

Owen Road restaurant development making progress

■ Pizza Hut and Starbucks construction slowed by weather

By Tim Jagielo
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Fenton — As the snow fell, the crew with D & V Excavating moved 8-inch water main pipes to their future installation

spots after wrapping them with protective plastic covers.
Burying some water mains may be the only progress on the Owen Shoppes this week, as winter weather continues to slow progress on the new development.
The site was previously home to two separate businesses — Big Boy and Pizza Hut restaurants. These were demolished

See OWEN ROAD on 21A

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Undocumented underground utilities, such as this water casing at the construction site, is another factor that has delayed progress.





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'Who killed Ally Brueger?'

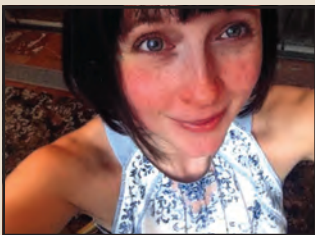


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Nikki Brueger, mother of slain jogger, Alexandra "Ally" Brueger, vows not to rest until her daughter's killer is brought to justice. Here, Brueger sits with her husband, Franz (right) and Crime Watch Daily host Chris Hansen during their Feb. 15 taping in Holly.

New details revealed on Crime Watch Daily TV episode

By Vera Hogan
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After watching the highly anticipated TV broadcast of "Crime Watch Daily" with Chris Hansen and the Channel 7 Detroit interview with Heather Catallo this week, we asked Nikki Brueger to share her thoughts on the coverage of her daughter's murder.
See ALLY BRUEGER on 16A



KEEP THE TIPS COMING

Anyone with information leading to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for the murder of Alexandra "Ally" Brueger is asked to call 1-855-MICH-TIP (642-4847) or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAK-UP (773-2587). The current reward, offered by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (\$5,000) and Crime Stoppers (\$8,500) is \$13,500. Crime Stoppers pays for information that leads to an arrest, not a conviction.

First Criminal Sexual Conduct hearing set for Derek Watson

By Tim Jagielo
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Flint — Derek Timothy Watson, 62, of Fenton Township did not appear in court on Thursday, March 8, but his new attorney Nicholas Robinson did, in order to schedule the new preliminary exam date for his client, and to take part in a conference with Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Mark Zelley.
See WATSON on 20A

Michigan's weather making potholes worse

■ Fenton DPW has spent \$22,500 this year fixing potholes
By Tim Jagielo
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While the snow fell steadily this week, a thaw is due soon, which will probably reveal a new set of potholes.
"They pop up worse than dandelions in a nice green lawn in the summertime," said Dan Czarnecki, director of the Fenton Department of Public Works (DPW).
See POTHOLES on 18A



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

Chronic heavy rains and snow have created numerous, dangerous potholes. Motorists are encouraged to report dangerous potholes to authorities.

“The Librarian’ statue looks like Rosie the Robot from The Jetsons.”



“Have to laugh at the Hollywood hypocrites wearing their silly anti-gun pins while being protected by armed guards. These are the same hypocrites who failed to call out serial-molesters, taking a buy-off instead of protecting their fellow actresses. Someone should remind them that prostitution is illegal.”

“I am a teacher in the community and I would volunteer and pay for it myself, to go through the training to allow me to be armed in the school I teach in. Stop with the outsider opinions and ask us, the teachers. You already trust me with your children every day.”

“The country is controlled by laws. Laws are controlled by politicians. Politicians are controlled by voters. Voters are controlled by public opinion. Public opinion is controlled by the media (liberal networks, liberal Hollywood, liberal newspapers, teachers/college professors). Thus, the liberal fake-news media controls the country.”

COMMENT OF THE WEEK

“My child is allergic to dogs. Please buy him a therapy cat. My neighbor's kid is allergic to dogs and cats. Please buy her a therapy chicken. School taxes should go for expenses, not pets.”



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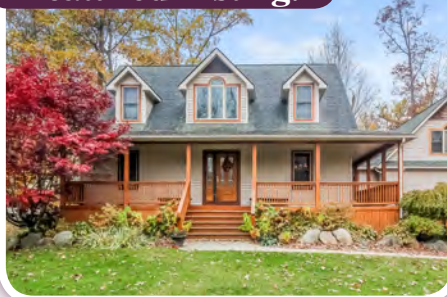
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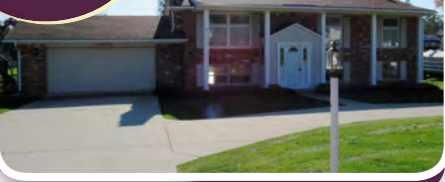
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Dean Smith, 14, is on the autism spectrum. He attends some special education classes, but also attends general education classes with the aid of a LINK classmate. In this case, Cooper Hnilica (foreground), also 14, helps him during gym class at Lake Fenton Middle School on Thursday, March 8.

Innovative program boon to autistic students

■ Social advocate program at Lake Fenton school inspires positive interactions between all students

By Sally Rummel
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Lake Fenton — Dean Smith is like any other 13-year-old kid who likes basketball and video games and wants to hang out with other kids his age.

But the social part of school as a seventh-grader at Lake Fenton Middle School has always been more of a challenge. He has autism, and having friends doesn't always come easy for kids with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

That's all changing, thanks to a new program at the school that LINKS kids with a peer who volunteers to "buddy" with

them during certain classes to provide social support.

These student volunteers make a 12-week commitment to attend classes with a fellow student who needs positive social interaction. For the LINK volunteer, it takes the place of an elective class such as choir, art or physical education.

"We thought this would be one of the challenges of the program, finding enough students interested in being a LINK, giving up an elective for 12 weeks to benefit another student," said Dan Ferguson, principal. "Surprisingly, Mrs. (Sherri) Garty and Mrs. (Jennifer) Tews (special education teachers) have had an impressive number of kids step up to embrace the opportunity."

Currently, four students, including Dean, are having a LINK buddy with them for various classes and seven students have volunteered to be LINKS.

See **PROGRAM** on 19A

“The LINK program has had a positive impact on our entire student population.”

