# Local man faces up to life in federal prison

■24-year-old attempted to buy a 7- to 10-year-old 'virgin blonde girl' via text

### **By Hannah Ball**

hball@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 Although Burton is about 20 miles from Fenton, it's just a quick text away when a Burton man tries to pay for a young girl from an undercover police officer.

The Burton man, Josh Michael Waldrop, 24, was in federal court Thursday, Nov. 16 on charges related to attempting to buy a 7- to 10-year-old girl for \$100 for sex, and to later marry and have his children.

Waldrop was charged with attempted manufacture of child pornography and attempted enticement, according to United States District Court records. In court, Waldrop was told that for the child porn charge, he faces 15 to 30 years in prison, followed by five years probation and up to \$250,000 in fines. For the enticement charge, he faces up to 100 years in prison, followed by five years probation and up to \$250,000 in fines. He pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Magistrate Judge Patricia T. Morris ordered Waldrop be detained until his next hearing. See PRISON on 18A



Josh Michael Waldrop



### Sheriff's office investigates death in Fenton **Township**

■20-year-old man found dead at his **Rolston Road home** 

### **By Sharon Stone**

sstone@tctimes.com The Genesee County Sheriff's Office is investigating a 20-year-old Fenton Township man's death.

The sheriff's office, as well as Fenton and Linden police were dispatched to a home in the 3500 block of Rolston Road for a DOA (dead on arrival), possibly due to an overdose of a yet to be disclosed substance.

Deputies and police arrived at the home at approximately 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 19. Investigators were on-site for See DEATH on 10A



Approximately 50 Boy Scouts helped pack 174 Miracle Boxes at Linden Middle School on Thursday, Nov. 16 for troops overseas. The packages contain food items like hot chocolate, Ramen noodles, crackers and more. See story on page 3A.

## Here's another reason to shop local



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### Online scams and rip-offs are everywhere

### **By Vera Hogan**

vhogan@tctimes.com; 810-433-6823 We all get too many emails every day making it possible to miss something very important — the fake offers.

Emails about Amazon offering free gift cards for online shopping is the lat-

est in the news about fraudulent offers. According to the Consumer Technology Association, a trade group in Arlington, Virginia, the volume of such See SCAMS on 19A

### **Thanksgiving travel expected** to be highest in 12 years

Strong economy and labor market fueling banner year

### **Compiled By Hannah Ball**

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AAA expects this Thanksgiving traveling weekend to be the busiest since 2005.

The automotive services company estimates that 50.9 million Americans will travel 50 miles or more away from their homes this Thanksgiving, which is a 3.3-percent increase compared to 2016, and 1.6 million more compared to 2005.

See TRAVEL on 14A



**We had a** pet turkey that knew his name and would come when called. He was also totally affectionate, very clean, and made a wonderful companion. My hus-

band and I agreed that he was way better than our teenagers.

### **L**Every Thanksgiving each person in our extended family



writes down something they are grateful for, folds the paper and puts it in a bowl. Then,

the bowl around and everyone guesses who wrote what. It's great fun."

**CAM I the** only one who notices that the hypocrites in Hollywood that are now accusing



many of their sisters from the same fate if they hadn't put their acting career ahead of their morals?

**L**A strong economy and labor market are generating rising incomes and higher consumer confidence.... 77 **Bill Sutherland** AAA senior vice president



**LEThe world has** changed. Kissing babes used to get politicians elected. Now it gets politicians thrown out of office."



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# **Boy Scouts pack 'Miracle Boxes' for troops**

■ Full of donated goodies, packages are a welcomed treat from back home

### **By Hannah Ball**

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**Linden** — Approximately 50 Boy Scouts from Linden Troop 111 and their families helped pack 174 "Miracle Boxes" for troops overseas on Thursday, Nov. 16 at **44** We have to

Linden Middle School. This was one of many packing events organized by The Desert Angels, headed by Linden resident Louise Downs Blain. This is the fourth year the Linden Boy Scout troop has helped pack boxes.

"We have to teach this young generation about

patriotism and how to give back. That's what the Boy Scouts is all about. Serving, patriotism, giving back," she said. "Our focus is our troops deployed overseas, usually in harm's way because they don't have access to supplies we have access to."

The boxes have to be tightly taped because of the rough conditions. "Some boxes will be shipped and put in a cargo net and dropped to a remote location," she said. "When you think where this box is going, it's hard to fathom."

Blain said between November and December, they'll easily mail 1,000 boxes.

At last year's event, former superintendent of Linden schools, Ed Koledo, told the scouts how happy he was to receive a Miracle Box, and how much they help.

Joe Whalen, cub master of Troop 111, said the event was about "everyone working together. I was really proud of all the boys, they did great.

"I think the joy that she (Blain) gets out of listening to moms or dads who have sons or daughters overseas, and the responses she has from people who open

the boxes, to try to convey that to a younger boy or a kid is kind of tough. When they hear Louise talking about why we're doing this and that real people will be opening these boxes, it creates that picture," he said.

Blain said one soldier who received a box asked the Desert Angels to send one to his friend at another base who was re-



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**Louise Downs Blain** 

The Desert Angels organizer

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Louise Downs Blain, who heads The Desert Angels, said packing Miracle Boxes for troops helps teach young children about patriotism and giving back.



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On Thursday, Nov. 16, two Boy Scouts from Linden Troop 111 pack editions of the Tri-County Times into Miracle Boxes that will be sent to overseas troops. The boxes are filled with toiletries, snacks, and more.

ally struggling. She said they were happy to get more names and addresses.

"He gets his name called at mail call. That's what's important, to get your name called at mail call," she said.

The boxes include toiletries, candy, socks, beef jerky, chocolates, nuts, phone cards with money to call home, a letter with words of encouragement, and an edition of the Tri-County Times.

"We're putting wet wipes in the boxes, that's how they shower," she said. Most everything in the boxes are donations. The candy was leftover holiday sweets donated by Walgreens and Vienna Family Dentistry in Clio. Texas Roadhouse restaurant in Flint donated five cases of peanuts.

The donation of U.S.-made socks was started by a man they used call "Sock Man Ed," When he passed away, Blain said his friend wanted to continue the tradition. The Knights of Columbus donated many of the supplies, along with basketballs and footballs that will go in the bigger boxes.

The donation of the phone card comes from a family of Sgt. Michael Ingram Jr., who was killed in action in 2010. "Every time he called home, it costs so much money," Blain said.

The name "Miracle Box" comes from a fallen soldier, Private First Class Joe A. Miracle from Ortonville, who died in Afghanistan in 2007. Blain went to his funeral, even though she didn't know him or his family, because she felt it was the right thing to do.

"After the viewing, God just spoke to my heart and said call your boxes 'Miracle Boxes,'" she said.

### To help The Desert Angels...

Louise Downs Blain, who heads The Desert Angels, said they always need help with funding for postage. The bigger boxes they send cost \$17.35 each to mail. "We need cards and letters from Sunday school classes, Boy Scouts, from a senior citizen, anyone. Just letting them now that we care, we care about them. Words of encouragement," she said. They're always seeking names and addresses of deployed troops. Anyone wishing to send her a name and address of a soldier can send them to louise@thedesertangel.org.





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**MIDWEEK TIMES** 

### If I Were King...

### I'm thankful for Thanksgiving

olidays, like most things in life, are constantly evolving to reflect the subtle changes brought about by the culture of the current generation. That's why Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. Thanksgiving has somehow escaped the evolutionary process of commercialization and exploitation that is so prevalent in today's profit-and-loss driven world.

Most other holidays are not so fortunate. Christmas has

evolved from a religious holiday to an embarrassingly over-hyped, commercial event that is the basis for generating far more heartbreak (needy children, alcohol-related trauma, holiday stress) than good cheer.

New Year's Eve and day are more about football, overeating and booze than self-improvement or personal reflection.

FOSTER CHILDS

I'm personally thankful that no legislator has introduced a bill to celebrate Thanksgiving on Monday in order to give everyone a three-day weekend.

I'm very thankful that Thanksgiving, with few exceptions, is the same as it was when I was a child — a time for families to gather and celebrate the fact that they are alive and living in the most bountiful country in the world.

I'm thankful for winter, where the cold weather is a welcome change and makes me all the more appreciative of spring and summer.

I'm thankful for the bone-chilling cold that drives families indoors and closer to each other.

I'm thankful for the early darkness and long nights, which provide me with a period of relaxation not possible during the hectic days of summer.

I'm thankful that I don't have everything I desire in life. If I did, there would be nothing to look forward to.

I'm thankful for the setbacks in my life that teach me how to deal with adversity.

I'm thankful for the mistakes I make

each day, because they teach me valuable lessons and remind me that there is much more for me to learn.

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I'm thankful for having to arise out of bed early each morning, because it means I have a job and am needed. I'm thankful for the proliferation of the

Tri-County Times in this electronic, dot com world.

I'm thankful for the responsibility of caring for the elderly, as it sets an example that my own children will hopefully follow. I'm thankful for the challenges and obsta-

cles I face each day - they make me stronger and keep me from becoming bored.

I'm especially thankful for problems they not only build character, but also keep my mind and imagination exercised.

I'm thankful for the many things I learn each day, because being reminded of how ignorant I am helps to keep me humble.

It seems to me that most of us find it convenient to be thankful for all the good things in our lives. Our blessings are easy to recognize and even easier to give thanks for.

But, if I were King, we'd give thanks for everything in our life — including the setbacks, challenges and problems.

I think they are blessings — we just don't always realize it.

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I'D LIKE TO thank the thoughtful gentleman who paid for my meal on Nov. 16 at Shirley's in Linden. It was so kind. Thank you again and God bless.

I FEEL LIKE a day without the Hot lines would seem like a year without insight. Keep the Hot lines coming.

TRUMP'S TAX PLAN. Divert the revenue stream to the rich, increasing the national debt by trillions. Then, with planned program cuts amounting to \$4 trillion, slice Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security to reduce that debt increase. 

TO THE CALLER about Channel 12's signal going out, it happens. It's happened to me a number of times. The screen goes blank and the station goes off the air. I get the signal from an antenna so it's not a cable or satellite problem. It's the station's program.

HOW TIME FLIES. Hard to believe it's been 52 weeks with the paper. Time to celebrate our first anniversary together. What's the traditional first anniversary gift? Paper. That makes for a gift subscription for year two.

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TO AVOID FEMALE abuse claims, Vice President Walter Mondale's rule was that no staff member was to ever leave him alone in a room when a woman was present.



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WHAT IS THE city of Linden going to do next? Tell you when you can and cannot flush your toilet? If I lived in Linden, I would fire up my ride and I would park it out front for everyone to

enjoy.

MY HUSBAND AND I get out every fall and clean up leaves in our yard, yet the younger folks who live on three sides of our home never pick up a leaf. Why is the younger generation so lazy?

