper pulled the Fenton man over in Mt. Morris and impounded the car. The purse and TV were not recovered. The girlfriend declined to press charges, however, the neighbor whose credit card was used without her permission is pressing charges.

### FENTON WOMAN CRASHES CAR, ARRESTED FOR OWI

At 9:27 p.m. on Saturday, April 1, Fenton police responded to the Walmart entrance on Silver Parkway in response to a single vehicle crash. The responding officer observed a 2004 Volkswagen Golf wedged between a lightpole and a bush. The female driver was still in the driver's seat. A witness told police that the driver of the crashed car was attempting to turn into the parking lot but missed. The driver, identified as a 57-year-old Fenton woman, told police that she does not like to drive at night but she needed to wire money to her husband who was out of town. The officer detected a strong odor of intoxicants from her car and she admitted to drinking one beer three hours prior. She refused to take a Breathalyzer. The officer arrested her for drunk driving and transported her to the police station where a chemical test at 10 p.m. revealed she had a .20 percent blood alcohol content. She was lodged overnight and released the next day with an appearance ticket for operating while intoxicated.

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■■■■ **YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT,** Social Security is a ponzi scheme. My mother died at 61½ and my father died at 60½. Neither one of them collected Social Security and none of it came back to their family even though they paid their entire lives.

■■■■ **THIS ADVICE HELPED** me a lot in my life and I'd like to help others. Do the best you can, with what you have, where you are.

■■■■ **JUST READ IN** the newspaper that Mr. Harbaugh supports Mr. Kaepernick and his stance on kneeling against the U.S. flag. I think it's time Michigan got rid of Harbaugh.

■■■■ **YOU THINK THOSE** swans are mean now, just wait until you start destroying their eggs.

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### MAGAWS CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Larry and Louise (Scott) Magaw of Holly will celebrate 50 happy years together surrounded by family and friends at the VFW in Holly on Sunday, April 9, 2017. The couple was wed in 1967 in Findlay, Ohio and share two daughters, Sheila of Holly and Susan of Hayden, Colorado.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

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# Linden DDA excited about new businesses

## ■ 'We're building slowly, which is good'

By Hannah Ball

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While the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is regularly making headlines for its growth-related decisions, the Linden DDA is excited about a few new buildings and businesses that may be coming to the city.

Linden DDA Chairperson Jeanine Sapelak said the two main projects the DDA is excited about are the Union Block property and Taco Bell.

"We're building slowly, which is good. In Fenton, it was all at once, and for some people that can be hard. Change is good, it's a new generation. We need those businesses. We have not had any negativity at all," she said.

Dr. Nicole Wax of Dr. Wax Orthodontics bought the Union Block property in 2016, nearly 10 years after the historical building was destroyed in a fire in 2007. She's planning to build an approximate 7,000-square-foot, two-story mixed-use building with businesses on the first level and condominiums on the second. One business will be Dr. Wax Orthodontics and the second is an undisclosed business.

The Linden Planning Commission approved the preliminary site plan Monday.

Sapelak said they're "very excited about the Union Block."

"I think it's going to be a beautiful building. She's going to bring lots of business into town. She's talking about condos so that will have more of a downtown presence. You can



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The Tune-Up Car Cruise is one of the biggest events that happen in the Linden DDA district every summer.

live in downtown," she said.

The Linden Planning Commission approved a special land use permit for Taco Bell in December 2016, which is proposed to be built at 605 W. Broad St., near McDonald's. The building is proposed to be a 2,169-square-foot structure with 40 indoor seats and a drive-through service window.

The Taco Bell site plan will be discussed at the next Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, April 11 at 7 p.m. in the Linden Council Chambers.

The Linden DDA is comprised of nine members and oversees the promotional activities, public improvements and the budget for tax increment financing within the district, according to the city's website [lindenmi.us](http://lindenmi.us).

Sapelak, who's been a part of the DDA for six years and chairperson for the last two, said while the DDA does not have a say in what businesses come downtown, their main goal is to work with new businesses to make sure they'll be good for Linden.

"Mostly we just instill that we're a team, we mean to work together," she said.

The DDA is also responsible for placing flowers downtown and making everything look consistent.

"We put all new benches in town. We put the flag in the post," she said. "Our goal is to make downtown look nice and inviting. We're trying to become a destination point."

The DDA can also help out businesses with a facade improvement plan.

"If a business comes in and they need some improvements to their building we can get them a grant for up to \$5,000," she said. "We need to get some new businesses to come into town."

Sapelak said their budget is driven on tax revenue, and increases with more businesses coming to the city.

"We want to be a part of all community events. We want to make sure the community knows we support community events," she said. "I invite anyone to come to the DDA and listen to what we're doing."

The Linden DDA meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 8:30 a.m. in the Linden Council Chambers.

**“Our goal is to make downtown look nice and inviting. We’re trying to become a destination point.”**

**Jeanine Sapelak**  
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Spotlight on:

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25 YEARS IN FENTON

• Consumer awareness about the importance of quality water helped grow this local business

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Water has always been one of the world's most important resources, and people are now beginning to recognize how essential quality water is in our everyday lives.

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Douglas Water Conditioning in Fenton is observing its 25th anniversary this year, while the founding company in Waterford will celebrate its 50th anniversary next year.

tions to 1000 LeRoy St. in Fenton in 1992.

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The **Fenton City Council** will hold a regular meeting at **7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 10** at Fenton City Hall.

The **Holly Village Downtown Development Authority** will hold a regular meeting at **6 p.m. on Monday, April 10** at the Holly Police Department meeting room.

The **Linden City Council** will hold a regular meeting at **7 p.m. on Monday, April 10** in Council Chambers.

The **Fenton Board of Education** will hold a regular meeting at **6 p.m. on Monday, April 10** in the Administration Building.