Dan Ferguson

Lake Fenton Middle School principal



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Personal mobile devices, such as cell-phones, are usually allowed in hallways and cafeterias across the school districts. Whether they are allowed in the classroom depends on the district and policies in each building.

Smartphones — a useful learning tool?

■ Many teachers allow cellphones in classrooms

By Tim Jagielo
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Casey Lombard is a math teacher at Holly High School. He teaches AP Statistics and Honors Algebra II, and while smartphones can utilize several free graphing calculator apps, his students still prefer dedicated graphic calculators.

"Some students do use their phone (with earbuds) to listen to music as they work," he said. "During this time, I will continually monitor students to make sure that the phone/music is not a distraction

See **SMARTPHONES** on 17A

“...These students are very rarely distracted or off task because of having access to their cellphone during their work time.”

Casey Lombard

Holly High School math teacher



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Come *Heller* high water...

One of my duties as a columnist is to make the world a better place by sarcastically complaining about trivial things that I think need improving.

Someone has to do it. You're welcome.

Today's complaint is fast food. I typically don't eat in fast food establishments because I have this irrational desire to live beyond 60.

Nonetheless, I found myself inside one the other day to pick up food for my teenage son, to whom the four food groups are Qdoba, McDonald's, Taco Bell and Burger King. This, however, was none of those. This was ... well, let's just call it, "Bendy's."

He doesn't usually eat at Bendy's but he felt like "something different," meaning he wanted the same things he gets at the other places, only from a different place and in a slightly different form. He's a real gourmand.

Specifically, he wanted a "large combo meal" and a spicy chicken sandwich. That sounds like a lot of food but I will remind you that he is a teenager and a distance runner, meaning that when he's hungry the dog runs and hides.

"That'll be \$14.37," the counter person said. My inner grandpa was immediately activated. "Fourteen dollars? That's outrageous! That's highway robbery! It's just two sandwiches, a potato's worth of fries and some sugar water! Why, in my day, that food would have cost *HALF* that much ..." and so on. Inner granddad can really get crank-ing. Stay off his lawn.

I didn't actually say any of that out loud, by the way, because I try to remember that counter people have tough enough jobs as it is.

So I went home and said it.

"Good God, not this again," was the lovely yet formidable Marcia's eye-rolling response. "I suppose now you're going to launch into your theory about how if fast food is going to charge so much money maybe we should stop busing the tables for them."

The woman knows me well.

But it's true. I have never understood how fast food restaurants ever convinced

us to bus our own tables. I've never been told or asked to do it. I've never seen a sign telling me to. And yet I do it anyway. But why? So-called sit-down restaurants don't ask me to bus the table, throw out the scraps or sort my trash by disposable, compostable or recyclable.

So why does fast food? Better yet, why don't they do it themselves? It's their restaurant. I wouldn't invite them to my house and ask them to clean up after dinner.

I'm a curious sort, so I've actually asked fast food customers why we do it. They usually say, "I don't know. To keep the cost down?"

OK, that makes sense. But if we do in fact have a tacit agreement to clean up after ourselves, I would submit to you that fast food restaurants have broken it by increasing their prices to the point that my inner grandpa is activated, and it is thus null and void.

Thus, from now on, when I eat in a fast food restaurant I will finish my meal, wipe my mouth with a napkin and leave the clean-up to them. I encourage you to do so as well.

And now you know why my family refuses to go out to eat with me anymore.

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"I have never understood how fast food restaurants ever convinced us to bus our own tables."

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FOR ALL YOU parents that want to coddle your kids with 'therapy' dogs — buy your kid a dog. Why should taxpayers buy one?

LIKE TO ASK 'the king,' if liberal laws are to blame for gun violence in the USA, why is liberal Europe so free of that same violence.

I SURE HOPE that chemical, that is spewing into the air by the BP on Silver Lake Rd isn't poisonous. It's making me choke and making my eyes water.

THE PRESIDENT HAS said he would react swiftly against any threat against us. How can he? Half of our planes are inoperable, captains don't know how to pilot ships and our troops are ill equipped.

FOSTER CHILDS' COMMENTS on March 7 were outstanding. This should be in the Weekend edition.

WHY DOES ANYONE wonder why the world is out of control when we have totally failed the last three generations of children?

HOW CAN FOSTER Childs blame the liberal dominated society on the gun problem? I remember growing up and

you were only allowed three bullets in a gun. It appears that ducks get a sporting chance, not kids.

THE MORE I see of Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau the more I am convinced that we need to start building a wall on our northern border.

CAREFUL HOLLY VILLAGE Council members. You have on more than one occasion crossed the line that segregates you from the administration. Instructions to staff comes from administrative leads and department heads. If you want to instruct staff members, you need to change the charter.

WHAT WE MISS from ISIS without Obama are beheadings of adults and children, pilots set ablaze in a cage, mass murders, ethnic cleansing, suicide bombings, prisoner executions so as to sell body organs, destruction of holy sites.

MATHIS AND KRUG have been running Fenton Township for nearly 15 years. It's time some people stepped up to work for all of the residents, not just their friends.

IS A SENIOR citizen getting exercise on school grounds really front page news? Stop harassing health-minded taxpayers and get after the real issues.

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Do you speak a second language? What language do you wish you spoke? | streettalk



"I speak German, Spanish and American Sign. My grandparents were German, and I learned ASL because I taught special education kids."

Jan Foster
Fenton Township



"A little bit of French. I took it in school years ago. My 5-year-old granddaughter is fluent in Czech."

Casey Rogers
Deerfield Township



"I wish I could speak more fluent Spanish. I had some in high school, but I don't remember much."

Katerina Conaway
Linden



"I wish I spoke Swedish. I've been to Sweden and my grandparents speak Swedish. I know a couple words, but not very much."

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"Spanish. I was in the Peace Corps in Nicaragua."

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'Chef Jody' enjoyed her 30 minutes of fame

■TV judges loved
The Laundry chef's
30-minute creation

By Sally Rummel

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Bacon is what Chef Jody Brunori of The Laundry brought to the table on Food Network's popular cooking show, "Guy's Grocery Games" on Wednesday, but it was tofu that came up short on her menu.