I JUST NEED a little more gusto from the drivers at the intersection of Silver Lake and LeRoy. We really only have a four-second window when those babies turn green so everyone get moving, OK?.

USING TURN SIGNALS is a courtesy to other drivers. The decline in courtesy follows the development of Fenton from a nice small town into a city.

TO THE HOT-LINER 'Minority from Fenton,' if you are embarrassed to live with a bunch of 'selfish, closeminded, and uninformed' people, then why do you? Are you a hypocrite for choosing to live in Fenton and then complaining about it?

TO THE HOT-LINER asking, 'When was last mass killing with knives': 1) 18 stabbed (May 9, 2017, Changchun China; 2) 60 hacked to death (Aug. 13, 2016, Beni, Congo) and 3) half million people murdered by machetes, clubs, and bats (April-July, 1994). Violence isn't a gun problem, it's a people problem.

MANY PEOPLE USE the terms 'elites,' 'the establishment' or 'the swamp' for what I call 'the governing class.' The governing class is Republicans and Democrats. The longer they are in office the more entitled to govern us they become.

THREE DAYS OFF for deer hunting? Yes. Shouldn't the teachers be allowed the same? Suppose three kids per hour were not in school. The teacher would then have to catch up 15-18 kids. You say their education is the parents' worry. Will you catch them up?

### IF A COLUMNIST used a negative stereotype of a specific race, religion, sexual orientation, etc. to accuse all members of that population of terrible behavior that column wouldn't see the light of day. Yet somehow, it's OK to run a column accusing all men of being complicit in sexual harassment?

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

### Compiled by Ellie Bennett, intern What are you thankful for?



"I'm thankful to have my family coming into town. I have family that lives in San Francisco and I only get to see them twice a year."

-Lisa Sjoholm Tyrone Township



"I'm not only thankful for my health but for the health of my family. For a family we are close and care for one another"

-Jim Murray Fenton



"This Thanksgiving I'm thankful for my family. I have a son that served in the military for three years so to have him home is a blessing."

-Lisa Eickhoff Tyrone Township



"This year I'm thankful that I live in this country that is not ridden with war like you see in the news. Also the freedoms we have in this country."

-Valerie Angus Fenton

# street talk



"My family and their health is what I'm thankful for. We spend a lot of time together and care for one another and I don't know what I would do without them."

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But that's Another Story – Autobiography

\*available to be checked out at the Fenton Library along with The Village Players...book set.



Colonists from Plymouth, and Wampanoag Indians shared a feast during autumn, which is now known as Thanksgiving, according to history.com.

### Many feel Thanksgiving is overshadowed by earlier and earlier Christmas hype

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**Molly Williams** 

### By Hannah Ball

hball@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 Halloween is behind us, and Thanksgiving is this week. Yet, Christmas decorations adorn the shelves of most stores.

Walmart, Target, and other big retailers have been selling Yuletide ornamentation for weeks, and some families have already put up their Christmas trees.

Thanksgiving seems to be forgotten, or at least the level of the excitement for the holiday pales in comparison to the celebration of lesus'

the celebration of Jesus' birth and the biggest commercialized holiday of the year.

We asked our readers on Facebook what they thought about it, and Molly Williams said Thanksgiving is definitely overlooked.

"I love Christmas just as much as the next person, but one holiday at a time please! It's too overwhelming when there are multiple holiday decorations out at once," she said. "The holiday celebration consists of stuffing your face with delicious food, and for one day no one will judge you by how many pieces of pumpkin pie you eat. We've always had a rule at my house that Christmas season doesn't start until the day after Thanksgiving. Instead of spending Black Friday shopping, we spend the whole day putting up the Christmas decorations, listening to Christmas music, and eating Thanksgiving leftovers."

### Why is Thanksgiving overlooked?

— There's no mascot. Halloween has monsters, vampires, werewolves, and any other creature to represent the celebration. Christmas has not only Santa Claus, but Mrs. Claus, elves, and the reindeer. Thanksgiving is about the pilgrims and the Indians, but there isn't one, well-known representative who people recognize.

—The media surrounding Thanksgiving is almost nonexistent. There are dozens of classic scary Halloween movies, and dozens of Christmas movies. Michael Jackson's "Thriller" is a favorite during Halloween season, and Mariah Carey's "All I Want for Christmas is You" plays on repeat on the radio during December.

However, there are no songs or block-

buster movies about Thanksgiving, making it a more difficult holiday to celebrate surrounding the day.

— The celebration itself isn't about things. Halloween is about pumpkins,

scary decorations and costumes. Christmas has arguably a bigger focus on decorations than Halloween, and the biggest aspect about the holiday is gift giving.

Thanksgiving is about being thankful for what you have, and stuffing your stomach with as much food as you can.

There's no gift giving or focus on things — the only focus is on food and family.

On the Times' Facebook page, Kirk Knopp said, "There is no Thanksgiving! No money to be made during Thanksgiving. It boils down to money as usual."

Source: theodysseyonline.com



**Milo:** "Thanksgiving is part of the Christmas season to me! Lol, I love Thanksgiving, but I also love Christmas. I decorate for the Holidays before November is over. Too many decorations to only enjoy them for 30 days."

**Rachael:** "Christmas decorations make me feel so happy... and I do like to enjoy them for more than just a couple weeks... I usually decorate either the weekend before Thanksgiving or the Friday after."

**Andy:** "It needs to be one holiday at a time."

**Carrol:** "I don't decorate for Christmas before Thanksgiving! One holiday at a time. I think it has become too commercial. Too much about gifts, not about Jesus and family time."

# Toys for Tots program is 60 years old

■ Marines, in cooperation with others, continue to make holiday magic for needy kids

### By Vera Hogan

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The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve "Toys for Tots" program is celebrating 60 years of giving and making children smile during the holidays.

Since its inception, more than 313 million toys have been distributed to 151 million children. In addition, the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation has supplemented the collection of local campaigns over a 13-year life, providing more than 47.4 million toys valued at \$243 million, plus promotion and support materials valued at \$2.5 million.

According to www.mcnj.org/ToysforTots, the program began in 1947 when Major Bill Hendricks, USMCR and a group of Marine Reservists in Los Angeles collected and distributed 5,000 toys to needy children.

"The idea came from Bill's wife, Diane. In the fall of 1947, Diane handcrafted a Raggedy Ann doll and asked Bill to deliver the doll to an organization, which would give it to a needy child at Christmas," according to the website. "When Bill determined that no agency existed, Diane told Bill that he should start one. He did."

The 1947 campaign was so successful that the Marine Corps adopted Toys for Tots in 1948 and expanded it into a nationwide campaign. That year, Marine Corps Reserve units across the nation conducted Toys for Tots campaigns in each community where a Marine Reserve Center was located.

Since 1948, Marines have conducted successful nationwide campaigns each year at Christmas. The initial objective that remains the hallmark of the program today is to "bring the joy of Christmas to America's



PHOTO: LAUGHINGPLACE.COM Walt Disney designed the Toys for Tots logo in 1948, a design which is still used today.

### needy children."

Hendricks, a Marine Reservist on weekends, was, in civilian life, the director of public relations for Warner Brothers Studio. This enabled him to convince a vast array of celebrities to support Toys for Tots. In 1948, Walt Disney designed the Toys for Tots logo, which the organization still uses today. Disney also designed the first Toys for Tots poster used to promote the nationwide program.

Celebrities to help support the program over the years include Nat King Cole, Peggy Lee, Vic Damone, Bob Hope, John Wayne, Doris Day, Lorrie Morgan, Tim Allen, Kenny Rogers, Billy Ray Cyrus and many more.

The 2003 Toys for Tots campaign was the most successful campaign in the 56-year history of the program. Marines distributed 15 million toys to 6.5 million needy children. Local campaigns were conducted in 456 communities covering all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, the most extensive coverage ever.

Sources: toysfortots.org; mcnj.org/toysfortots

### **Toys for Tots Literacy Program brings joy of reading to little minds**

In an effort to help deliver the gift of reading to less fortunate children in the United States, The UPS Store in Fenton has launched its annual holiday donation drive for the Toys for Tots Literacy Program.

The UPS Store, at 17195 Silver Pkwy., is once again raising funds to benefit the literacy program, a year round initiative of the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. The program, developed by The UPS Store and the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation in 2008, is starting earlier than previous years to make this the biggest and best fundraising year to date. One hundred percent of each dollar donated helps purchase books for children who need it most in the Fenton area.

Since partnering with Toys for Tots to launch the Literacy Program in 2008, UPS and The UPS Store network have raised more than \$4 million to purchase books for underprivileged children nationwide. Through the partnership, The UPS Store has distributed more than 39 million books to children during the holiday season, including right here at home.

"Locally in the past two years, State Road Elementary and Clara's Hope Orphan Care program have received hundreds of new books from this program," said Les Beare, owner of The UPS Store in Fenton.

"Reading is a critical skill that helps children succeed in school and beyond," Beare said. "The UPS Store is dedicated to making a positive impact in the lives of these children through literacy and education during the holiday season and throughout the year."

In addition to donating at the store, customers can donate online at www.toysfortots.org/literacy.



Over 30 guns, tools, electronics, toys, household, sporting goods, yard tools, knives, lawn furniture, more!

# **Christmas is for kids**

I was very happy to report, in this special edition, on the 60 years of good works for children by the U.S. Marines Toys for Tots and Literacy Program.

Toys for Tots is by no means the only program available to make sure children enjoy a happy Christmas each year. On

the contrary, there are dozens of local groups working to make the holidays wonderful for families in need. The Salvation Army's Coats for Kids program is another very worthy cause that has been operating for years to make sure our little ones are warm in the winter. Then there are the countless churches and groups working to make sure all fami-

lies have not only a wonderful holiday meal, but food throughout the year. There are too many to name.

When my family moved to the Chicago area just before I started high school, I really never saw anything like it. The only thing I remember being asked at one of my past jobs in Chicago was to dedicate a small portion of my paychecks to "United Way." That was it.

Having lived in the Fenton area for nearly 30 years now, I am still amazed by the generosity of the people in Fenton and the surrounding communities.

It's this time of year that I think about the little ones the most. Before my dad got his big promotion resulting in our move to the big city, he worked for a Sears store in Kankakee, Illinois.

I'm not sure what stores do with the merchandise that is returned by custom-



ers, so I don't know how my dad was able to get his hands on the broken and damaged toys people returned to the store.

He used to take these toys and disappear to his workshop in the basement for a couple hours. When he was done, he would show us what he did.

A toy car with a big ding on the side and a missing wheel would have no dent and four wheels when my dad was done with it. The paint job and the wheels may not have been an exact match, but the toy was whole again.

I remember the doll that was missing one plastic arm and a plastic foot. My dad took

her to the workshop emergency room and set her up with a new wooden arm and wooden foot. He would bandage the foot and wrap a handkerchief around her arm like a sling. "She was hurt in an accident," he told us. "But she's almost as good as new."