The **Tyrone Township Planning Commission** will hold a regular meeting at **7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11** at the Township Hall.

The **Holly Village Council** will hold a regular meeting at **7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11** at the Karl Richter Community Center.

The **Holly Township Parks Commission** will hold a regular meeting at **7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12** at the Sorensen Park Nature Center.

The **Fenton Township Planning Commission** will hold a regular meeting at **7 p.m. on Thursday, April 13** at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center.

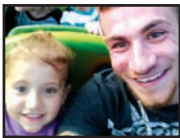
## WHAT YOU MISSED in the MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories you may have missed in the **Wednesday, April 5, Midweek Times**. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

### Davisburg man jailed after returning daughter

Faces multiple charges including assault, burglary and domestic violence.



### Holly water and sewer users could see refund of \$500

Class action lawsuit attorneys say water and sewer capital charges are an unauthorized tax.

### Batter Up!

Tigers' home opener is biggest unofficial holiday of the season.

### Lot prices at Oakwood Cemetery could go up

Increase would ensure perpetual maintenance fund.

## Police&Fire report

### BROKEN BEDROOM WINDOW INJURES HOLLY MAN

On March 29 at 3:15 a.m., a Holly police officer was dispatched to a home in the 300 block of Thomas Street for a destruction of property complaint. Upon arrival, the officer spoke with a 21-year-old Holly resident who said he was asleep with his girlfriend when a person began banging on his bedroom window. He said before he could get out of bed, the window broke and covered his girlfriend and him with broken glass. He sustained a small cut on his arm. The victim said he did not see who broke the window, but was told that it was a former relative. Police checked the area, but were unable to locate anyone. Photographs were taken of the window, the broken glass on the bed, and the small laceration on the victim's arm. The case remains under investigation.

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**A:** Chris, this sounds most like a wheel bearing making noise to me. You can sometimes check this by jacking up the wheel in question. Try moving the tire in and out from top to bottom. If this does not show any movement then you may need a stethoscope and a partner to rotate the wheel while you listen for the noise. If you do not find the cause; most repair shops have specialty equipment like a chassis ear to find these types of noises while driving. You may need it diagnosed by them. I hope this helps.

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# Today's dishwashers quieter than ever

■ This 'noisy' kitchen appliance is now a thing of the past

By Sally Rummel

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Gone are the days when you had to crank up the volume to hear your favorite after-dinner TV show against the loud roar of your dishwasher.

Many of today's models are very quiet, operating at 50 decibels or less — fewer than your coffeemaker. So when it's time to replace your dishwasher, you'll want to check the decibel level of models you're looking at, according to Jessica Hebda, appliance expert at Sears Hometown Store in Fenton.

However, when checking decibel ratings, Consumer Reports suggest you keep in mind that manufacturers average the sound level of an entire cycle, including the dry, silent cycle, so the rating can be misleading without double-checking with an expert who knows the appliances.

"Some are so quiet, you have to check the light on your appliance panel to know they're on," said Hebda.

### New features are available

If you're in the market for a new dishwasher, you'll find that today's dishwasher offers options not available when you bought your last appliance.

Your new dishwasher will sometimes be smarter than the person in the kitchen washing the dishes. If you rinse the dishes before loading a dishwasher equipped



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Sears Hometown Store of Fenton sales associate and appliance expert Jessica Hebda likes to direct customers to LG dishwashers. There is a 10-year warranty on the direct drive motor. Other features to look for include adjustable rack heights and nylon-coated racks.

with a soil sensor, the sensor will determine that the dishes are fairly clean and a light wash follows, sometimes leaving bits of food stuck on the plate.

Most dishwashers come with a filter, to keep wash water free of food that could be re-deposited on clean dishes. Some models, including Maytag, come with a four-blade chopper that pulverizes food debris and flushes it down the drain.

"It's like a mini garbage disposal," said Hebda.

Other models have turbo zones or "casserole sprayers" for focused cleaning to scour pans with baked-on food residue. "However, you still want to use a rinse aid in your dishwasher," said Hebda.

According to Consumer Reports, a rinse aid not only prevents spotting, but it also causes water to 'sheet off' glassware and dishes by breaking the bond between the water molecules and the dishes.

### Watch for interior tub upgrades

The dishwasher interior has also been upgraded to resist stains, avoid breakage of tines and provide energy savings. A stainless steel tub is typically available in mid- or higher-priced models, "giving you a better sanitary rinse," said Hebda. "The stainless steel interior provides insulation."

Some new models feature interior racks with nylon coating to prevent breakage. Any plastic tub should actually last longer than most people keep a dishwasher, typically seven to 10 years.

"Our new Maytags actually have a 10-year 'limited parts' warranty on the racking, stainless steel interior and four-blade chopper," said Hebda.

Speaking of interior racks, the newest

models offer adjustable racks and tines, plus silverware and stemware holders that let you reconfigure the interior of the dishwasher to organize its contents. These can be handy when hosting a crowd and can help fit large or oddly-shaped items.

### You'll have to ask for 'heated dry'

If you like your dishes 'heated dry' out of the dishwasher, that is an option for some higher-priced models. Budget-priced dishwashers typically dry in the first few hours after a wash cycle using just drainage and

tub's residual heat. These heated options increase the convenience, but also the price tag, including a higher electric bill.

### Expect to pay from \$300 to \$1,400 and up

Dishwashers range widely in price from budget models at \$300 up to high-end models with all the bells and whistles from \$1,400 on up.

"Most people plan to spend between \$500 and \$600," said Hebda.

The important thing to remember is that price doesn't always come with the best performance, so it pays to do your research first.



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*Editor's note: this is a continued series by Features Writer Sally Rummel on what consumers need to know and ask to buy the best appliance for their needs. Go to [tctimes.com](http://tctimes.com) to read Rummel's stories on buying ranges and refrigerators.*

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APPLE ORCHARD  
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Beach. The meeting begins at 7 p.m.