Brunori was one of four chefs to compete on the "Bacon to the Max" episode that premiered March 7.

Host Guy Fieri asked the chefs to create an over-the-top bacon dish, but threw them a curveball with the added ingredient of tofu while the chefs were running around Flavortown Market, throwing menu ingredients into their carts.

"I've never done much with tofu," Brunori said during the show. "I'm going to add the tofu into my stuffing, to give more moisture to it."

"Guy, you're 'bacon' me crazy," she told Fieri during the busy cooking session, but she added, "I really feel like bacon and I are soul mates."

She wowed the judges with her fine dining entrée of grilled beef tenderloin stuffed with a panko and duck bacon stuffing, loaded fingerling potatoes with peppered bacon, blue cheese and scallions, roasted and grilled baby carrot, a balsamic reduction and a deep-



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

Chef Jody Brunori of The Laundry didn't bring home the grand prize of \$20,000 following her appearance last Wednesday on Food Network's popular TV show "Guy's Grocery Games," but she did impress judges with her fine dining-inspired bacon-stuffed filet of beef entree.

fried applewood bacon garnish.

But after sampling all four main courses, judges voted the local contestant out of the final two rounds, ending her chance to win \$20,000 in prizes.

Executive Chef Brad Leighninger, head chef of the Getting Basted Competition BBQ Team in Missouri, was the eventual winner.

Repeat episodes of the show are being broadcast in coming days.

"I was kind of bummed that I did not make it past the first round," Brunori said Thursday. "I felt that my dish was on point and well executed."

See **CHEF'S** on 18A

“I really feel like
bacon and I are
soul mates.”

Chef Jody Brunori
Contestant on Food Network show

Proposed, cutting-edge law would improve prison, mental health options

■Appropriate care will save money, improve public safety

By Sharon Stone

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On Thursday, March 8, the Michigan House of Representatives approved measures to give state and county law enforcement officials expanded options for evaluating and treating those with serious mental health and medical conditions.

House Bill 5234 which would authorize probation for medically frail prisoners, was introduced by Rep. Martin Howrylak (R-Dist. 41).

House Bill 4101 which would authorize paroling medically frail prisoners, was introduced by Dave Pagel (R-Dist. 78).

These bills would authorize county sheriffs and the Michigan Department of Corrections to draw on a wider range of options to provide individuals with serious medical or mental health diagnoses needed treatment in the most appropriate setting.

"A sizeable percentage of those incarcerated have serious health conditions, both mental and physical, which our corrections system is simply not best equipped to handle," said Oakland County Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard. "Giving more flexibility to law enforcement to move inmates to facilities that can provide appropriate care simply makes sense."

"It will reduce costs, reduce burdens on the corrections system, ensure individualized and appropriate treatment which will reduce the likelihood of recidivism, and overall improve public safety."

House Bill 4101 would allow certain elderly prisoners who are so medically frail they no longer pose any danger to society to be eligible for parole so they can move to and receive treatment in a long-term care facility or nursing home.

These reforms emerged out of the House C.A.R.E.S. (Community, Access, Resources, Education, and Safety) Task Force hearings, established by House Speaker Tom Leonard to collect input and develop policy recommendations around mental health and criminal justice challenges in Michigan.

"House Speaker Tom Leonard has shown real leadership in prioritizing the needs of Michigan residents facing mental health challenges," Howrylak said. "The goal must always be safety. We want to ensure that people are more likely to be contributing members of society when they leave the custody of the state than when they enter."

"These measures will expand the ability of law enforcement and our Department of Corrections to better utilize state

resources to address the serious medical and mental health issues many individuals in the justice system face."

Co-chaired by Law and Justice Committee Chair Klint Kesto and Health Policy Committee Chair Hank Vaupel, the C.A.R.E.S. Task Force held five hearings throughout the state during the summer and fall of 2017, listening to citizens and experts, and then released a report earlier this year.

Last week, the House advanced three other measures that emerged from the work of the Task Force, all sponsored by Kesto, to reduce the wait time for those in the criminal justice system awaiting mental health evaluations. Wait times would be reduced from six months or

more to 30 to 45 days and would direct the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to use all available resources to solve the problem, including certifying additional facilities to share the statewide workload.

State Rep. Joseph Graves (R-Dist. 51) voted in favor on both bills.

"I have had the opportunity to tour several of our state's correctional facilities," Graves said. "I have participated in roundtable discussions with medically frail prisoners. These types of prisoners do not pose a threat to the public."

"I have also had discussions with several of the wardens. One of the wardens estimated that the cost for taking care of these types of prisoners costs as much as \$150,000 annually per prisoner. These bills would save taxpayer dollars and shift costs to federally funded Medicaid, which would cover the costs of these prisoners at these facilities."

"It is very important to note that these bills are permissible in that they allow the parole board the option to parole 'medically frail' prisoners. Further, it must be noted that the medical facilities must agree to take these prisoners. The paroled prisoners must follow all of the terms of their parole and they must stay at the facility and cannot leave. Any prisoner who violates any of the terms of their parole would be returned to a correctional facility."

The measures will next be considered by the Senate.

House Bill 4101

Passed by a vote of 94 to 14
Authorize paroling
medically frail prisoners

House Bill 5234

Passed by a vote of 99 to 9
Authorize probation for
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Joe Graves

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SIMPLE MORTGAGE OPENS OFFICE IN FENTON

Simple Mortgage, a leader in residential mortgages, has opened a new production office in Fenton, Michigan and Ron Newton has been hired to lead the local effort. As branch manager, Newton and his team will be responsible for originating mortgages and assisting home buyers and those seeking to refinance in finding the right mortgage for them.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE FIRST TEN amendments to the Constitution are the Bill of Rights. The Bill of Rights protect the public from an oppressive government. Human nature being what it is, we need all of those rights now and for the future.

IF TRUMP WAS a Democrat, he would be the smartest Democrat in existence and not pushing a socialism/communism agenda.