These fixed up toys weren't for me or my sisters though and we knew that right from the beginning. My parents knew some "poor" people and the toys were for their kids.

My mom and dad didn't have much money of their own in those days, but we never once thought we were poor. In fact, when I think about all of the lessons they taught us about people and life, we were the richest girls in the world.

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### Caroline Street extension could open in three weeks



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Contactors with Champagne & Marx work on the parking pads on the new Caroline Street extension on Thursday, Nov. 16. Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland said the street will be open in about three weeks, with irrigation, street lights, parking and trees completed. Sidewalks will most likely be completed next spring.

### HOT LINE CONTINUED

BIG SURPRISE THAT you're also a 'Human Patriotism Meter' as well as an 'NFL Obsesser.' You're also the person at the coffee shop/church/ bar that people don't want to sit by because you rant about those who don't share your opinion. Very anti-first amendment.

DEAR HANNAH BALL your article 'To all men' was highly offensive. Freedom of speech, yes, freedom of facts, your article lacked.

IF I BOUGHT a piece of property and I paid taxes on it, I should be able to use my front yard for whatever I feel like I want to use it for.

THE BUS GARAGE said the 'rule' is ... three bus stops, and the driver is supposed to pull over to allow traffic to pass. Some bus drivers are more courteous than others are.

ONE REASON TRUMP'S approval ratings are low is that Trump supporters are mad at Congress for failing to support Trump's mandate from the voters.

ANY PLANS TO go to the new Little Caesars Arena? Do yourself a favor and get down there early. What a mess of traffic and construction. So much for an easy night to go see the Pistons.

HAVE A HAPPY Turkey Day everyone.

So thankful for this great community filled with warm hearts. 

LINDEN AND LAKE Fenton bus drivers shuttle guests of local shelters to The Barn on Thanksgiving for a feast. What a great deed to all of those who took time out of the holiday to help others.

MAYBE THE REASON for all the kneeling during the national anthem before NFL games is the brain damage football players suffer from playing in the NFL.

HORRAY FOR FOSTER Childs. He gives us hope that there are people out there that can actually see through our self-serving government. Unfortunately, it is not the majority, and the system will go on as is, always has.

# News briefs

### Special plaques honoring two Holly veterans to be unveiled

The Holly Area Veterans Resource Center will honor the recipient of the Karl Richter Award, and Robert S. Brummeler on Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m., in the auditorium of the Karl Richter Community Center in Holly. The program will consist of speakers and tributes to both men. If you are a recipient of the Karl Richter Award, you and your families are invited to attend the dedication. Both plaques will be displayed outside of the village offices near the Richter and Purple Heart Display. The event is open to the public. Karl Richter was a first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force when he was shot down and killed in July 1967 on his 198th mission over North Vietnam. He was graduate of the Air Force Academy and a graduate of Holly schools. Robert S. Brummeler, a graduate of the University of Michigan, was a LT.jg in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Brummeler was involved in the Okinawa and Philippines Campaigns. Upon his return from the war, he made his home in Holly. For more information, call (810) 348-9960 or email havrc1 @gmail.com.



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# It's not what you think.

# Big craft show —

Organizer confident this year's State Road Craft Show beats last year's \$22,000 profit

### By Tim Jagielo

tjagielo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795 **Fenton** — The number of people in Fenton High School on Sunday, Nov. 19 nearly tripled that of a regular school day.

The reason for the increase was the 43rd annual State Road Elementary Craft Show was held that day. "This is the one main fundraiser for State Road Elementary School," said Sarah Martin-Fanone, co-chair of the craft show committee along with Jen Czop. Both are parents with the State Road Elementary parent teacher organization (PTO).

"We raise a lot of money in one day and our kids at school don't have to do door-to-door sales or other fundraisers you would typically see at an elementary school," she said.

The craft show started as a clever way to raise money for school equipment. Eventually the event was moved from the elementary school to Fenton High School. **— big money** "For the school it makes a tremendous difference," she said. Funds can provide everyday things like necessary classroom folders, and allows the PTO not to have to worry about funds for projects. She cited a broken playground slide — they didn't have to hesitate to get it fixed.

"We don't have to fret about expenses when we want to do something for the students at State Road," Martin-Fanone said.

True to the "craft" name, everything is handmade; they don't allow direct sales items, which she thinks sets their show apart, which her venders like, "and I think the shoppers like that, too."

Laura Luke of Fenton bought a "Fire Claw." She said she likes the utter variety at the craft show. "The talent, the creativity," added friend Nicky Enwood, also of Fenton.

There are 229 booth spaces, though some venders use more than one space. Martin-Fanone estimates there were close to 200 venders this year; there were 188 venders in 2016.

Profit from 2017 wasn't tallied by press time, but Martin-Fanone said \$22,000 was earned in 2016, from 2,400 visitors.



Co-authors Shannon Cooper-Toma (right) and Tracy Foster talk about their educational series of children's books about a turtle named Benson that travels about Michigan. These Corunna Public Schools educators provided one of nearly 200 unique shopping possibilities at the 43rd annual State Road Craft Show on Sunday, Nov. 19 at Fenton High School.

"Based on yesterday, I think we beat last year," she said, estimating 2,500 to 2,600 shoppers came through.

The profit wouldn't be possible without the volunteer work force. Martin-Fanone estimates that throughout the day, 100 will volunteer, with approximately 30 in staff at any given time. Volunteers become cashiers, exit guards; they clean tables, run the bake sale and handle the coat check. The craft show is always led by a team of co-chairs, who are mentored by the previous year chairs, while simultaneously showing the two future co-chairs the ropes. "It's a wonderful system," Martin-Fanone said. There are about 15 volunteers on the craft show committee

The only costs incurred are the school staff needed, like custodial and kitchen work, and advertising.



### ARMED ROBBERY AT BANK IN INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP

At 12:18 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 20, Oakland County Sheriff's deputies responded to the Comerica Bank at 7565 Dixie Hwy.



in Independence Township for a report of an armed robbery. Bank tellers reported that a very short statured individual, possibly female, walked up to the teller windows

yelling for everyone to put their hands up. The suspect implied that they had a gun and told the tellers to fill it up when producing a black bag. The suspect was able to walk away with an unknown amount of cash. The suspect was last seen heading southbound on Dixie Highway. A perimeter was set up but deputies were unable to locate the suspect vehicle. A be-onthe-lookout was put out to surrounding departments with suspect/vehicle description. The suspect was wearing all black including gloves, and a fullface ski mask. The suspect left the scene in a dark blue SUV possibly a Saturn Vue with no license plate. Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAK-UP, the FBI or the Sheriff's Office at (248) 858-0146.

### DEATH

**Continued from Front Page** several hours as they investigated the man's death.

The sheriff's office has not released the identity of the man. An autopsy is being conducted, as well as toxicology testing, to determine the exact cause of death. This story will be updated as more information becomes available.

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### Police&Fire report

### **HOLLY MAN BREAKS ANKLE RUNNING FROM POLICE**

A 31-year-old Holly man, running from Fenton police, broke his ankle as he attempted to jump a fence on Friday, Nov. 17 at 5 p.m. Lt. Jeff Cross said an officer initiated a traffic stop to a vehicle on Owen Road for an equipment violation. The driver pulled into the Sunoco gas station near U.S. 23, but was slow to stop, which was suspicious to the officer. When the car stopped, the male passenger jumped from the car and fled southbound into a wooded area on foot. The officer pursued on foot. After the suspect, identified as the 31-year-old Holly resident, fell and broke his ankle, the officer was able to apprehend him. The man was questioned as to why he ran and he admitted to having arrest warrants from Arkansas. The man was transported by ambulance to a local hospital for surgery on his ankle. Fenton police advised Arkansas authorities as to the situation. The driver of the vehicle, a 17-year-old Holly male, was cited for driving without a valid license.





### **Compiled By Vera Hogan** vhogan@tctimes.com; 810-433-6823

Remember when you were a kid, tearing up a cereal box looking for the toy at the bottom? Mom would be so angry when the bag containing the actual cereal was so out of shape by

would no longer fit in the original cereal box. Oops! Here are some companies that once offered figurines or toys with their products.

the time you found the toy that the bag



### **Wade Miniatures**

When Red Rose Tea began to offer Wade miniatures in 1967, it wasn't uncommon to promote food and beverage items with free premiums. Even so, the success of Wade figurines for Red Rose was unprecedented, boasting a production run for the first series of miniatures that numbered in the millions. The miniatures soon became a perennial item in boxes of Red Rose Tea. To date, it is estimated that more than 300 million Wade figurines have been given away in packages of Red Rose Tea in America.



### **Cracker Jacks toys**

In 1910, Cracker Jack began slipping coupons into its boxes that could be collected and redeemed for watches, silverware, sewing machines and other goods. In 1912, the company decided to do away with the coupons and focus on appealing to kids. It began putting a small prize inside each box, and sales went through the roof. In 2016, the company joined this century and toys were replaced by a QC code that kids can redeem for prizes.



### **Oscar Mayer Weiner Whistle**

The Oscar Mayer Weiner Mobile first took to the road in 1936. The driver started handing out whistles to kids in 1952. Whistles were packaged with hotdogs in 1958. The earliest whistle, shaped like a hotdog just 2 inches long by 1/2 inch in diameter, is now considered a choking hazard for children. Later whistles have a wheeled base (some bases are shaped like hotdog buns), which makes them larger and therefore safer.



### **Cereal Box Toys**

Toys and cereal boxes have been longtime boon companions. Decoder rings, Rainbow Brite charm necklaces, Honeycomb bike license plates — back in the '80s these precious commodities could be found at the bottom of your favorite breakfast staple. The original decision to add prizes to the box is credited to John Kellogg, who first tried to entice kids to eat Corn Flakes with the offer of a free book, "The Funny Jungleland Moving Pictures Book" back in the early 1900s. The demise of the cereal toy put the blame on safety risks, including a 1988 recall of some 30 million flutes and binoculars distributed in boxes of Kellogg's cereal after they were deemed a choking hazard. Sources: redrosetea.com; washingtonpost.com; kovels.com; complex.com HOT LINE CONTINUED **'STATE-RENOWNED' PUBLIC** 

schools shouldn't have to worry. This is a response to Hot line comment.

THE HOGAN ROAD bridge is halfclosed. The road is a pothole mess, and now you have to yield to traffic crossing the bridge. Please maintain this dangerous road Fenton Township.

WHY DO YOU assume that Roy Moore is guilty?

UNLESS HOT-LINER'S head has been in the sand, I see both Republicans and Democrats outraged by the men who have been accused of sexual misconduct. It's covered by all TV stations.

THANK YOU ANDREW Heller for your wit and humor. You never fail to make me laugh.

WAS WATCHING DR. Jeff, Rocky Mountain Vet, on Animal Planet. Everything he does, the cost is way below any vet. He has 100,000 patients and 30 vet techs. Then you wonder why our pets aren't spayed or neutered. He does cats for \$10.