This will be White's second time before the Planning Commission, after being referred back after the second reading of the rezoning ordinance at the Township Board level on March 6.

White, who resides on Haddon Street, is requesting the property, which is nearly 100 acres, be rezoned from R-3 (residential) to AG (agriculture).

At the February Planning Commission meeting, White explained that it is his desire to preserve the property in its natural state. He noted the property is bounded by wetlands and forest. He told the Planning Commission he would like to plant an apple orchard on the property and maybe sell the apples at local farm markets.

AG zoning allows for farm animals, including five horses, 10 chickens, two goats, five cows and 10 buffalo. White, however, offered a condition to the AG zoning classification to restrict the use of the property for an orchard only.

During the February Planning Commission meeting, residents questioned everything from wetlands to their ability to continue to walking their dogs on the land. Several residents spoke in favor of the rezoning and encouraged the township to approve the request in order to protect natural resources and preserve green space. They stated the AG zoning, properly used, will protect the wetlands and wildlife and add to their property values.

One neighbor, Jerry Edwards, said White is a good neighbor and he supports the project.

"I am in favor of it," he said.

White noted that the property is approximately 50 percent high, dry land. When requested, he showed an area in the center of the upland where he said he would like to start with two rows of 25 to 50 apple trees.

Planning Commission Chairman John Tucker, who also is the Fenton Township treasurer, noted that in White's letter of intent, he mentioned having hayrides, a pumpkin patch and some farm animals. White said that may be in the distant future but he is only asking to use the property for an orchard.

White was asked about the use of bee hives, to which he said he did not plan on



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Ridgway White of Fenton Township is seeking to rezone 100 acres south of Grove Park and west of Swanee Beach for the purpose of planting an apple orchard.

being a bee keeper and hopes that nature will take care of itself.

In February, Tucker said he would be concerned about the use for animal farming because of the concentration of residences that surround the property. He said he would, however, support the use of the property for an orchard. A motion to recommend approval as a conditional rezoning to AG, with the use restricted to an orchard provided the applicant put the condition in written form.

The first reading of the rezoning ordinance was held before the Fenton Township Board of Trustees on Feb. 20, and the second reading on March 6.

Because the issue of whether or not there would be livestock on the property was not clear, the board at the recommendation of its attorney, sent the matter back to the Planning Commission for clarification.

Conditions of rezoning cannot be determined by township board members, nor can they negotiate conditions with the applicant.

White, who is president of the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, said this is a personal project that has nothing to do with his employer.

"I'm pursuing a family farm. My goal is to build a family farm where we can grow some apples and sell them at farm markets," he said. "I want to preserve the natural beauty of the property."

White said he is not pursuing having livestock on the property at this time. He said in his request he is asking to reserve the right to have a few animals in the future, typical farm type animals like a horse, for example.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IF YOU DON'T want to work for chump change then do something about it. If you're worth more you'll get more. Just showing up for work doesn't mean you'll get more. I'm guessing the man has been holding you down your whole life.

THERE ARE A lot of people out there who need to take a refresher course on how to stop for stop signs and use their turn signal.

TO THE PERSON who complained about the women only making a small amount of money and collected a lot of money from Social Security, I suppose you don't think taking care of a house, a husband, and seven children is important. Try it some time.

YOU CITY ADMINISTRATORS just couldn't stand it, could you. Couldn't stand to leave Fenton alone and let it be a small town, out of the way, peaceful for the rest of us.

JOBS MAY GET lost, spouses can come and go, Obamacare, well, that's a work in progress. But I renewed my Tri-County Times for another year.


SOMEONE SHOULD REMIND our local police force that it's important that they observe and enforce even the simplest of crimes. It serves as a deterrent for those who are trying to see what they can get away with.

PUMPING CRUDE OIL out of the core of the earth making the core hot? You really ought to take a science class or watch something besides The Bachelor and Survivor on TV. Try PBS, you might learn something.

TRUMP ISN'T TOTALLY destroying our country, but he's doing a pretty good job. It started earlier with Reagan and the two Bushes. That's four wars and three recessions ago.

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By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

### ROOT CANALS AND CROWNS

Once a tooth becomes infected a root canal is needed to save the tooth. An infected tooth will never heal on its own. An abscessed tooth is a source of chronic infection that can drag down your immune system and in advanced cases can be life threatening. In year's past the only treatment option for an abscessed tooth was to have the tooth extracted. Now saving the tooth with endodontic (root canal treatment) is a more favorable option. Once the root canal treatment is completed, a crown is often, but not always, needed. One of the main reasons a tooth needs endodontic treatment in the first place, is because there is a very large and deep cavity. Most teeth that need root canals have huge cavities. Root canalled teeth are usually weaker than regular teeth. The larger the area of decay the less tooth structure remaining and the weaker the tooth is. The overall success rate of a root canal is 95%. The number one reason a tooth that has had a root canal ultimately fails and needs to be extracted is because the tooth fractures and breaks becoming non-restorable. A crown provides much needed support and reinforcement to the tooth preventing fracturing. Now, there are times when a tooth has had a root canal and there is plenty of remaining strong tooth structure. In these cases a crown is not needed. Therefore, the need for a crown after a root canal is determined on a case-by-case, basis.

I welcome your questions and comments.  
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## Police&Fire report

### LARCENY ON ALYSSA COURT

On Sunday, March 26, deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office responded to a home in the 13000 block of Alyssa Court in Fenton Township to investigate two reports of larceny from auto. A suspect was identified and the investigation is ongoing.

### LIA COURT HOME INVASION

On Monday, March 27, a home invasion of an occupied residence in the 13000 block of Lia Court in Fenton Township was reported to the Genesee County Sheriff's Office. A suspect was identified and the case remains under investigation.