ANOTHER MENTALLY UNSTABLE person shooting up a school. What medications was he taking?

FENTON CITY COUNCIL should consider widening the Torrey Road bridge at South Long Lake Road so they can add a right turn lane on the northbound side and a passing lane on the southbound side.

IF TRUMP WAS a Democrat he would be trying to steal my money instead of trying to give it back to me.



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Controversial Daylight Saving Time celebrates centennial anniversary

By Vera Hogan

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This year marks the 100th time area residents turn their clocks ahead one hour. And many people have been complaining about it ever since.

Daylight Saving Time (DST), which starts its annual eight-month run at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 11, was first enacted by the federal government on March 19, 1918, during World War I, as a way to conserve coal.

Although it was halted nationally later that year, it persisted in some form at local or state levels for decades before being finally being officially recognized again nationally in 1966 by the Uniform Time Act.

While it may be a minor annoyance, DST reminds us of the sun's daily effect on our lives and more importantly, that spring is on the way.

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) is in charge of DST and all time zones in the U.S.

"The oversight of time zones was assigned to DOT because time standards are important for many modes of transportation," according to the department's website.

The DOT says daylight saving is observed because it saves energy, saves lives by preventing traffic accidents and also reduces crime.

The agency claims people tend to spend more time outside during daylight saving time, meaning they run household appliances and lights less during those eight months. Also, the DOT said it prevents traffic incidents because people are driving around more during the light hours. It also is a crime deterrent, DOT claims, because people are out during the daylight and not at night, "when more crime occurs," the agency states.

In 2007, the federal government expanded DST in order to reduce energy consumption. It now accounts for about



65 percent of the year.

Not everyone agrees it offers energy-saving benefits. Some studies claim the time switch saves energy on lighting but is surpassed by usage increases for heating and air-conditioning.

Each state has the final say on daylight saving. Only two of them, Hawaii and Arizona, do not observe the biannual ritual of moving clocks back or forward one hour.

Hawaii and most of Arizona don't take part in DST. Arizona, which receives ample sunlight, opted out in 1968. However, certain Native American reservations in Arizona still participate. Other non-observers are American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Whether or not to observe DST is purely a state matter, so how a state determines that — through law, resolution,

or executive order — is up to them. The state would just need to let the DOT — and the rest of the world — know they no longer observe DST, if that is the decision.

Florida has been trying to become the first state to abolish DST. On Tuesday, March 7, according to CNN, it took the Senate less than a minute to pass the "Sunshine Protection Act." There were only two dissenters. (The House

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Tips to make it through the time change

Daylight Saving Time brings brighter evenings and a reminder that spring and warmer weather are within reach. However, it comes with the potential to wreak havoc on a family's sleep routine. To help families get through this time change adjustment, the following tips and tricks may help ease into the transition and get the best night's sleep possible:

Stay consistent

Develop a nightly routine to help regulate your sleep and wake schedule. Aim to go to bed and wake up around the same time every day, even on weekends. This can help support your body's natural sleep cycle.

Limit nighttime screen time

Unwinding with your favorite TV shows or reading the latest news on your smartphone or tablet can seem like a nice way to ease into falling asleep once the kids are in bed, but it can hinder your sleep if you do it within an hour of bedtime.

Step outside

Use that extra daylight to spend some quality time outside with your family. Research suggests a correlation between exercise and a good night's rest. Challenge your family to be more active and your whole family will be getting more sleep.

Create an environment for sleep

A perfect sleep environment should be dark, quiet and cool so you can fall asleep faster and stay asleep. If you have challenges with any of these factors, invest in some blackout curtains, ear plugs or a fan.

Source: Usatoday.com

HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO THE PERSON in the Hot line that talked about Trump scanning for a new bride. It is very obvious that you have very little intelligence to say or even think such a thing.

TO THE PERSON that wondered why the woman's Olympic hockey team did not take a knee. Well maybe, just maybe, they are more American than you ever will be. Maybe you should move to a country that does not show any respect for itself. Seems like you would fit in perfectly.

WOW, I NORMALLY do not enter Fenton from the south and I had a spectacular view of a sunset and the attractively built Horizon Building. Fenton is a quaint, yet beautiful, community.

MILLENNIALS ACTUALLY UNDERSTAND how to use our phones and save photos properly. If you ask nicely one of us might even teach you how to do this. Also, do you not realize these photos can be printed easily?

WHERE WAS HELLER six years ago when Dick's quit selling scary looking rifles? Dick's is just using the tragedy for its own corporate purposes.

I PURCHASED AN ice cream cone at McDonald's the other day and the worker was holding the bare cone with his bare hands. I wouldn't let my daughter eat the cone. Please wear gloves and practice safe hygiene habits. The health department would have a big issue with you.

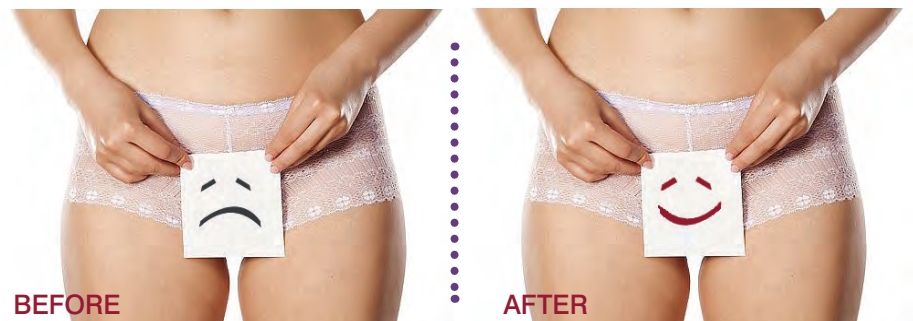
'STUPIDITY IS DOING the same thing, over and over again expecting different results.' Sounds a lot like gun-free zones.

I READ THAT some of the Florida school shooting survivors were protesting arming school personnel. I wonder how the victims would feel about that.

C'MON ROSE TOWNSHIP. This situation with the constable should be the last straw.