THIS WILL BLOW some of your minds. The love I have for my country is only second to the love I have for my family, and I watch NFL football.

DEAR SUPER PATRIOT, NFL viewership was up on Veterans Day weekend. Now what will you complain about? I'm sure you'll think of something.

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# **Crazy about cranberries?**

This colorful staple on the Thanksgiving table may have been Michigan grown

### **By Sally Rummel**

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Cranberries, with their bright red color and burst of tart flavor, signify fall and the beginning of the holiday season.

They are likely the bright stars of your Thanksgiving table, whether served in a sweet-tart homemade sauce, or jiggling from a can.

Twenty percent of all cranberries consumed every year are gobbled during Thanksgiving week. Most of the other cranberries consumed throughout the year are almost entirely in the form of juice or juice blends.

What you may not know is that cranberries are native to North America, a perennial crop grown commercially in manmade wetlands or bogs.

While Michigan isn't one of the top five leading cranberry producing states, our state's climate, soil and water resources make Michigan an excellent location for cranberry production, according to Michigan.gov.

In fact, the Michigan Cranberry Company, headquartered in Marlette in the thumb area, produces more than three million pounds of cranberries a year at its commercial cranberry farm in Cheboygan.

How did a Marlette farmer end up growing cranberries in Cheboygan?

In 1980, Wally Huggett started experimenting with growing cranberries commercially, in the middle of his sod fields. His fields had too high of a pH level for active cranberry growth, so he searched throughout the state and found an abandoned peat mining operation in Cheboygan.

He formed the Michigan Cranberry Company in 1991 and in 1993, planted his first beds, harvesting a respectable crop in 1998. It takes three to five years for a bed to harvest a respectable crop, according to Wisrapids.com.

Wisconsin is the leading producer of

**44**96 percent of first-time hosts plan to include cranberries in some form in their Thanksgiving feast. 77

**Parade Magazine** 

cranberries, producing nearly 60 percent of the crop, followed by Massachusetts, New Jersey, Oregon and Washington. Massachusetts-based Ocean Spray accounts for about 80 percent of raw cranberry purchases.

Cranberries are a very healthy berry, often called a superfruit. Besides being very high in vitamin C, manganese and fiber, these berries are rich in phyto-nutrients, particularly proanthocyanidin antioxidants, which are essential for all-around wellness.

### CRANBERRY RECIPES

### **Sugared cranberries**

These sparkly berries can be used to garnish almost any recipe, from appetizers and cocktails to cakes, pies and parfaits.

Bring <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup of water and 1 cup sugar to a boil in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Add 2 cups fresh or frozen cranberries. Transfer to a bowl; cool to room temperature. Weight cranberries down with a plate to keep them submerged, refrigerate overnight.

Set a wire rack over a rimmed baking sheet. With a slotted spoon transfer cranberries to rack, spreading so they don't touch each other. Let dry 1 hour. Spread ½ cup sugar on a dinner plate. One handful at a time, roll cranberries in sugar. Spread them on a second rimmed baking sheet lined with parchment paper; let dry 1 hour. Store, uncovered, at room temperature up to 2 days. Makes 2 cups.

### Cranberry, pecan and goat cheese sweet potato bites

Arrange rack in middle of oven; preheat to 425 degrees. Scrub 1 lb. small sweet potatoes (2 inches in diameter), slice into 1/4-inch rounds.

In a large bowl, toss sweet potatoes, 2 1/2 t. extra-virgin olive oil and kosher salt and black pepper to taste. Arrange in a single layer on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Bake 8 minutes on each side, or until tender.

Using a whisk, whip 4 oz. softened goat cheese, 2 T. milk, 1 t. finely chopped fresh rosemary and salt and pepper to taste until smooth and fluffy.

Spoon about 1/2 t. goat cheese mixture onto each sweet potato round. Top with 1/4 cup chopped toasted pecans and 1/2 cup dried cranberries. Drizzle with honey. Serve warm or at room temperature. Makes 24.

Source: Parade Magazine



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SALLY RUMMEL

These fresh cranberries, grown by the Michigan Cranberry Company, are available in the produce department of many local supermarkets, including these pictured at Alpine Marketplace in Linden.

### **Thompson Road widening complete**



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Thompson Road between U.S. 23 and Torrey Road in Fenton Township opened to both directions of traffic on Monday, Nov. 21. The \$1.3-million project began in late July. The road was widened to three lanes, with a turning lane. Throughout the construction, there was only one lane of eastbound traffic open. The total cost of the project was \$1,420,000. Along with the \$800,000 from Michigan Department of Transportation, the Genesee County Road Commission paid \$284,000 and Fenton Township paid \$240,000.



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### TRAVEL

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"A strong economy and labor market are generating rising incomes and higher consumer confidence, fueling a strong year for the travel industry, which will continue into the holiday season," said Bill Sutherland, AAA senior vice president.

These numbers include everyone driving, flying, taking a bus, train or boat. Traveling in or through busy cities could take three hours longer than the average trip, according to AAA and INRIX, a global transportation analytics company. Most of this traffic is anticipated to hit during the early evening hours and as early as Tuesday, Nov. 21. AAA estimates the worst time to travel in and around Detroit will be Tuesday, from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**MIDWEEK TIMES** 

Gas prices are expected to be the highest since 2014 at \$2.54, a 37-cent increase compared to November 2016. Flights are expected to be the lowest on average in five years for a round-trip domestic flight at \$157, a 23-percent drop each year. The air traveling industry will grow 5 percent this year with 3.95 travelers. The expense to rent a car for the weekend is higher than past years. The daily car rental average is \$70 a day, a 34-percent increase from 2016 and the highest since 2013. AAA expects this increase is due to an increase in domestic demand and cost of newer vehicles.

Approximately 330,000 motorists will call AAA on the road because of a flat tire, lockout or battery related issue.

Even travel by train and other modes of transportation, like buses and cruises, are expected to increase 1.1 percent with 1.48 million travelers.

### **HOT LINE** CONTINUED

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I LEARNED HOW and why Owen Road is so dangerous and it has one of the worst intersections in Michigan. It's because stupid people don't pay attention to people driving through the intersection. Hey women, get off the phone and pay attention to where you're driving.

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# Not your usual Thanksgiving leftover meals

Try something different this year for breakfast, lunch and dinner

### **Compiled By Vera Hogan** vhogan@tctimes.com; 810-433-6823

After everyone has had their fill of your fabulous Thanksgiving Day feast, you'll likely be thinking about what to do with all the leftovers even before anything is put away.

The following are some refreshing meals that are easy to make for breakfast, lunch and dinner:



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### Turkey Cobb Pita **INGREDIENTS**

- 3 c. cubed leftover turkey 2 c. chopped butter lettuce
- 1 large avocado
- 1 large Roma tomato
- 1 small red onion
- 4 strip cooked bacon
- 2 oz. blue cheese
- 4 tbsp. mayonnaise 1 tbsp. balsamic vinegar
- 2 tsp. Freshly ground pepper
- 1 tsp. salt

6 pitas

### PREPARATION

In a large bowl, combine the first seven ingredients. Set aside. In a small bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, vinegar, pepper, and salt. Add dressing to salad and toss to coat. For each sandwich, fill each of two pita halves with 1/2 cup salad.



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### Turkey Hash and Sunny-side-up Eggs **INGREDIENTS**

1 lb. red potatoes 1½ tsp. salt 3 tbsp. olive oil 4 tsp. olive oil 1 small yellow onion 3 clove garlic 1 red bell pepper 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> tbsp. chopped fresh thyme 1/2 tsp. freshly ground pepper 3 c. diced leftover white and dark meat roast turkey

8 large eggs

### PREPARATION

In a medium pot of cold water over high heat, bring potatoes and 1 teaspoon salt to a boil. Cook for 3 minutes, drain potatoes, and set aside.

Meanwhile, in a large skillet, heat 2 tablespoons oil over mediumlow heat. Sauté onion and garlic, stirring occasionally, until soft, about 5 minutes. Add red bell pepper, 1 tablespoon thyme, pepper, and remaining salt, and sauté for 3 minutes more.

Increase heat to medium-high, add 1 tablespoon more oil, reserved potatoes, and turkey and cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes. Add 1/4 cup water and stir to mix. Cover, reduce heat to low, and cook for 10 minutes more. Remove hash from heat and cover loosely with foil.

In two large nonstick skillets over medium heat, heat 2 teaspoons oil in each. Add four eggs to each pan and fry until whites are cooked, about 4 minutes. Divide hash among serving plates and top each with a fried egg, taking care not to break yolks. Garnish with remaining thyme.

### HOT LINE CONTINUED

ADD ME TO the list of people who don't think there's a gun problem. I've been an owner for years. I'm sitting here, watching them right now. They don't go off by themself, they just stay where you put them.

ITHINK IT'S so awful these retailers have to be open on Thanksgiving. People have lost the meaning of Thanksgiving, giving thanks for what you have.

A SPECIAL THANK you to the person who helped me with my food, it was greatly appreciated. Happy Thanksgiving.

I VOTED AGAINST the road millage and I won't be whining and complaining. I've gotten used to bad



### **Thanksgiving Pizza INGREDIENTS**

1 puff pastry sheet thawed according to the instructions on the package

- 1/2 cup mashed potatoes
- 5 tbsp gravy, divided 1/4 cup corn
  - 1/4 cup green bean casserole
  - 1/2 cup chopped turkey
  - 1/2 cup stuffing
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup French fried onions
- 1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper
- Basil, parsley, or thyme for garnish

### PREPARATION

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Gently press puff pastry sheet into a greased 9-inch tart pan (or use a 9-inch pie pan). Trim the corners and use them into fill in any empty spaces along the sides of the pan.

Spread the mashed potatoes over the bottom and drizzle with two tablespoons of gravy. Sprinkle with corn and green bean casserole. Top with turkey, stuffing, and three tablespoons of gravy. Sprinkle with shredded cheddar cheese.

Bake at 400 degrees for 18-20 minutes. Sprinkle with French fried onions and bake for an additional 3-5 minutes.

Garnish with basil, parsley or thyme and freshly ground black pepper. Source: Countryliving.com

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roads on the north side of town. The problem is even if you voted yes, you still wouldn't get the good roads.

TO THE HOT-LINER looking for any decent men out there. You can check with my wife and kids but between work, family time, church and recreational ies my out-there time is pretty much out there sound asleep until the next day when I do it all over again.

THOSE SEX PERVERTS are out there like Herman Cain, Chris Myers, Newt Gingrich, Judge Roy Moore, John Boehner, Philip Hinkle, Christopher Lee and also President Trump, who admitted it on a video tape. Oh wait, those are conservatives.

REPUBLICANS DON'T LIKE sexual predators or child molesters but they'll still vote for Judge Moore because he's a Republican.