### HOME INVASION ON DALHART COURT

On Thursday, March 30, a home invasion of an unoccupied residence in the 12000 block of Dalhart Court in Fenton Township was reported to the Genesee County Sheriff's Office. No suspects have yet been identified.

### PROPERTY DAMAGED IN FENTON TOWNSHIP

A malicious destruction of property complaint was filed on March 30 by a resident in the 6000 block of Silver Lake Road in Fenton Township. A suspect has been identified by the Genesee County Sheriff's Office and the investigation is ongoing.

### DISTRIBUTING MARIJUANA IN FENTON TOWNSHIP

On April 2, the Genesee County Sheriff's Office received a possession with intent to distribute marijuana complaint in the area of Torrey Beach and North roads. A suspect has been identified and the investigation is ongoing.

## MICHIGAN VOTES

### LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

*MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, March 31.*

### Senate Bill 242: Transfer state revenue to certain business owners

To authorize giving up to \$250 million of state revenue to certain developers and business owners selected by political appointees on the board of a state Strategic Fund agency. Owners of selected firms would get cash subsidies for up to 10 years equal to half or all of the income tax paid by their employees. The Senate has also passed bills authorizing another \$1.8 billion in subsidies for big developers (SB 111 to 115).

### Passed 32 to 5 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ YES  
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☒ YES  
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) ☒ NO  
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ☒ YES  
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ☒ YES

### Senate Bill 94: Accelerate new vehicle trade-in "sales tax on the difference"

To accelerate the 24-year phase-in of a 2013 law that exempted from sales tax the value of a trade-in when buying a new vehicle. This would save buyers \$28.7 million in 2021, which would gradually increase through 2028.

### Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ YES  
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☒ YES  
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) ☒ YES  
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ☒ YES  
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ☒ YES

### Senate Bill 168: Raise tax on auto insurers to pay for state theft authority

To revise the basis on which auto insurers are assessed (taxed) to support a government auto theft prevention authority, by also applying the assessments to commercial vehicle policies. The expansion could represent a substantial increase. The Senate Fiscal Agency references a 2010 revenue figure

of \$6.25 million for this entity.

### Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ YES  
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☒ YES  
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) ☒ YES  
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ☒ YES  
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ☒ YES

### House Bill 4213: Require court order to breathalyze minor who says no

To establish that a police officer must get a court order to get a breath test for alcohol from a minor who objects. This is not related to drunk driving or vehicles, but to enforcement of a state law that bans minors from being in possession of alcohol. Recent court cases have suggested that doing this without a court order is unconstitutional.

### Passed 102 to 6 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES  
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES

### House Bill 4070: Revise government eminent domain takings details

To require state agencies to pay attorney fees and court costs of private real property owners if a "governmental action" results in a loss of value and the department or agency failed to consult guidelines on government takings promulgated by the Attorney General. Also, to apply these rules on "takings" to all state departments, not just the Natural Resources, Environmental Quality, and Transportation departments. Current law defines "governmental actions" for which compensation is required as including certain permit or license denials, restrictive conditions on these and more. The state and federal constitutions requires governments to compensate owners when their property is taken.

### Passed 76 to 31 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES  
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES

### House Bill 4317: Allow exception to graduation health education requirement

To allow high school students to replace a health education graduation requirement by instead taking a class on the government health and safety regulations on industry and construction, taught by the state agency in charge of enforcing these.

### Passed 61 to 47 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES  
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES

### House Bill 4315: Eliminate foreign language from graduation standards

To allow a student to get a high school diploma without meeting the current two-credit language requirement by instead taking a computer class or one in "visual or performing arts (with all these in a new category dubbed "21st century skills" by the sponsors of House Bill 4316, which also passed).

### Passed 79 to 29 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES  
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES

## Calendar of events

### Easter Egg Hunt

Curtis Wolverton VFW Post 3243 and Auxiliary in Fenton will host their annual Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 15. Breakfast is open to the public and begins serving at 8 a.m. The Easter Bunny will be there and the photographer will take photos. The Egg Hunt will begin at noon sharp. The age limit is 10 years old. Bring the family for breakfast and then hunt for eggs and goodies. For details, call the post after 2 p.m. at (810) 629-3700.

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DOMINICK

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unable to save him. He was taken off life support one day later. Dominick’s mother, Corrine Baker, 26 at the time, and her boyfriend, Brandon Hayes, 25, were arrested for his murder. In addition to drug and child abuse and torture charges, Hayes was convicted of felony murder and is currently serving a life sentence without possibility of parole.

Baker was found guilty of drug charges, child abuse and homicide murder in the second degree. The earliest she can be released from prison is April 22, 2023.

Dominick’s death was the inspiration for a new law called “Dominick’s Law.” In June of 2012, Gov. Rick Snyder signed the legislation into law, stiffening penalties for child abuse.

The family of Dominick Calhoun advocated passionately for the law for two years. State Rep. Joseph Graves, who resides in Argentine Township, and State Rep. Matt Lori, R-Constantine, sponsored the bills, now Public Acts 194 and 195 of 2012, which create penalties for committing child abuse in the presence of another child, and strengthen penalties for first- and second-degree child abuse.

**April recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette is recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and encouraging residents to familiarize themselves with indicators of child abuse and to report it if they suspect a child is in danger.

“Children often cannot speak for themselves and when something as horrific as child abuse is happening, they cannot or do not know how to get help, said Schuette. “If you suspect a child is being abused, say something, report it, it just might save that child’s life. It is our job to protect children who do not have a voice.”

The Michigan Child Protection Law requires certain people, including teachers, health care professionals and law enforcement, to report their suspicions of child abuse or neglect to Children’s Protective Services.