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WHAT YOU MISSED
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MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories you may have missed in the **Wednesday, March 7, Midweek Times**. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

2018 Expo re-
flects healthier
economy

Attendance at last weekend's event at Fenton High School was steady with nearly 5,000 guests and 150 exhibitors.



Fenton City won't be broadcast-
ing meetings anytime soon

Council members say PEG (Public Education Grant) fees are better spent giving students the "real world" tools they need to be successful.

Familiar face appointed to
Village Council

Tom McKenney, attorney and former Holly Village Council member, replaces Jim Perkins, who resigned from his position as president last month.

The Laundry's Chef Jody com-
pletes on Food Network

Chef Jody Brunori of The Laundry is one of four chefs competing on Food Network TV's "Guy's Grocery Games." The show is hosted by re-knowned chef Guy Fieri.

A look back at 1968

Part 1 of a four-part series outlining the days before the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on April 4. The series begins with King's trip to Memphis, Tennessee to assist strik-ing black sanitation workers.

News briefs

Victorian Dessert Tea

Durand Union Station, 200 Railroad St. in Durand, will host a Victorian Dessert Tea on Sunday, April 29, from 2 to 4 p.m. Featured speaker, Barbara Kincaid, will present a program with emphasis on early 1900s Victorian and Edwardian era hats, fashion, and tea etiquette. Guests will enjoy afternoon tea and learn how ladies dressed for travel during this time, as well as many other details involved in being a lady of fashion over the years. Tickets are \$18 and available by calling (989) 288-3561 before April 15.

'Break the Chain' documentary

The Zonta Club of Fenton presents "Break the Chain," a free, one-hour documentary that will educate guests on the reality of human trafficking in our community. Donations are appreciated and benefit The Zonta Club of Fenton Foundation. The event is scheduled for Tuesday, March 27 at 6 p.m. at the Fairfield Inn, 3125 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. For reservations, email zontacrazy@gmail.com or call Trish at (810) 730-7755 by March 25.

LOOKING
BACK
at this week in
NATIONAL HISTORY

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

MARCH 11

1997: Paul McCartney, a former member of the The Beatles, was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II for his "services to music." The 54-year-old lad from Liverpool became Sir Paul in a centuries-old ceremony of pomp and solemnity at Buckingham Palace in central London. Fans waited outside in a scene reminiscent of Beatlemania of the 1960s. Crowds screamed as McCartney swept through the gates in his chauffeur-driven limousine and he answered with a thumbs-up.

MARCH 12

1933: Eight days after his inauguration, President Franklin D. Roosevelt gives his first national radio address or "fireside chat," broadcast directly from the White House. Roosevelt began that first address simply: "I want to talk for a few minutes with the people of the United States about banking." He went on to explain his recent decision to close the nation's banks in order to stop a surge in mass withdrawals by panicked investors worried about possible bank failures. The banks would be reopening the next day, Roosevelt said, and he thanked the public for their "fortitude and good temper" during the "banking holiday."

MARCH 13

1781: The German-born English astronomer William Herschel discovers Uranus, the seventh planet from the sun. Herschel's discovery of a new planet was the first to be made in modern times, and the first to be made by use of a telescope, which allowed Herschel to distinguish Uranus as a planet, not a star, as previous astronomers believed.

MARCH 14

1922: John "Jack" Mack, who co-founded what would become one of North America's largest makers of heavy-duty trucks, is killed when his car collides with a trolley in Pennsylvania. After the brothers sold their company to investors in 1911, it continued to flourish, and during World War I, Mack built thousands of trucks for the American and British governments. In 1922, the year Jack Mack died in a car crash, the company was renamed Mack Trucks Inc.

MARCH 15

1968: Construction starts on the north tunnel of the Eisenhower/Johnson Memorial Tunnel on Interstate 70 in Colorado, some 60 miles west of Denver. Located at an altitude of more than 11,000 feet, the project was an engineering marvel and became the world's highest vehicular tunnel when it was completed in 1979. Four months after opening, one million vehicles had passed through the tunnel; today, some 10 million vehicles drive through it each year.

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MARCH 16

1850: Nathaniel Hawthorne's story of adultery and betrayal in colonial America, *The Scarlet Letter*, is published. Hawthorne was born in Salem, Massachusetts, in 1804. Although the infamous Salem witch trials had taken place more than 100 years earlier, the events still hung over the town and made a lasting impression on the young Hawthorne. After attending college, Hawthorne returned to Salem, where he began his career as a writer. Hawthorne married Sophia Peabody in 1842. The two lived in a house called the Old Manse, in Concord, Massachusetts, and socialized with Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thoreau, and Branson Alcott, father of writer Louisa May Alcott.

MARCH 17

1762: In New York City, the first parade honoring the Catholic feast day of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, is held by Irish soldiers serving in the British army. Saint Patrick, who was born in the late 4th century, was one of the most successful Christian missionaries in history. Born in Britain to a Christian family of Roman citizenship, he was taken prisoner at the age of 16 by a group of Irish raiders who attacked his family's estate. They transported him to Ireland, and he spent six years in captivity before escaping back to Britain. Believing he had been called by God to Christianize Ireland, he joined the Catholic Church and studied for 15 years before being consecrated as the church's second missionary to Ireland. Patrick began his mission to Ireland in 432, and by his death in 461, the island was almost entirely Christian.

Source: History.com

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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RIDICULOUS HOT LINES on gun control are submitted because they are all anonymous. No one is saying remove all guns. Would you seriously tell a family who lost a child that people kill people, not guns? Banning assault rifles and high magazine clips will help reduce deaths.

■■■■
A SYMBOL OF what ails this country, CNN and MSNBC where besmirching and denigrating President Trump while Fox News covers America's Reverend Billy Graham's funeral live. Sickening.

■■■■
WITH ALL THE vital issues going on in American, we have a President reverting to cartoons? Mr. Magoo? Really? Lord, give me strength.

■■■■
I HAVE NEVER read, anywhere, where Democrats want to take away your precious guns. I have never heard, anywhere, where liberals want to take away your precious guns. Whoever said that? Must be fake news. Quit spreading fake 'alternative' facts.