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### **HOT LINE** CONTINUED

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TO ALL NAIVE women: sexual harassment applies to situations in the workplace where one person has authority over another. What you describe are the declining moral values of fatherless children or fathers that believe that shoplifting is no big deal. Most 'men' would come to your aid. 

THANK YOU, TRI-COUNTY Times, for your article listing which retailers decided to assault our family values and stay open on our national holiday, tearing our families apart. Spending these precious moments with our families is vital to the continuity of our decent society.

TO THE PERSON who said that Joe Graves has to go, you're in luck because he is in his final term since all state elected officials have term limits.

### HOLLY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES **NOVEMBER 15, 2017 REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS**

Roll Call:Supervisor Kullis, Clerk Winchester, Treasurer Freeman and Trustee Feeney. Excused: Trustee Ruth Approved: Consent Agenda.

Public Hearin	g: 2018 Community Development Block Grant Application.
Approved:	Honor Robert Brummler – Proposed Resolution 2017-29.
No Action:	Request for Special Assessment for Road Maintenance – Great
Lakes	Homeowners Association.
Approved:	2018 CDBG Application – Proposed Resolution 2017-30.
Approved:	2017 CDBG Subrecipient Agreement.
Approved:	AT&T Local Franchise Agreement Renewal Proposed Resolution
2017-31.	
Approved:	Holly Heritage Farmstead Barn Project.
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No Action: Village of Holly Downtown Development Authority.

The minutes of all regular and special Holly Township Board of Trustees meetings are on file 8 business days after a meeting and may be reviewed at the Holly Township Clerk's Office, Holly Township Hall, 102 Civic Drive, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. except holidays. The next regular meeting of the Holly Township Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter at the Holly Area Schools Board Room 920 E. Baird St., Holly, MI 48442.

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Continued from Front Page An undercover Flint Area Narcotics Group (FANG) officer began a series of text messages with Waldrop on July 7, 2017, after Waldrop allegedly texted he wanted to purchase a 7- to 10-yearold girl for \$100 a month for the purpose of having sex, and marrying him and having his children when she was old enough.

The undercover officer told Waldrop he heard he was looking for young girls, and that he had an 8-yearold girl and two 10-year-old girls. Waldrop said he wanted a "virgin blonde girl" who was "like 2 or 3 years younger."

Over text messaging, Waldrop requested photos of the girls and said, "I want something innocent, quiet and younger."

The undercover officer sent two clothed photos of a young girl to Waldrop and he requested nude photos of the girl multiple times. Waldrop said she looked like "wifey" material and said "I can feed her and out (put) a roof over her head and buy her a phone is about all if she stays faithful to me," along with "I can pay, but she lives with me" and "\$100 once a month."

In the court records, Henrik Impola, special agent with the FBI, said Waldrop made numerous derogatory statements such as "I just don't want her if she is touched by another man," "It would be awesome if she could spend the night tonight," and "Is she small?"

Waldrop repeatedly asked for nude photos. One message read "I want to see her fully naked to see how small she is" and "Is she still able to spend the night with me tonight?"

The undercover FBI agent attempted to arrange a meeting with Waldrop, and at one point he refused to come to the door at a hotel in Burton that Waldrop said he was staying at.

Impola spoke to the hotel manager who revealed what room Waldrop was staying in. On Nov. 16, The FBI executed a federal search warrant at the hotel room and found Waldrop in the room.

While being interviewed by the FBI, Waldrop admitted to sending the text messages and said he just wants a wife who is clean and pure who he can settle down with, according to court records. Waldrop said he doesn't want someone like the prostitutes he looks for on backpage.com.

Waldrop told FBI he has never had a successful relationship unlike other people and stated that "age is not important." Waldrop has been accused of having sexual contact with his younger nieces, but denies it. Waldrop told police he needs help for his sexual desires and would never solicit underage girls for prostitution.

His court appointed attorney, Bryan J. Sherer, requested Waldrop undergo a competency examination to stand trial.

Editor Sharon Stone contributed to this story.



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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, Nov. 17.

The Legislature is on Thanksgiving break with no sessions scheduled until Nov. 28. Since there were no votes this week, this and next week's report describe some of the 39 amendments to the state constitution that lawmakers have formally proposed this year. To become law, these require a two-thirds vote in the House and Senate and approval by voters.

### Senate Joint Resolution K: Lower minimum age for governor

Introduced by Sen. Ian Conyers (D), to place before voters in the next general election a constitutional amendment to eliminate the current minimum age requirement for governor and lieutenant governor, which is age 30. The bill would leave in place a requirement that a candidate have been a registered voter in the state for at least four years, which implies a minimum age of 22 to be governor. Convers was age 28 when elected in Nov. 2016. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

### House Joint Resolution Q: Propose a part-time legislature

Introduced by Rep. Tom Barrett (R), to place before voters in the next general election a constitutional amendment that would limit annual legislative sessions to 90 days. Since 2001, more than 20 parttime legislature proposals have been introduced. This one would establish weekend sessions once a month plus two-week legislative sessions twice a year. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

### **House Joint Resolution R: Replace** House and Senate with unicameral legislature

Introduced by Rep. Jeff Yaroch (R), to place before voters in the next general election a Constitutional amendment to establish a nonpartisan unicameral legislature (instead of a separate House and Senate) with 110 districts apportioned on the basis of formulas specified in the resolution. Legislators would have four-year terms and term limits would be repealed. Voters would no longer see a party designation after legislative candidates' names on ballot. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

### **House Joint Resolution S:** Prevent making controversial bills "referendum-proof"

Introduced by Rep. Robert Wittenberg (D), to place before voters in the next general election a constitutional amendment to revise the current prohibition on citizen referendums challenging bills that contain an appropriation. The measure would establish that the ban only applies to bills that substantially fund one or more state departments, or which are needed to close current state budget shortfalls. A 2001 Supreme Court ruling interpreted the provision to prohibit referendums on any bill containing an appropriation. In several instances since then, the legislature has deliberately added modest appropriations to controversial bills, which, without the appropriation, would likely have been challenged by a referendum. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

### SCAMS

### **Continued from Front Page**

activity during the holidays makes consumers vulnerable to clicking on a \$100 coupon before thinking twice.

When we're rushing, we might not notice that the website in an email has an odd name.

Brands that continue to be spoofed include Amazon, Walmart and Target. Other brands that are commonly targeted include PayPal, Yahoo and Apple.

Local reader, Patrick Napolitano said, "I have gotten a thank you for a gift I didn't buy. When you check on it from the email they sent, ask if you didn't buy it go here. Then they ask you a lot of questions. I deleted it without answering them. I then went to my account with them and saw no charges. Beware it's a phishing scam."

Marianna Ziegler said she received one, too. "Yes, googled it to confirm my suspicions that it was phishing. Delete and block sender," she said.

Karen Fox did the right thing, too. "I have gotten them, but never responded," she said.

### **Spotting a fake**

Watch out for a domain decorated with a few extra, possibly even reassuring words or odd spellings. Some brand-abusing domains that have a dot-com at the end are still frauds, such as Amazonsecureshop, Target-officialsite or Walmartkt.

Other fakes include: Amazonshop. gq or Targethome.today or Walmartoutlet.ga.

Domains that include a hyphen and words such as shop or secure can be good clues to a phony site, as many brand names use their names alone for their sites.

Other words in a fake URL site that appears to be connected to a well-known name might be something like outlet, discounts or deals.

Many times, the fraudsters use words like "official site" to make their fake sites look legitimate. Or there might be extra letters, such as "Yahooo" or "Walmaart." **Risks of rushing** 

Consumers who click on the links or visit malicious sites are typically unknowingly handing over their name, address, and credit card information.

Never click on links in emails or social media to go to a retailer's website. A better bet: Take a few extra seconds to go directly to the site yourself.

### Why would Amazon send you a free gift card?

Amazon is warning consumers that phishing emails will direct you to a "false website that looks similar to the Amazon website, where you might be asked to provide account information such as your email address and password

combination."

The fake sites can steal sensitive information that can be used without your knowledge to commit fraud, according to Amazon.

Phishers can steal usernames and passwords from one site to engage in fraud on other sites. Too many consumers carelessly use the exact same usernames and passwords across different sites.

Amazon doesn't send emails that ask for your Social Security number, bank account information, PIN, or your Amazon. com password.

### Watch out for fake email alerts

As holiday shipping goes up in November and December, the frequency of phishing emails relating to orders or shipments goes up, too.

Walmart warns that if you received an order confirmation email from Walmart but never placed such an order, it may be a "phishing scam attempting to gather information, or in some cases, spread malware."

FedEx warns consumers about a "delivery failure" scam email.

Fraudulent emails claiming to be from FedEx or the U.S. Postal Service "regarding a package that could not be delivered" are also circulated.

The consumer is then asked to open an attachment in order to obtain the invoice needed to pick up their package. The attachment in the email may contain a virus.

Don't just rush and assume there's trouble with something that you ordered. "Be suspicious of incoming email from unknown or unsolicited sources, especially those that have attachments as well as hyperlinks. The same should apply to incoming phone calls," FedEx warns.

### **Online deals are not all bargains**

Con artists tempt consumers with great deals on hard-to-find items or hot gifts. Shoppers should be aware that counterfeit sites have some clear indicators, including the "About Us" page that can be very generic without descriptions about the business, company mission or current images or promotions.

Try calling and talking with someone in customer service first before placing an order to ask about return policies or the like. Shoppers are less likely to connect with a real person if going through a fraudulent site.

Con artists use phony websites to sell counterfeit goods - or engage in cybercrime. It's no bargain if, when you click on the link, you download malware.

Remember, bargains abound throughout the holiday season — so there's no reason to think you absolutely must get all that shopping done right now.

Source: usatoday.com

### **HOT LINE** CONTINUED

DID YOU HEAR the new Amazon slogan? It's 'use us so you don't end up running into Roy Moore at the mall."

I AM SICK and tired of you women making it sound like men are all creeps and sexually harass. Women do it too, but no one cares about that.

### ITHOUGHT THE reason they jacked

our registration fee up so high was to fix our bridges and our roads. But they still don't have the money to do it. I wonder who's going on vacation.

THIS IS IMPORTANT. Where are all the jobs NAFTA was supposed to provide? NAFTA, the trade treaty that Clinton

ram-rodded through. Obama was trying to put together another trade deal. Both Democrats. They're trying to screw over the unions and the supplier and dealers.

LAST WEEK, TWO police officers i killed in the line of itv. one from Baltimore and one from Pittsburgh and over the weekend a border guard agent was murdered by an illegal immigrant. The NFL kneelers must surely be celebrating this week.

TO THE HOT-LINER still calling in about the NFL protests, you're the only one still talking about it. Get over it and move on.

PARTY OVER COUNTRY sickens me. What are the people of Arizona thinking?