News **briefs**

**NAMI support group**

NAMI is a non-profit support, education and advocacy organization serving persons with mental disorders, and their relatives and friends. Their new location is 514 W. Court St., Flint, just west of Grand Traverse. Support meetings are at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays. Registration is being taken for NAMI Basics classes for parents and caregivers of children with mental disorders and NAMI Family-to-Family for family and friends of adults with mental disorders. Pre-registration is required for classes but not for support groups. There is no charge for NAMI meetings and classes. Call (810) 232-6498 for details.

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**SIGNS OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has indicated the following as possible indicators of abuse and neglect:

**Physical Neglect — Physical Indicators:**

Unattended medical needs, lack of supervision, regular signs of hunger, inappropriate dress, poor hygiene, distended stomach, emaciated, significant weight change

**Physical Neglect — Behavioral**

Regularly displays fatigue or listlessness, falls asleep in class, steals/hoards food, begs from classmates, reports that no caretaker is at home

**Physical Abuse — Physical Indicators:**

Unexplained bruises (in various stages of healing), welts, loop marks, adult/human bite marks, bald spots or missing clumps of hair, unexplained burns/scalds, unexplained fractures, skin lacerations/punctures or abrasions, swollen lips/chipped teeth, linear/parallel marks on cheeks and temple area, crescent-shaped bruising, puncture wounds, bruising behind the ears

**Physical Abuse — Behavioral Indicators:**

Self-destructive/self-mutilation, withdrawn and/or aggressive-behavior extremes, uncomfortable/ skittish with physical contact, arrives at school late or stays late as if afraid to be at home, chronic runaway (adolescents), complains of soreness or moves uncomfortably, wears clothing inappropriate to weather to cover body, lack of impulse control (e.g. inappropriate outbursts)

**Sexual Abuse — Physical indicators:**

Pain or itching in genital area, bruises or bleeding in genital area, sexually transmitted disease, frequent urinary or yeast infections, extreme or sudden weight change, pregnancy under 12 years of age

**Sexual Abuse — Behavioral Indicators:**

Withdrawal, chronic depression, sexual behaviors or references that are unusual for the child’s age, seductive or promiscuous behavior, poor self-esteem, self-devaluation, lack of confidence, suicide attempts (especially adolescents), hysteria, lack of emotional control

**Who do I call to report suspected child abuse?**

Cases of abuse or neglect should be reported to local law enforcement or the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Anyone, including a child, who suspects child abuse or neglect, can make a report to MDHHS by calling (855) 444-3911.



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**NEW TRICK****Continued from Page 3A**

Smith's trick class are the wave, sitting pretty, riding a skateboard and opening and closing a child's refrigerator.

In addition to the fun of doing tricks together, this type of training also has health benefits for your dog. It builds muscle tone and stamina, boosts confidence and channels your dog's energy into something positive.

"It's a great activity," said Smith. "You

don't need a lot of space."

Dogs can actually get trick dog titles if they are AKC-registered. For more information and to download forms, go to [Akc.org/about-trick-dog/](http://Akc.org/about-trick-dog/).

This is the second year that Smith has offered dog trick classes. Classes are one hour a week for six weeks. The dogs show off all their tricks on their last night of class.

"Whoever says you can't teach an old dog a new trick has never been to my tricks class," joked Smith.



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**DOWNTOWN LINDEN****Continued from Front Page**

previous Times article. "A new development takes time and we want it to be great so we do not have a set time frame."

According to Linden City Council meeting minutes, the plans outline an approximate 7,000-square-foot, two-story mixed-use building with businesses on the first level and condominiums on the second. The new address will be 103 E. Broad St.

The first floor of the proposed mixed-use building would hold office space for two businesses. One will be Dr. Wax Orthodontics and the other is an undisclosed business.

The plan proposes the second floor consist of five total condominium units ranging in size from 1,063 to 1,486 square feet.

The preliminary site plan review application was submitted by Asselin McLane Architectural Group, LLC, with permission of property owner Wax Real Estate Holdings, LLC, according to the minutes.

One issue discussed Monday was

**“This gives the applicant the go-ahead to prepare a much more detailed ‘final’ site plan, which will need to include more specific site design and engineering details.”**

**Adam Young**  
 Linden city planner and zoning administrator

parking, and how the development would affect the lack of parking in the downtown. Young said a subcommittee was established to discuss parking solutions.

According to Linden City records, Wax bought the property in 2016 for \$175,000 from the La-Fontaine family.

According to real estate records, the La-Fontaine family paid \$186,000 for the seven parcels of land involved. The purchase was made after a fire on May 18, 2007 destroyed the historic buildings, which anchored the Union Block. The buildings were demolished in August 2007 to make room for future development, which never happened due in part to the recession.

An underground gasoline leak at a nearby gas station was discovered in 2014, and this site, which was affected, is currently

undergoing remediation efforts.

Wax opened Dr. Wax Orthodontics in June 2014, next to Coney Café at 123 North Bridge St., and previously said she knew she would outgrow the space.

**\$3 MILLION****Continued from Page 3A**

It will also be a beautiful spot for weddings, he added. It will have large windows that allow sunlight to come through.

"The goal is to just care for whoever comes in the door," he said.

The ministry started planning for the new building in 2015 because the current church doesn't have enough seating for Sunday services. Two of the most popular services, 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Sundays are held at the Lake Fenton High School

Auditorium.

"That's more true now than it's ever been," he said.

The new building will fix that issue with a large auditorium with a stage and seating for up to 1,500 people.

Morris said the goal is to build the structure without any debt.

"The total cost of initial phase is \$3 million. We're looking to save that money and have it all donated before we start building," he said. "We're pumped."

They have currently raised \$720,000.

On Wednesday during the reveal, he asked everyone to pray about how they should participate.

"We want people to drive by and know they can receive the gospel and the love of God there," he said. "We don't want it to represent a building, we want it to represent the heart of God."