■■■■
YOU CAN GET an abortion up until the time of delivery? Never heard of such a thing. How do you come up with this stuff?

■■■■
I AGREE WITH the Hot-liner. We don't need more buildings, we need our roads fixed and other updates, like a new library. When visitors see that they will come back.

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PLEASE FIRE HELLER. The least you could do is put him in Wednesday. I hate seeing him on my otherwise relaxing weekend.

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TURPEN

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- Avid traveler, cook and reader

By Hannah Ball

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Sue Turpen, 74, of Linden, considers her day job as being involved in her community. She is also a mother of two sons and has one grandson. Some of her accomplishments include the Linden Arts Council, which has brought the Patriot Wall, the popular Zombie Walk and Art it Up Up and Away to Linden.

What events are you involved in for Linden?

Three years ago when I moved back to my hometown of Linden, I was able to interest a few people in beginning an arts group. The Linden Arts Council has brought many interesting things to Linden. The Arts Council will for the second year, sponsor a performing arts group from Germany in conjunction with Blue Lakes International Arts Program. I am proud of our many accomplishments in this short time.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Sue Turpen of Linden stays busy with all of her volunteer work in Linden. In addition to being a member of the Linden Arts Council, she actively helped to plan the annual Zombie Walk, Art it Up Up and Away, and other events.

I also, on my return to Linden, felt the town needed a grand Christmas parade, at nighttime. With the able assistance of my sister, Betty Ciesielski, we pounded away and have done just that. We begin our fourth year. It has become huge and brought over 5,000 people to Linden in December.

What do you like about Linden?

It is home. I am part of five generations to have lived in the community. I grew up on a dairy farm on Lahring Road. I am an alumnus of Linden High School's Class of 1961 and a proud Linden Eagle.

What do you do in your free time?

I love to travel. I love to cook and I love spending time with my family.

What's your family like?

I have two wonderful sons, Andy

and Jeremy, living in the Detroit area and a grandson, Jack, who is a happy West Bloomfield High School Laker. We like being together laughing, singing and cooking.

Are you a sports fan? What are your favorite teams?

I'm not much of a sports fan. I watched bits of the Olympics, mostly skiing and skating.

"My advice to young people would be to set aside some of your busy time to help out in your community. Volunteering is unique to this country and makes such a difference."

Sue Turpen

If you could be on the cover of a magazine, which would you pick?

I think if I could be on the cover of a magazine, it would be The Rolling Stone!

Do you like to read? What are you reading right now?

I read a great deal. I am now reading "Midnight at the Bright Ideas Book Store."

Who inspired you as a kid?

The people who have inspired me the most in my life were my mother and father, Russell and Bina Smith. They were hard working, loving people that set such a good example for myself, my sister and so many young people who came and worked on our farm.

What's something on your bucket list you have yet to accomplish?

I love to travel. So, my bucket list contains many parts of the world I have not visited. Right now, at the top is Scandinavia.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

If I were gifted with a superpower, I would hope to use it to cure the ills of our society. There are too many bad things going on.

What advice would you give to young people?

My advice to young people would be to set aside some of your busy time to help out in your community. Volunteering is unique to this country and makes such a difference.

**TYRONE TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SYNOPSIS HELD MARCH 6, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.**

1. Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Clerk Marcella Husted, Treasurer Jennifer Eden, Trustees Soren Pedersen and David Walker. Absent: Trustees Al Pool and Chuck Schultz.
2. Opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. to review and hear comments on the township's proposed 2018-2019 fiscal year budget. Closed the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.
3. Approved the agenda as amended; approved the consent agenda as presented.
4. Received and placed on file Communications 1-6.
5. Adopted Resolution #180301 to establish a policy and fees for sewer REU connection fees under deferral payments.
6. Adopted Resolution #180302 approving the 2018-2019 fiscal year budget by department totals.
7. Approved the Rex-Panfil boundary realignment of parcels 4704-27-300-018 and 4704-27-300-009.
8. Approved the Rex Holdings, LLC land division and shared private driveway of parcel 4704-34-300-001.
9. Adopted Zoning Ordinance #36 amendments eliminating the open space requirements.
10. Authorized the \$400 write off of an uncollectible fire service charge.
11. Approved the Deputy Treasurer's request to attend the 2018 MMTA Institute.
12. Adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

The minutes of all regular and special Tyrone Township Board Meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Tyrone Township Clerk's office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and online at www.tyronetownship.us. The next regular meeting of the Tyrone Township Board will be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

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House Bill 4321: Authorize extra \$160 million for road repairs

To appropriate \$160 million from state general fund revenue to road repairs, and \$15 million for "next generation technologies, hydrogen fueling stations, and demonstration projects related to enhanced transportation services for senior citizens." The bill also appropriates \$7.4 million for other purposes, including \$1 million for MSU sex abuse scandal investigations.

Passed 36 to 0 in the Senate

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

House Bill 4430: Ban agencies from participating in federal metadata collection

To prohibit state agencies, local governments and their employees from assisting or providing material support to a federal agency in collecting electronic data or metadata concerning any person, except with a warrant (with some legally recognized exceptions), or with an individual's informed consent, or if the information had been collected legally by a state or local agency.

Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ YES

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

Marijuana law transport regulations

To repeal a law that bans transporting medical marijuana in a vehicle unless it is enclosed in a case or is in the vehicle's trunk and is inaccessible from inside the vehicle. The citizen-initiated law that legalized medical marijuana is silent on transporting it, and a recent court ruling held that a person authorized to use medical marijuana cannot be prosecuted under a different law for transporting it. A motion to reconsider the vote was adopted so it may come up again.

Failed 16 to 19 in the Senate

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

House Bill 4535: Give 30 days "grace" to affix license plate tab

To authorize a 30-day "grace" period between the time a person pays the vehicle registration tax and when they actually affix the license plate or tab to the vehicle.

Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

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

House Bill 5438: Define withholding drugs as human trafficking coercion

To expand the definition of coercion in a law addressing human trafficking, so it includes "controlling or facilitating access to controlled substances for no legitimate medical purpose."