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**STREET LIGHTING PROJECT - BYRAM RIDGE NO. 1 SUBDIVISION** CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

To the residents and property owners of the Charter Township of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan, and any other interested persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions of property owners within the township signed by the record owners of land whose land area constitutes more than 50% of the total land area of the lots in the Byram Ridge No. 1 Subdivision, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton proposes to install, operate and maintain street lights in the Byram Ridge No. 1 subdivision, and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows:

### All lots in the Byram Ridge No. 1 Subdivision

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has received preliminary plans showing the improvements and an estimate of the costs of such improvements in the approximate amount of \$2,400 for street lights and installation and \$3,600 per year for operation and maintenance, has placed the same on file with the Township Clerk, and has passed a Resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make such improvement and to create the special assessment district. The Township Board has also tentatively found the petitions for the improvement to be in compliance with statutory requirements.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said plans, estimates of cost, proposed special assessment district and petitions may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk from the date of this Notice through the date of the public hearing and may be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon such petitions, plans, district and estimate of costs will be held at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan, commencing at 7:30 p.m. on Monday December 4, 2017.

At the hearing, the board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters filed with the board at or before the hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments or changes to said plans, estimates, costs or special assessment district.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the hearing and to submit any comments they may have.

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# Students and seniors give thanks

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the last one. 77

Joe Sobczak

Loose Center member

LHS Student Council hosts annual Thanksgiving dinner for Loose Center

### By Hannah Ball

hball@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 Linden — In spirit of the holidays,

two generations spent of the holidays, ing thanks together when Linden High School students organized and hosted a turkey dinner at the high school for Loose Center members. The annual event was held on Tuesday, Nov. 14.

The Student Council planned the entire evening for the nearly 200 Loose Center members who attended. Students



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** I HANNAH BALL The theme for the Loose Center turkey dinner at Linden High School was decades. Student Council members decorated the cafeteria with adornments from the '20s, '50s, '60s and '70s.

> ASPEN PRIZE

mingled with the Loose members, getting them water and punch, and clearing the tables after eating.

The theme of the evening was decades. Decorations from the '20s, '50s, '60s, and '70s filled the room, and a few students wore poodle skirts and clothing from those eras.

Emily Buckley, 17, who helped plan the evening, said the Student Council formed a Loose committee and they decided on the decades theme. SUMMARY Linden High School Student Council students organized a turkey

"They've been very grateful. It's fun. They're all super nice and they're funny," Buckley said. "There was one couple that said they haven't been

in here in 25 years since their kid went there so that was cool. We love putting this on and we hope they keep coming because we'll keep doing it."

Band students played music from the various decades throughout the evening adding to the ambiance and theme.

Student Council members decorated the cafeteria and made all the center-

pieces for the evening. A disco ball, an outline of people dancing, a decorative hat, and more adorned the tabletops. Isabel Wright, 17, Student Council mem-

Not Community



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I HANNAH BALL

Linden High School Student Council members organized and ran a turkey dinner for Loose Center members Tuesday, Nov. 14.

ber on the Loose committee, said "It's going really well. We have almost all of the seats filled up and everybody's really excited."

> After enjoying the turkey dinner with pie afterward, the centerpieces were raffled off, along with a large pile of baked goods, all brought by the students.

Mona Flannery, a caregiver for a woman at the senior center, said the food was very good. She said the students were "right there, right over your shoulder, anything you needed."

Joe Sobczak, who attended with his wife, Nancy, said, "Tonight's going great, they do such a fabulous job. I don't know how many times we've been over here, every time. I think each year is better than the last one."

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# LF's Trombley headed to D1 North Carolina State next fall

### **By David Troppens**

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Jarrett Trombley has been around wrestling his entire life.

Wrestling since he was 5, he began by having battles with his older brothers and later his younger brother - probably in the living room as much as a wrestling ring.

"All of my family wrestled before me and I grew up in that atmosphere," Trombley said. "We had home competitions. I grew up

Lake Fenton's Jarrett Trombley will continue his career at North Carolina State in the fall.

### **Mott Bears'** tourney run ends in early stages

### Tri-county athletes made national trip possible

### **By David Troppens**

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The Mott volleyball team, which included many tri-county athletes, entered the National Junior College Athletic Association Division 2 Volleyball Tournament as underdogs, seeded 11th out of the 16 teams.

The Bears were a team not many would've expected to qualify for the national meet when the season began, so the squad probably wasn't terribly upset when their tournament experience ended in two matches. Just getting to the event was pretty impressive in itself.

Mott opened the tournament with a 25-14, 25-15, 25-19 loss to Pasco-Hernando State, and followed that match with a closer 25-18, 25-16, 27-29, 25-22 loss to Northeastern Oklahoma A&M in their second round match in the tournament held in Charleston, West Virginia.

In the second match, Fenton graduate Cassidy Curtis led Mott with 13 kills on 41 hitting attempts. She also provided two digs and a block.

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### with brothers and grew up wrestling and messing around with my brothers." The passion for wrestling eventually

blossomed outside the family as his own passion,

and as early as late elementary school, the Lake Fenton senior knew he eventually wanted to wrestle collegiately. Trombley recently solidified that dream by signing a National Letter of Intent to wrestle at North Carolina State University starting next fall. Trombley gave his verbal commitment in early August and recently made it official with his National Letter of Intent.

"It's a great weight lifted off my shoulders," Trombley said. "The recruiting process and picking one school of seven is difficult and stressful. It feels great to be committed to one school and to be able to show school spirit for that one school. It's

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nice to get that decision cleared up."

Trombley, who is a three-time state champion going for his fourth this winter, holds a career prep record of 137-1. He began his career at Corunna, winning a state championship there, but since transferred to Lake Fenton where he's picked up two more.

He's currently ranked 80th in the 2018 Top 100 by FloWrestling and also ranked 13th at 132 and at 54th in the Top 100 by InterMat. Other schools he See TROMBLEY on 23A

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# Fenton swim/dive team makes statement at state

Diver Shegos leads way with another state runner-up finish

### **By David Troppens**

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Just ask Fenton's Taylor Shegos.

A year ago as a junior diver, Shegos finished second place at the Division 2 state meet, but she was a bit upset with the placing. This year, the senior capped her prep career by taking second in diving once again. But this time her mindset was completely different.

"I was happier with my second place finish this year than last year," Shegos said. "Originally I was ranked fourth and after prelims I was in fifth place. But my last dive scored 50 points and brought me to second. It was the best dive of the entire meet. Last year I was in the lead (entering my last dive) and didn't do too well.'

The entire Fenton varsity swimming and diving team can feel good with how the squad performed at the D2 state swimming and diving meet held at the Holland Aquatic Center on Friday and Saturday. The majority of the team returned for the second day of the meet, helping the Tigers place 18th at the event.

"We had a great meet," Shegos said. "We had nine girls go and that was really awesome. We did really well and qualified a lot for the finals, so that was

"We had a fantastic meet," Fenton varsity swim and dive coach Brad Jones said. "This was the second year in a row for us to have all three relays score. Last year we were senior-heavy and this year we were sophomore-heavy. To come back and have all three relays make it back to the second day is usually very difficult to do, so we were very happy."

the meet, and the team's best chance to score points entering the event. The University of Illinois-bound diver didn't upset expectations. In fact, after her final dive she was in first place for a little bit, See FENTON on 23A



TRI-COUNTY TIMES SUBMITTED PHOTO (Top) Fenton's Carly Kozlowski (left) and Taylor Shegos made it to the final rounds of diving. Shegos finished second for the second straight season in the event. (Right) The Tigers take some time for a photo while at the Division 2 state meet last weekend. Fenton placed 18th

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## Powers pair helps Chargers to 19th-place team finish at state meet

### By David Troppens dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789

For one area Powers athlete, it was a fitting end to her prep swim career.

For the other, it was a pretty nice start to her career.

Senior Allie Dasky and freshman Lara Wujciak were two of Flint Powers Catholic's swimmers at the Division 3 state meet held at Eastern Michigan University. The two Fenton residents had strong

TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SUBMITTED PHOTO Two of the members of the Flint Powers girls swim team were tri-county residents.

They were freshman Lara Wujciak (left) and senior Allie Dasky...

day swims at the event. The duo helped Powers finish in 19th at the state meet.

Dasky had the highest performance. She qualified for the finals of the 200 freestyle by posting a time of 1:58.46 in the preliminary round. She finished in the finals with a slightly better time of 1:58.28.

Dasky also competed individually in

performances, with both earning second- the 100 freestyle. She placed 13th in the prelims (54.22) but improved that to 10th in the consolation finals with a better time of 53.83 seconds.

"I PR'd both days of the state meet, which was exciting, but my original goal was to break the 200 free and 100 free records," Dasky said. "Sadly, I did not accomplish either but came very close. I know I could have gotten both of them."

Wujciak swam in two individual events as well, making it to the second See POWERS on 23A



# awesome."

Shegos was Fenton's sole senior at

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## **Griffins start strong, but fall to Grand Blanc/Fowlerville**

KBH United co-op opens season with tough loss

### **By David Troppens**

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The youth movement happening within the Fenton/Linden co-op hockey program means it will probably take some time before the Griffins are playing their best hockey this winter.

The Griffins have done some learning in its first two contests, earning a tie through the first period of both of their games, but then suffering from inexperience in the final two periods, resulting in losses. On Friday, the Griffins scored the game's first goal against Grand Ledge/Fowlerville, but eventually lost an 8-2 verdict.

Paxton Cowan scored his first goal of the season with 6:25 remaining in the first period, giving the Griffins the lead. However, Fowlerville was able to tie the game before the end of the first period and take control the rest of the way, scoring seven of the final eight goals of the contest. The Griffins allowed three Fowlerville goals, falling behind 4-1 entering the final period.

"Much like game one of the season, the second period proved to be a difference maker," head coach Kyle Marchand said. "Jake Thompson scored a power play goal early in the third period, but (we) could never make up the deficit."

JJ Lainesse and Loren Jones shared time in net for the Griffins (0-2).

The Griffins' next game is Nov. 29

### TROMBLEY

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looked at included Big Ten schools Ohio State and Minnesota. He also looked at The University of North Carolina and Lehigh among other schools. Trombley's so highly looked upon he actually earned a full-ride scholarship, something that is extremely rare in collegiate wrestling especially for freshmen.

"I chose North Carolina State because it was a really good fit and a really good wrestling program," Trombley said. "It felt like home. The team treated me well. I felt like I can live the next four years there."

"NC State is a great fit for Jarrett," Lake Fenton varsity wrestling coach Vance Corcoran said. "They have some of the best lightweight coaches in the

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day in one of them. She peformed a time of 1:00.11 to finish 11th in the preliminary round of the 100 butterfly and matched the same time in the consolation finals. The second go-around, the time placed her 12th.

She also performed in the 200 individual medley in the prelims, taking 28th with a time of 2:21.46.

"I am happy with how I swam at the state meet," Wujciak said. "It was really fun to be on the relay with my teammates and represent my school. It was also nice of my teammates to come to the meet and cheer us on.