More information is available at [www.hisrock.net/the-box](http://www.hisrock.net/the-box).

**SUMMARY**

■ The Rock Church revealed the floor plans for its new \$3 million building last week. The new structure will hold weddings, funerals and other events.

**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

■■■  
**YO, FENTON.** DID you see that guy driving around town using his turn signal? That was me. I'm from Holly where we do it right.

■■■  
**WELL, I HOPE** you people downtown are very happy with yourselves. All this promoting for Fenton and all this hoopla in TV, books, airwaves, trying to get Fenton to be something it's never wanted to be. We have become everything we don't want.



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APRIL 9

**1865:** At Appomattox, Virginia, Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrenders his 28,000 troops to Union General Ulysses S. Grant, effectively ending the American Civil War. Forced to abandon the Confederate capital of Richmond, blocked from joining the surviving Confederate force in North Carolina, and harassed constantly by Union cavalry, Lee had no other option.

APRIL 10

**1834:** A fire at the LaLaurie mansion in New Orleans, Louisiana, leads to the discovery of a torture chamber where slaves are routinely brutalized by Delphine LaLaurie. Rescuers found a 70-year-old black woman trapped in the kitchen during the fire because she was chained up while LaLaurie was busy saving her furniture. The woman later revealed that she had set the fire in an attempt to escape LaLaurie's torture. She led authorities up to the attic, where seven slaves were tied with spiked iron collars.

APRIL 11

**1988:** At the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles, the actress and singer Cher collects the Academy Award for Best Actress for her performance in Moonstruck (1988). Cherilyn Sarkasian, who was born on May 20, 1946, first became famous as the female half of the 1960s singing duo Sonny and Cher, alongside her future husband, Sonny Bono.

APRIL 12

**1945:** While on a vacation in Warm Springs, Georgia, President Roosevelt suffers a stroke and dies. His death marked a critical turning point in U.S. relations with the Soviet Union, as his successor, Harry S. Truman, decided to take a tougher stance with the Russians. By April 1945, Roosevelt had been elected president of the United States four times and had served for over 12 years. On April 12, 1945, he suffered a massive stroke and died.

APRIL 13

**2009:** Former Major League Baseball all-star pitcher Mark "The Bird" Fidrych is found dead at the age of 54 following an accident at his Massachusetts farm involving a Mack truck he was working on. Fidrych, the 1976 American League Rookie of the Year, suffocated when his clothes got tangled in the truck's power takeoff shaft. Fidrych became a national sensation during his rookie season with the Detroit Tigers. That year, his record was 19 wins and 9 losses with a league-leading 2.34 ERA and 24 complete games. The 6-foot, 3-inch Fidrych, who reportedly earned his nickname for his resemblance to the "Sesame Street" character Big Bird, was a favorite with fans.

APRIL 14:

**1865:** President Abraham Lincoln is shot in the head at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C. The assassin, actor John Wilkes Booth, shouted, "Sic semper tyrannis! (Ever thus to tyrants!) The South is avenged," as he jumped onto the stage and fled on horseback. Lincoln died the next morning.

News

briefs



Volunteer drivers needed to transport cancer patients to treatment in Genesee County

An estimated 57,600 Michigan residents will learn they have cancer this year and getting to their scheduled treatment will be one of their greatest concerns. To ease this burden, the American Cancer Society Road to Recovery program is looking for volunteer drivers to provide free transportation to treatment for people who have cancer and do not have a ride or are unable to drive themselves. Many cancer patients don't own a vehicle, can't afford the extra gasoline, or don't have access to public transportation. Some patients may be elderly and unable to drive, too ill to drive, or have no family members or friends who are able to provide regular assistance with transportation. The Road to Recovery program provides transportation options for patients in these situations and currently is in desperate need of more volunteer drivers in Genesee County. "Every driver has what it takes to save lives," said Rachael Cook of the American Cancer Society. "We're urgently asking Genesee County drivers to donate their passenger seat and volunteer to take cancer patients to treatment. One cancer patient requiring radiation therapy could need between 20 to 30 trips to treatment over the course of six weeks. A patient receiving chemotherapy may need weekly treatment for up to a year." To volunteer, you must have a valid driver's license, a safe and reliable vehicle, and proof of automobile insurance. Drivers must be 18 years of age or older and have a good driving history. They arrange their own schedules and can commit as many or as few hours as their schedule allows. The American Cancer Society provides free training to drivers and conducts criminal background and driving record checks. For information about the Road to Recovery program and other Society programs and services, call 1-800-227-2345, or visit cancer.org.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■  
**IF YOU THINK** Donald Trump is paying for all his own stuff, why do you think Secret Service applied for another \$60 million in 2017 and 2018. So they can protect him and his family.

■■■  
**WORLD WAR I** legacy: Blood Banks, the discovery in 1914 that blood could be prevented from clotting if mixed with sodium citrate, plus the benefits of refrigeration, were huge breakthroughs that paved the way for blood banking.

■■■  
**MICHIGAN SENATORS, STABENOW** and Peters are opposed to the separation of powers. They want a Supreme Court justice who will vote to override our laws in order to promote their socialist agenda. Their vote against Gorsuch is a vote to promote socialism through judicial edict.

■■■  
**WE DIDN'T VOTE** for Trump to strip mine our national parks for coal, cut a billion dollars from the national parks, end internet privacy for our personal information, and discontinue safe guards for pesticides in our food. These executive orders need to end.

Police&Fire

report

ESTRANGED HUSBAND HARRASSES WIFE IN HOLLY

On March 28, Holly police were dispatched to a home in the 100 block of Oakland Street for personal protection order violation. An officer spoke with a 33-year-old female who said her 39-year-old husband had been calling her all night. She said he had made threats toward her and her 23-year-old boyfriend. She played a voicemail from her husband for the officer, who could hear the husband saying he was prank calling. While at the residence, her husband called again, this time with the officer answering the call. The officer advised the man to stop calling. While the officer was on scene, the woman's husband called six times. The officer learned that the PPO had not been served. The officer went over to the husband's home on Cogshall Street and spoke to him in person to advise him not to call his wife again.