Passed 108 to 1 in the House

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

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Fighting over Fido

■ Pets are property when it comes to custody battle

By Vera Hogan

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"You can have the house, the car and the furniture. I want the cabin up north and the dog."

"No, I want the house, the car, the furniture and the dog. You can have the crummy cabin up north."

And so the fight begins.

In Michigan, about 62 percent of all married couples own a pet together. Although the law regards pets as personal property, very often the couple that owns the dog or cat has a different view of the pet. If they both love the animal, especially if they have no children or other pets, the question of who gets custody can be every bit as controversial as it can with children.

Incidentally, about 88 percent of pet custody cases are over dogs, and around 5 percent are over cats. The American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers has also reported pet custody cases involving more exotic pets including parrots, turtles, snakes, iguanas, and more.

In the meantime, the courts have no laws to guide them when it comes to pets. According to Michigan family courts, "pet custody" means nothing. Under the law, arranging a custody plan for a pet would be the same as arranging a custody plan for a TV. Pets are property, and property is divided exactly one time, with one spouse getting ownership.

There have been some exceptions made recently, however. One of those exceptions would be where the dog ends up if past mistreatment was an issue.

Going through a divorce can be one of the most stressful times in life. The number of divorce cases where the question of who gets the family pet is growing significantly each year. Divorcing couples often see their pet as another member of the family and wouldn't dream of leaving them behind. They are emotionally attached and will fight tooth and nail for their pets.

According to michigandivorcehelp.wordpress.org, it's better for everyone



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involved if couples find out in advance what the judge ruling over your divorce thinks of the pet custody idea, and if they intend to follow the law strictly. Have one person keep the pet, and the other commit to a new one. No matter how much you love them, pets are not children, and while they might miss you when you're gone, they won't suffer the way a child would.

Who gets the pet in a Michigan divorce?

There's no cut and dry answer to that question because every case is different. Again, pets are considered property and property ownership will be decided by a judge. In order to do that where a pet is concerned, a judge may take several things into consideration.

For example:

- Who spends the **most time** with the pet?
- Are there **children** in the home who may be attached to the pet?
- Who is most **responsible** for taking care of the pet's needs?
- Was the pet **acquired** before or during the marriage?
- Who can **financially care** for the pet on their own?

In other cases, a judge may not deal with pet custody issues at all and advise the divorcing couple to work it out on their own.

Sources: gucciardofamilylaw.com; michigandivorcehelp.wordpress.com



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ALLY BRUEGER

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Nikki and Franz Brueger's daughter, Alexandra "Ally" Brueger, 31, was gunned down the afternoon of July 30, 2016 while jogging on Fish Lake Road in Rose Township. Her killer remains at large. Her case has attracted the attention of Hansen, a veteran TV journalist.

Nikki's initial reaction came after a revelation during the program by her daughter's self-proclaimed boyfriend, Weston "Wes" Sutherland.

"I was shocked and sickened by the disclosure that Wes failed the second polygraph," Nikki said. "I am appalled to think, if he is the one, that the last thing Ally saw on this earth was Wes pointing a shotgun at her."

Nikki said, the Heather Catallo Channel 7 interview seemed more balanced than the Chris Hansen Crime Watch Daily segment.

At one point during the segment, it was revealed that for a brief time, a possible serial killer was considered as two other joggers from out of state were killed a short time after Ally.

"It seemed a waste of tape to even introduce the cases of the out-of-state joggers, especially since these cases have been solved and are unrelated," Nikki said. "Other than maybe bringing attention to the violence and sexual harassment perpetrated on female runners and walkers."

Nikki disputes Sutherland's claims about marriage.

"At the time of her murder, she was just friends with Wes and his fabrications of marriage need to end," Nikki said. "The idea that Ally would have agreed to an engagement in December of 2016 is preposterous. And then to wait until Wes was accepted into a nursing program, successfully completing a two-year curriculum, passing the state exam and finally get a nursing position before getting married is absurd."



(Above left) Weston "Wes" Sutherland, the self-proclaimed boyfriend of Ally Brueger (right) is interviewed by veteran TV journalist Chris Hansen for a Crime Watch Daily episode regarding Brueger's murder.

"At the time of her murder, Ally was planning an August 2016 trip to Florida to visit a guy she had casually dated several years ago," Nikki said. "I have a pile of clothes she purchased for that trip with the tags still attached."

Nikki also took exception to how her husband was portrayed by Sutherland.

"Ally would be very disappointed with Wes's portrayal of her dad after only meeting

us once on Christmas Day in 2015," she said.

Brynn (Hempton) Styles, 32, of Louisville, Kentucky, was a good friend of Ally's in school. "Our friendship started in ninth grade at Holly High School and we stayed friends," she said.

"We were closer in high school. We'd have sleepovers. Sometimes we went to her house and other times she would come to mine," Styles said. "In the times we went to her house I really respected



her parents and was jealous of Ally's relationship with them. If there was anything negative she would have told me.

"The first time I was at her house I could see that she was really close to Nikki," Styles said. "It was the first time I met both of her parents. Franz was sitting in his chair watching TV. He wasn't talking. When we went to Ally's room, I asked her 'what's up with your dad?' She said he is just quiet — and he's German. She didn't say it in a negative way."

"I wondered what does being German have to do with it," Brynn said. "Then I remembered my grandfather was like that, too, and I finally got it. Yeah, he's German. They are people of very few words. When Ally told me that her dad fought in Vietnam, that explained even more why he was a serious person."

"Ally said he was a great dad and took her to Germany for vacation, just her and him," Styles said. "That's the coolest thing. I was really jealous of her

relationship with her parents.

"So when I watched Crime Watch Daily, I was shocked," she said.

"I knew she (Ally) loved her dad. I knew that because of the stuff we talked about. If anything would have happened that was not good, she would have told me. She said what was on her mind, she didn't hold back."

The Times gave Wes Sutherland an opportunity to share his thoughts on the Crime Watch Daily episode. He did not, however, respond to the request.