"This season my coaches worked with



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I DAVID TROPPENS

Tyler Keller played in net and made

The squad includes 17 players from

United play the Bay Area thunder

the four schools. Lake Fenton is rep-

resented by six athletes while Holly

on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Bay

has three players on the squad.

County Civic Arena.

Fenton/Linden Griffins keeper Loren Jones makes a save during a past contest. Jones is one of the returning players for the co-op program this winter.

13 saves.

at Hartland Sports Center against the KBH United squad at 7:30 p.m. Alliance 8,

### **KBH United 0**

It was a tough start to the season against Alliance as KBH United — a team consisting of players from Kearsley, Brandon, Holly and Lake Fenton — lost its opener 8-0.

country and run a top 10 program. He's going on a 100 percent full ride which

is amazing." Another nice perk is Trombley's old-

est brother lives in North Carolina. "It played a factor. If I need to visit

my brother it's feasible," Trombley said.

North Carolina State is a strong Division I program, currently ranked No. 7 in the USA Today/NWCA Coaches Poll. The squad finished second in the Atlantic Coast Conference Championships a year ago and placed 17th at the NCAA Championships. Pat Poplizio has been at the helm of the Wolfpacks' wrestling program for six years and has led the team to four straight top 20 finishes at the NCA Championships.

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me on my underwaters which helped me drop time in two of my best events."

Both swimmers competed in the 200 medley relay and the 200 freestyle relay. In the 200 medley relay the pair teamed with Hannah Murwaski and Abby Merz to place 15th in the consolation finals (1:55.74). They qualified by posting a time of 1:55.46 in the prelims. In the 200 freestyle relay they teamed with Merz and Emily Snyder to place 23rd in the prelims (1:45.91).

"Our medley relay made it back which was super exciting," Dasky said. "We weren't able to drop time, but having a team of two freshman, a sophomore and one senior, it was cool to go as far as we did."

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but settled to second as the divers completed the final round. She performed a front two-and-half and got mostly 7s and 7.5s from the judges. Shegos' final score was 413.30. Forest Hills Central's Colleen Kramer won the meet with a final score of 424.25. Shegos finished second by just .8 points.

"That's when my name bumped to the current leader and I realized I was not in third place anymore," Shegos said. "I was happy. It's a nice feeling to know I ended my high school career with that dive."

"She just nailed it. It was an awesome dive," Jones said.

The rest of the team was pretty good as well. One more individual competed in the finals by herself. That was junior diver Carly Kozlowski. Kozlowski placed 15th in the diving preliminaries, and improved to 14th overall with a score of 308.75.

Fenton immediately qualified for a final in the first prelim event when Lillie Kromer, Abigail Dolliver Caitlyn Dailey and Sabrina Hall placed 16th in the prelim with a time of 1:54.46. The group improved to 15th overall in the consolation finals with a time of 1:54:28.

The 200 freestyle relay team weere the same four girls competing in the medley relay. In it the Tigers took 11th in the preliminary (1:41.58) and finished 13th in the consolation finals (1:41.83). The 400 freestyle relay squad of Hall, Kromer, Dolliver and Megan Mallard took 15th in the prelims (3:44.85) and took 16th on Saturday (3:44.98).

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# The day the President died

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John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Conclusion of Inaugural Speech

Jan. 20, 1961

Details on the most famous day in American history still being revealed 54 years later

**REAL ESTATE** 

### Compiled By Vera Hogan

vhogan@tctimes.com; 810-433-6823 Although it has been 54 years to the day, those who were old enough to pay attention knew exactly where they were and what they were doing when President John Fitzgerald Kennedy (JFK) was assassinated.

Shortly after noon on Nov. 22, 1963, Kennedy was shot and killed as he rode in a motorcade through Dealey Plaza in downtown Dallas, Texas.

### The road to Dallas

By the fall of 1963, JFK and his political advisers were preparing for the next presidential campaign. At an important political planning session on Nov. 12, JFK stressed the importance of winning Florida and Texas and talked about his plans to visit both states in the next two weeks.

The first lady, Jacqueline Kennedy, would accompany him on the swing through Texas. On Nov. 21, they departed on Air Force One for the twoday, five-city tour of Texas.

A light rain was falling on Friday morning, Nov. 22, but a crowd of several thousand stood in the parking lot outside the Texas Hotel

where the Kennedys had spent the night. The presidential party left the hotel and went by motorcade to Carswell Air Force Base for the 13-minute flight to Dallas. Arriving at Love Field, President and Mrs. Kennedy disembarked and immediately walked toward a fence where a crowd of well-wishers had





gathered, and they spent several minutes shaking hands.

The first lady received a bouquet of red roses, which she brought with her to the waiting limousine. Gov. John Connally and his wife, Nellie, were already seated in the open convertible as the Kennedys entered and sat behind them. Since it was no longer raining, the plastic bubble top had been left off. Vice President Lyndon B. and Mrs. Lady Bird Johnson occupied another car in the motorcade.

The procession left the airport and traveled along a 10-mile route that wound through downtown Dallas on the way to the Trade Mart where the President was scheduled to speak at a luncheon.

### **The Assassination**

Crowds of excited people lined the streets and waved to the Kennedys. The car turned off Main Street at Dealey Plaza around 12:30 p.m. As it was passing the Texas School Book Depository, gunfire suddenly reverberated in the plaza.

Bullets struck the president's neck and head and he slumped over toward Mrs. Kennedy. The governor was also hit in the chest.

The car sped off to Parkland Memorial Hospital just a few minutes away. But little could be done for the President. A Catholic priest was summoned to administer the last rites, and at 1 p.m., John F. Kennedy was pronounced dead. Though seriously wounded, Connally would recover. **See PRESIDENT** on 2B



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During a demonstration against the Cuban Missile Crisis, about 800 women held placards that read: 'President Kennedy Be Careful' and 'Let the UN handle the Cuban Crisis.'



# For what possible reason could anyone want JFK dead?

### **By Vera Hogan**

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He was young, only 42 years old, handsome, charming and rich. He only served as President of the United States for two years before he was cut down in a hail of bullets by Lee Harvey Oswald, 24. Or was he?

One of the longest lingering conspiracy theories about who actually ordered the shooting of President John F. Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963 points to our own government, or more specifically the CIA.

That theory has already been debunked by the Warren Commission, but since many of the files, which were supposed to be released the end of October, remain under wraps, here are a few things to consider. What happened during Kennedy's brief presidency? See JFK on 2B

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### PRESIDENT

**Continued from Page 1B** The president's body was brought to Love Field and placed on Air Force One. Before the plane took off, a grim-faced Johnson stood in the tight, crowded compartment and took the oath of office, administered by U.S. District Court Judge Sarah Hughes. The brief ceremony took place at 2:38 p.m.

### Lee Harvey Oswald

Less than an hour earlier, police had arrested Lee Harvey Oswald, a recently hired employee at the Texas School Book Depository. He was being held for the assassination of President Kennedy and the fatal shooting, shortly afterward, of Patrolman J. D. Tippit on a Dallas street.

On Sunday morning, Nov. 24, Oswald was scheduled to be transferred from police headquarters to the county jail. Viewers across America watching the live television coverage suddenly saw a man aim a pistol and fire at point blank range. The assailant was identified as Jack Ruby, a local nightclub owner. Oswald died two hours later at Parkland Hospital.

### The President's Funeral

That same day, President Kennedy's flag-draped casket was moved from the White House to the Capitol. Crowds lined Pennsylvania Avenue and many wept openly as the caisson Photo: familyguy.wikia.com passed. During the 21 hours that the President's body lay in state in

the President's body lay in state in the Capitol Rotunda, about 250,000 people filed by to pay their respects.

On Monday, Nov. 25, 1963, President Kennedy was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. The funeral was attended by heads of state and representatives from more than 100 countries, with untold millions more watching on television.

Perhaps the most indelible images of the day were the salute to his father given by little John F. Kennedy Jr. (whose third birthday was that day), daughter Caroline kneeling next to her mother at the president's bier, and the extraordinary grace and dignity shown by Jacqueline Kennedy.

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### **BAY OF PIGS INVASION**

On April 17, 1961, 1,400 Cuban exiles launched what became a botched invasion at the Bay of Pigs on the south coast of Cuba.

In 1959, Fidel Castro came to power in an armed revolt that overthrew Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista. The U.S. government distrusted Castro and was wary of his relationship with Nikita Khrushchev, the leader of the Soviet Union.

Before his inauguration, John F. Kennedy was briefed on a plan by the CIA, developed during the Eisenhower administration to train Cuban exiles for an invasion of their homeland.

Despite efforts of the government to keep the invasion plans covert, it became common knowledge among Cuban exiles in Miami. Through Cuban intelligence, Castro learned of the guerilla training camps in Guatemala.

Shortly after his inauguration, in February 1961, Kennedy authorized the invasion plan. But he was determined to disguise U.S. support. The landing point at the Bay of Pigs was part of the deception.

On April 15, 1961, the CIA used obsolete World War II B-26 bombers, and painted them to look like Cuban air force planes. The bombers missed many of their targets and left most of Castro's air force intact. As news broke of the attack, photos of the repainted U.S. planes became public and revealed American support for the invasion. President Kennedy cancelled a second air strike.

Over the next 24 hours, Castro ordered roughly 20,000 troops to advance toward the beach in retaliation. As the situation grew increasingly grim, Kennedy authorized American fighter planes to help defend the brigade's B-26 aircraft. They were shot down by the Cubans, and the invasion was crushed later that day.

The disaster at the Bay of Pigs had a lasting impact on the Kennedy administration.

### MEETING WITH RUSSIAN LEADER

On June 3, 1961, JFK and Russian President Nikita Khrushchev met in Vienna. It was to be an informal summit with no agenda. It did not go well and has been described as the "worst day" in JFK's life.

"I never met a man like this," Kennedy said during a Time magazine interview. "I talked about how a nuclear exchange would kill 70 million people in 10 minutes, and he just looked at me as if to say, 'So what?""

### THE BERLIN WALL

In June 1961, some 19,000 people left the German Democratic Republic (GD) or East Germany, through Berlin. The following month, 30,000 fled. In the first 11 days of August, 16,000 East Germans crossed the border into West Berlin, and on Aug. 12 some 2,400 followed — the largest number of defectors ever to leave East Germany in a single day.

The construction of the Berlin Wall,

which began on Aug. 13, 1961, did stop the flood of refugees from East to West, and it did defuse the crisis over Berlin. Though he was not happy about it, Kennedy conceded that "a wall is a hell of a lot better than a war."

In June of 1963, Kennedy was in West Berlin and gave what was considered one of his best speeches. From that speech came Kennedy's famous quote, "Ich bin ein Berliner" (I am a Berliner)

The Berlin Wall stood until Nov. 9, 1989, and to this day remains one of the most powerful and enduring symbols of the Cold War.