HOLLY TEEN ARRESTED

Dylan Teague, 17, of Holly was arraigned on one count of first-degree home invasion in Oakland County 52-2 District Court on March 22. He was released on \$1,500 bond. He waived his preliminary exam and was bound over to circuit court with an April 11 arraignment. The charge stems from his arrest on March 20 in Hawaiian Gardens trailer park

in Holly. According to Holly police, Teague is charged with breaking into a neighboring residence and stealing multiple items, including clothes, cash and jewelry.

HOLLY MAN STEALS BEER

At 6:30 p.m. on March 26, Holly police responded to a grocery store on Saginaw Street in Holly for a retail fraud complaint. An employee told police that she observed a person take two six packs of beer valued at \$23 and exit the store without paying. The store surveillance video showing the person selecting the beer and exiting was turned over to police. Police were able to view the license plate of the suspect's car and made contact with the Buick's owner from Holly. A male matching the suspect in the store's video saw police approaching his parents' house, prompting him to flee on foot. Police soon learned the 38-year-old suspect had four outstanding warrants from Grand Rapids. On March 29, the suspect's father went to the store and paid \$23 for the stolen beer. The suspect's whereabouts was unknown. Since the store was reimbursed, they chose not to press charges at this time.

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# LF's Hillger caps prep wrestling career with another impressive victory

By David Troppens

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Lake Fenton wrestler Trent Hillger capped his career as a three-time state champion and a four-

Trent Hillger

time All-State

performer in March.

And now he can add "unofficial senior national champion" to his resume.

Ranked third in the nation by Flo Wrestling, the highest of anyone in the senior class this prep wrestling season, Hillger was in-

vited to wrestle at the Pittsburgh Wrestling Classic for Team USA in an annual all-star dual meet.

He made the most of the opportunity, defeating seventh-ranked Brendan Furman in a battle of nationally ranked heavyweights. Hillger defeated Pennsylvania's

Furman 3-0, adding to his argument that he may have been the best heavyweight wrestler in the nation among those graduating this spring. His squad, Team USA, defeated Team Pennsylvania 28-20 at the 2017 Pittsburgh Wrestling Classic held in Pittsburgh.

"It was a great event," Hillger said. "The atmosphere was great and the fans were crazy. There were 5,000 in attendance and most were Pennsylvania fans. They went nuts with a Pennsylvania wrestler scored a point."

See **HILLGER** on 23A

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## Times Sports

## Blue Devils dominate top two spots of our poll

By David Troppens

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In our last issue we presented teams No. 8 to No. 5 in our Tri-County Winter Sports Elite Eight Poll. This week we'll look into the final four.

Teams that were given some thought about being placed in the poll but weren't were the Linden varsity boys basketball team, the Fenton varsity boys basketball team, and the Holly varsity wrestling team. They'd be considered our honorable mention squads. This edition we hit the truly elite winter squads. The top three were pretty easy.

**No. 4 – Fenton boys swimming and diving:** The Tigers were their typical dominant selves in Metro League action, crushing the opposition during the dual meet season, and then winning the Metro League meet by a whopping 251 points.

However they were also the toughest team to figure out where to place. Because the league is so weak, the Tigers are mostly judged on their state tournament performance and other non-league events, and in those events the Tigers weren't as strong as they have been in the past. For example, the Tigers didn't have a relay qualify for the state meet (a sign of team depth) or have a swimmer or a diver advance to the second day of the state meet. We gave them fourth, but it was a tough call.

**No. 3 – Fenton girls basketball:** Fenton wasn't able to win the Metro League title, but did finish second to eventual Class A state champions, Flushing, with an impressive 11-3 league record. The Tigers finished the season with a strong 17-7 mark, earning a second straight Class A district title with wins against Brandon and Holly. The Tigers defeated



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The Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team (above) and the Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team (right) finished 1-2 on our Tri-County Winter Sports Elite Eight Poll. The Lake Fenton wrestling team finished tops on the list last year as well.

Rochester Adams in the regional semifinal, but then lost to Macomb Dakota in the regional title game. Chloe Idoni finished the season as an Honorable Mention All-State performer.

**No. 2 – Lake Fenton boys basketball:** The Blue Devils were a very easy selection at No. 2 in this poll. No, they weren't able to win a Genesee Area Conference Red Division title (mainly due to the fact the defend-

ing Class C champs are in their league), but they did a lot of other good stuff. The Blue Devils played a tough schedule and finished the regular season with a 15-5 overall record and seemed poised to make a strong tournament run. They did just that, defeating Chesaning, Corunna and Freeland en route to a second straight Class B district title. Lake captured the program's first-ever

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## David's Dabblings

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



### SURVIVING THE ROLLER RINK

I experienced one of the toughest nights I've had in a long time.

I experienced people riding against traffic, not yielding when they should and texting while cruising on wheels. And during the entire experience I had to avoid serious collisions probably a dozen times while near-catastrophic collisions happened at least once a minute. Yet, somehow everyone seemingly survived.

No, this wasn't a drive down US 23 during rush hour. This was a night at the roller rink.

We used to go to the roller rink reasonably frequently considering our non-kid status. We'd go about once or twice a winter, usually when the school years were on break. But for some reason we stopped about seven or eight years ago. On Tuesday, I decided it was time for me and my wife, Anna, to venture out to Grand Blanc's Rollerhaven rink once again. Convincing Anna to go roller skating (or in her case roller blading) is a pretty easy sell. She immediately wanted to go.