### VIETNAM

American foreign policy after World War II was based on the goal of containing Communism and the assumptions of the socalled "domino theory"—if one country fell to Communism, the surrounding countries would fall. In response to that threat, the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) was formed in 1955 to prevent Communist expansion, and President Dwight D. Eisenhower sent some 700 military personnel as well as military and economic aid to the government of South Vietnam. The effort was sinking fast when Kennedy became president.

Kennedy accelerated the flow of American aid and gradually increased U.S. military advisers to more than 16,000. However, the situation in Vietnam did not improve. In September of 1963, he declared in an interview, "In the final analysis, it is their war. They are the ones who have to win it or lose it. We can help them, we can give them equipment, we can send our men out there as advisers, but they have to win it, the people of Vietnam, against the Communists ... But I don't agree with those who say we should withdraw. That would be a great mistake..."

A few weeks later, on Nov. 1, 1963, the South Vietnamese government was overthrown. The coup had the tacit approval of the Kennedy administration. In the final weeks of his life, Kennedy wrestled with the future of the United States' commitment in Vietnam.

Source: JFK.org





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**Compiled By Vera Hogan** 

vhogan@tctimes.com; 810-433-6823 The following are the five conspiracy theories surrounding the assassination of John F. Kennedy. All have been refuted by either the Warren Commission, which is the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy, initiated by President Lyndon B. Johnson after Kennedy's death.

Source: Abcnews.go.com



THE SOVIETS DID IT Conspiracy theorists allege that Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev was so embarrassed by having to back down following the Cuban Missile Crisis he ordered the hit on Kennedy.

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### THE MAFIA DID IT

The CIA had contacts with organized crime families to discuss assassinating the president. Only the president was Cuba's Fidel Castro, not Kennedy. The mob was heavily invested in casinos and other lucrative investments in Cuba before Castro's Communist revolution, according to one iteration of the theory. Kennedy botched the Bay of Pigs invasion, ending any hopes of American organized crime returning to Cuba and enraging the mafia.



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### THE CUBANS DID IT

Given that U.S. agents tried to assassinate Cuban President Fidel Castro numerous times, the theory goes, Castro decided he would repay the honor and try to assassinate Kennedy.



LYNDON JOHNSON DID IT Who had the most to gain from killing Kennedy? Lyndon Johnson, the man who became

president. The gist of the theory is that Johnson was motivated by ambition and received help from members of the CIA and wealthy tycoons who believed they would profit more under a Johnson administration.



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### THE CIA DID IT

In nearly every theory that involves American conspirators, be they wealthy industrialists or tough-as-nails mafiosi, one group is routinely represented — the CIA. The Central Intelligence Agency is an easy boogeyman. Its workings and agents are a secret to most Americans, and the agency in the 1960s had a reputation for high-level political assassinations. One theory suggests that Oswald was a CIA operative and agents tampered with his FBI file before and after the investigation to make it appear he was a communist and lone wolf. This theory gained momentum in 1973 with the release of the movie "Executive Action," which made the CIA theory most believable.

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# Obituaries



Elaine Marie Thomas 1950-2017

Elaine Marie Thomas - age 67, of Linden, died Saturday, November 18, 2017. A memorial service will be held 3 PM Friday, November 24, 2017 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St, Linden with Deacon Ron Kenney officiating. The family will receive friends from 12-3 PM Friday at the funeral home. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to the Alzheimer's Association. Elaine was born July 22, 1950 in Flint, the daughter of Walter and Lucille (Nellesen) Jakubowski and was a 1968 graduate of Linden High School. She attended Ferris State University, Mott Community College and Michigan State University. Elaine married Bernard Thomas in Fenton on September 7, 1968. She retired from Linden Public Schools

after 20 plus years of service where she was a well loved Paraprofessional. Elaine was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and enjoyed the outdoors. She loved following her sons in hockey and other sports. She was their biggest fan. Surviving are: husband, Bernard; two sons, Brian (Toni) Thomas of Almont and Brent (Ginger) Thomas of Fenton; six grandchildren, Ben, Grace, Leah, Rylee, Marion and Zane: sister-inlaw, Sally Harris; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by: her parents and her brother, John Magalski. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page of www.sharpfuneralhomes. com.



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Louise May (nee Warrington) Keller 1928-2017

Louise May (nee Warrington) Keller – age 89, born in Detroit, February 21, 1928, passed away November 18, 2017. Preceded in death by husband, Robert; parents, Howard and Blanche Warrington, and brothers, Gilbert and Glenn. Survived by sons, James (Connie) and Steven (Vickie); daughter, Constance (Ernie); grandchildren, Aaron, Christopher, Katherine, Jacqueline (Jonathan), Anne (Michael), Rebecca, Carolyn (Daniel) and Robert, as well as greatgrandsons, Domenic, Jack, Theodore, Calvin; sisters-inlaw, Betty, Donna, and Doris, and numerous nieces and nephews. Louise was raised in Detroit and attended Denby High School where she obtained a varsity letter for swimming. She worked at Carboloy for several years retiring from the work force to raise a family. As a young mother, she threw herself into church work serving as a Sunday School Teacher at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church. When the family moved to Berkley in 1959, Louise became active with St. Paul (Royal Oak) Lutheran Church serving as a Sunday School teacher, and was a co-founder of the church's Tuesday night "School of Religion". Her role expanded over time and she served as Chairwoman

of St. Paul's Women's Guild for many years. Never one to shirk from work, her jobs included managing the guild's budget as well as selling bricks to raise money for a new church building. Upon retirement, she and Robert moved to Argentine Township in the 1980s, joining Hope Lutheran Church where she resumed her ministry role including Treasurer of the congregation, Chairwoman of the Women's Altar Guild, Treasurer of the Women's Ministry, as well as numerous other committees. A lifetime sports enthusiast, Louise enjoyed swimming, bowling and golf in her free time. Funeral services will be he held 11 AM Wednesday, November 22, 2017 at Hope Lutheran Church, 7355 Silver Lake Rd., Linden, Deacon Paul Kollek will officiate. Visitation will be held 3-5 and 6-8 PM Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden and from 10 AM until the time of service Wednesday at the church. In lieu of flowers those desiring may make contributions to Hope Lutheran Church Sign Fund. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneral homes.com.





### Elizabeth (Beth) Ann Udry 1932-2017

Elizabeth (Beth) Ann Udry - age 85, died on November 18, 2017 in Dewitt, MI. Beth passed peacefully in her sleep. Beth was born on October 26, 1932 to parents Walter and Ann Anderson of Flint, Beth graduated from Flint Northern High School, attended Flint Junior College, and earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Eastern Michigan University in 1957. After college Beth worked at General Motors, Buick Division Financial Department. Shortly thereafter, Beth met Joseph (Joe) William Udry, Jr. and they were married in 1958. Beth and Joe had three children, Michael, Susan and Joseph. Beth was a homemaker and spent her time managing the household and caring for their three children. Beth and Joe were lifelong Michigan State University Spartan fans and attended many football games, including the 1988 Rose Bowl game. Beth and Joe also enjoyed the arts and attended plays and concerts at the Wharton Center on the Michigan State University campus. In 2010, after living in Linden for nearly 40 years, Beth and Joe moved to Dewitt. Beth enjoyed

raising her three children and visiting grandchildren, as well as gardening and traveling with Joe. Beth will be missed by her family. Beth is survived by her husband of 59 years, Joseph William Udry, Jr.; son, Michael (Sandra) Udry of Simpsonville, SC; daughter, Susan (Raymond) Hughey of Fallbrook, CA; and son, Joseph Udry (Debra Good) of Dewitt; as well as five grandchildren, Raymond Hughey Jr., Lauren Hughey, Jessica Udry, Jason Udry, and Emily Udry. Beth is preceded in death by her sister, Sharon Anderson; parents, Walter and Ann Anderson; brothers, James (Addie B) Anderson, Walter (Gertrude) Anderson, and Robert (Marvel) Anderson and sister. Carol (Robert) Menapace. Beth's family would like to thank the staff at Addie's Acres for their incredible care and kindness to Beth and Joe. Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 3, 2017 from 4-6 PM at Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, DeWitt Chapel, 205 E. Washington, DeWitt. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations be made to Capital Area Humane Society, 7095 West Grand River, Lansing, MI 48906.







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### Horoscopes

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VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, you are anxious to go on

can't find time in your schedule.

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You may just have to make

it happen by turning off your

Virgo, even if you are sure that

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agree with you. Be gracious and

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### ARIES

### Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, you may be tempted to tie up loose ends this week, but there is a lot to finish so expect things to take longer than you hoped. Focus only on one

### project at a time. TAURUS

### Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, your words and actions may not be matching up right now. This may be confusing to others. It may be better to just lead by example.

### GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21 Gemini, things have been moving along quite easily for you and you are enjoying the respite. Take all the deep breaths you can during this period of recovery.

### CANCER Jun 22/Jul 22

Time has been passing quite rapidly, Cancer. You may be feeling like you aren't quite catching up to the clock. As long as some work is getting finished, you are completely fine.

LIBRA Sept 23/Oct 23 Libra, although you might not

### realize it, someone is making a concerted effort to get to know you this week. Be open to new relationships and you may make a lifelong friend.

**SCORPIO** Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you have worked hard and are now beginning to enjoy the fruits of your labor. Treat yourself to whatever you would like. Be proud of your efforts

### SAGITTARIUS

For the week of

November 20

Nov 23/Dec 21 Conversations with others should be kept light and easy this week to avoid any drama, Sagittarius. Delving deeper into others' lives is the furthest thing from your mind. CAPRICORN

### Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, are your achievements isolating you from others? You may have to let someone else get some of the glory this week, if only to show your vulnerable and accommodating side.

### AQUARIUS Jan 21/Feb 18

Do not avoid others to escape conflict, Aquarius; otherwise, you are only delaying the inevitable. Speak your mind and address the situation with tact and professionalism

### PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20 Pisces, your self-esteem can soar this week if you surround yourself with the right people. Fill your days with fun and many activities





### AFTER LOVE

From the director of "Our Children", comes the stark story of Boris (Cédric Kahn) and Marie (Bérénice Bejo), a couple who have decided to separate after 15 years together. They have two girls that they adore. However,

cash-strapped Boris is still living in the family home. When all is said and done, neither of the two is willing to give up.Now this apartment is a war zone and their situation a nightmare. Joachim Lafosse captures with great magnitude, the painfully intimate, harrowingly fascinating drama about the emotional and financial complexities of a separation and the complexity of the end of a long love story. NR, 1 hr. 40 min. Art House & International, Drama

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New Line Cinema's horror thriller "IT," directed by Andy Muschietti ("Mama"), is based on the hugely popular Stephen King novel of the same name. which has been terrifying readers

for decades. When children begin to disappear in the town of Derry, Maine, a group of young kids are faced with their biggest fears when they square off against an evil clown named Pennywise, whose history of murder and violence dates back for centuries.

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