Once we were there, I quickly realized I may regret our decision. I was now dead meat for about 100 wheel-wearing children. I'm not a great roller skater. I've gone skating probably at least 30 times in my life, yet each time I go it seems I have to re-learn how to skate once again. The first 10 minutes I hugged the wall as much as possible. However, many little kids made that nearly impossible as many were going against the flow of traffic right in my path. That meant I had to risk going out to the center where the 'young guns' could attack by flying by me and cutting me off

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Fenton varsity football coach Jeff Setzke talks to his team during the Tigers' game at Grand Valley State University last fall. Fenton will begin the 2017 season with a game at The University of Michigan on Aug. 26 at 4 p.m. against the Brandon Blackhawks.

## Fenton football opening 2017 season at Michigan Stadium vs. Brandon

By David Troppens

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Over the years the Fenton varsity football team has had the opportunity to play in some pretty impressive college stadiums.

During seven-on-seven tournaments over the summer, the team has been able to play at The University of Notre Dame. Last season, the Tigers opened the season with a contest at Grand Valley State University.

This fall the Tigers are upping the ante a bit higher. They will open the season as a part of the 2017 Battle at the Big House experience with a game

at the "Big House" at the University of Michigan.

The game will be held on Aug. 26 at 4 p.m. against the Brandon Blackhawks. It is the second of two games that day at Michigan.

"It's a great opportunity for the kids," Fenton varsity football coach Jeff Setzke said. "Some of the players who had the opportunity to play at Grand Valley last year will get the opportunity to play at Michigan this year. What a great experience it is for the kids."

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# Cassidy headed to Oakland University

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When Elise Cassidy leaves Fenton High School to compete for the Oakland University women's swim and diving program, she won't have to worry about being alone.

After all, her brother is on the men's team.

Cassidy will continue her swimming career at Division 1 Oakland University side-by-side with her brother, Brant, for at least the first portion of her college athletic tenure. Cassidy is excited to start her career.

"It means a lot getting the opportunity to (compete at a Division 1 level)," Cassidy said. "Going to a Division 1 school is pretty big. And my brother actually goes there so getting to swim with him is great. I already know the team."

"I wanted to go D1 or D2 and Oakland was one of the options at D1, so it worked out."

Cassidy was a four-year varsity swimmer for Fenton's strong girls swim squad, quali-

fying for the state meet in at least one event each of her four years on the squad. She was a state finalist during her final two seasons. Last fall she was part of a record-breaking season at the state meet when the Tigers qualified all three relays to the second day of the meet. Of course, Cassidy was a member of two of those relays — 15th-place in the 400 freestyle relay (3:43.04) and 16th place in the 200 medley relay (1:53.77). She also qualified for the second day individually in the 100 backstroke, posting a 13th place finish (59.99). She posted a time of 58.9 seconds in the preliminary round. Fenton finished the meet in 21st place.

She was part of Fenton's Metro League Meet record holding 200 medley relay team (2016)

said. "He was a real defensive wrestler so I wasn't worried when it was 0-0 after one. He stayed away from my shots and I'm a big shot taker. He defended me well, but I knew I would beat him on the mat. I wasn't too worried, and that's how I scored all of my



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Fenton's Elise Cassidy will swim at Oakland University next fall.

and also holds pool records at Brandon and Owosso in the 100 backstroke (both 2016).

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## HILLGER

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Hillger was strong in his match. The first period ended with no score, but eventually scored some points in the final two periods.

"It went really well," Hillger

points."

Hillger hasn't had to worry too much in most of his high school matches, considering he hasn't lost one since his freshman season.

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## POLL

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regional title with a win against Frankenthum, but lost in the quarterfinals to Ludington.

**No. 1 – Lake Fenton wrestling:** For the second straight season, the Lake Fenton wrestling team was our No. 1 squad for the winter season. They had it all. They had strong non-conference wins. They captured a Genesee Area Conference championship with the prefect league season. The Blue Devils won every dual and followed

that by winning the GAC meet. They had an even better postseason. The squad advanced to the Division 3 team state meet for the third time in four seasons. While there, the Blue Devils advanced to the state semifinals before eventually losing. However, that wasn't the end of the season.

At the individual state meet, Trent Hillger and Jarrett Trombley won state titles while Hunter Corcoran and Sean Trombley lost in state title matches. All of this made the Blue Devils the easy choice for No. 1 in our poll.

## DABBLINGS

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whenever possible — a seemingly inevitable path towards many crashes and accidents. Many were talking selfies while skating and others were actually texting while skating. This made me freak out, realizing these same people would have a drivers license within the next four years. If someone can't refrain from texting while on roller blades, of course they'll be texting on the road.

Through it all, I somehow not only never fell, but within about a half-hour, I was cruising at a steady pace. And by the end of the session, I was back to my typical skating self, skating reasonably well with a couple well developed blisters on my right foot.

Actually, for someone who still doesn't really know how to stop instantly — my best method to stop is to just run into the wall — I've never fallen while roller skating with Anna in our presence. This, I know, secretly

bothers her. The first time we went she thought she'd prove herself the superior skater as I fell three or four times, giving her something to laugh at. Instead it was her in one of the most ridiculous moments possible who fell.

We were sitting in one of the booths between songs and while sitting, she was scooting her feet on the floor. I'll never figure out how she did this, but Anna ended up losing her balance as she rolled her wheels while sitting in the booth and fell to the ground. She had fallen WHILE SITTING DOWN. Anyone who knows me well, knows I won't let her forget that one.

Well, we both survived our trip, and now I think we've both decided we want to sneak out there again. Even with all the 10-year-old hotshots flying around, it remains a pretty entertaining night for this 40-something balding man, even if it means listening to three or four Justin Timberlake songs in a two-hour period.

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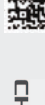
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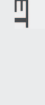
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