MICHIGAN STATE POLICE STILL SEEKING INFORMATION

According to a press release issued Wednesday, March 7, a profile of the murder of 31-year-old Alexandra Brueger was shown on Crime Watch Daily as well as WXYZ and other ABC affiliates around Michigan.

"We are seeking the public's assistance to help us solve this crime. This incident occurred on Saturday, July 30, 2016 at approximately 2 p.m., near 11240 Fish Lake Rd. in Rose Township. As we saw from the broadcast, she was loved by family and many friends, and is greatly missed by all those who knew her."

"While we have received a great deal of initial support from the public, we are continuing to request assistance in this investigation. We are asking for information related to the person responsible for this incident or those who might have knowledge of the individual responsible for this tragic incident. Information about suspicious persons or unusual vehicles around Fish Lake Road could be extremely important."

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SMARTPHONES

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to them completing the task at hand... They have rarely had a negative impact on student learning."

Throughout the districts and buildings, smartphones are everywhere, and allowed depending on the district, school and individual teacher policies. Overall, they tend to be useful teaching aids where allowed.

In all local districts, phone use is allowed in hallways and during lunchtime.

Holly High School

The cellphone policy at Holly Area Schools is under the umbrella of the overall school internet policy. "Many will connect their phones, so the policy includes the phone if they choose to connect, but we do not have a district policy on phones," said Principal Pete LoFiego. The phone policy is handled on a per-building basis.

During free time, listening to music and texting are allowed. Outgoing calls have to come from the main office.

Phones are not allowed to be out in the classroom, unless the device is being used for an educational purpose only, per their teachers.

LoFiego said the policy on phones at the high school has evolved in the past few years, from outright prohibition, to allowing the devices for educational purposes.

In Lombard's class, he sends notes and electronic documents to students as they work in class, and he prints hard copies if they don't have a smartphone.

Lombard said he redirects students when they are misusing their phone, and has never had to take a phone away.

Lake Fenton High School

Historically, Lake Fenton High School had a "bring your own device" (BYOD) policy. "It meant that students could bring a device from home to use in the classroom to enhance the learning experience," said LFHS Principal Chris Belcher. "Teachers regulate cellphones like they always have. If the phone is a distraction in any way, it is in violation of policy."

He said the next step is that the phone is confiscated and turned into the front office, with possible disciplinary action.

However, Belcher said that most students use the school-provided Chromebooks instead, and using smartphones in the classroom is increasingly uncommon.

The phones come out during lunch and in the hallways between classes.

Over the years, Belcher said phones were once prohibited, and then gradually allowed for educational purposes. As he mentioned, other devices such as net books are replacing smartphones.

Linden High School

Linden Community Schools, like other districts, has a board-adopted policy regarding the use of phones and electronic devices. "Our handbook also allows for individual classrooms and/or teachers the ability to dictate the usage of student electronic devices based upon daily lessons," said Darin Dreasky, Linden High School principal.

Smartphone use depends on the class-

room and the lesson. "Students may be allowed to use their devices in conjunction with the curricular activity," Dreasky said.

Like other districts, Linden's policy has developed over time, and has shifted from "off and out of sight," to a "responsible use" policy outside the classroom.

Fenton AGS Middle School

Fenton Area Public Schools (FAPS) also uses a district-wide policy, adopted since 2011. Phones and devices are allowed in the classroom, but must be powered off unless allowed by the teacher, said Eric Rettenmund, Andrew G. Schmidt principal. While his students are between 11 and 13 years old, most have smartphones and nearly all have some sort of electronic device.

"No policy is perfect, for the most part students are pretty responsible," he said. Phones are absolutely not allowed to be out in restrooms or the locker room. They are allowed in the cafeteria and hallways.

"They're so much a part of our culture that somehow we can hopefully take advantage of what they have to offer but also be very cognizant of using them in an appropriate way."

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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POTHOLES

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He said it's pothole season all year — but the spring is the worst of it, and the recent heavy rain, followed by heavy snow will probably make it worse.

During colder months, his crews will place cold patch material over potholes.

"Unfortunately, the weather yesterday and today is causing us to plow the streets, which pulls the patch material out of some of the holes," he said on Thursday, March 8. "Friday and next week we will be back to patching potholes."

Cold patch materials never really solidify, and can be used during the winter months when there are no asphalt plants running.

He said they'll spend \$13,000 each year on these materials, and have two workers patching roads each day. In the summer months, he'll have crews using hot patch material, which lasts longer.

To date for the current winter, the Fen-

ton DPW has spent \$9,500 on cold patch material for potholes and approximately \$13,000 on labor and equipment, for \$22,500 in total, just on potholes.

Czarnecki said motorists can slow the development of potholes by avoiding them, if at all possible.

How do they form?

With the weather cooling and thawing, potholes develop faster than road commissions and local DPWs can keep up with them.

They form when water seeps through cracks in the pavement. It softens the road bases, collects, and freezes. When it freezes, it expands, forcing the pavement upward. Vehicles drive on the pavement, causing further stress.

When it gets warmer out, the ice under the pavement melts, and evaporates, leaving a hole underneath the pavement. Vehicles drive over the weakened pavement, making the hole bigger.

“They pop up worse than dandelions in a nice green lawn in the summertime.”

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Tips for dealing with potholes from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)

Be vigilant — extra vigilant

It's best to avoid hitting potholes whenever possible. That's easier to do if you're driving cautiously, and not tailgating, so you have more time to see and react to any potholes you're approaching.

Potholes aren't always obvious in the daylight; they're even harder to spot in the dark. Make sure your headlights are working and your windshield is clear.

Be extra cautious around puddles — they could be potholes filled with water. Since water is a critical component to forming potholes, that puddle may be at work creating one as you drive through it.

Keep a firm grip on your steering wheel as potholes can cause your vehicle to change direction suddenly. Don't swerve into an occupied lane.

Vehicle maintenance helps

Here are some things you can do to keep damage to a minimum.

- Make sure your tires are properly inflated. Over- or under-inflated tires fare worse when they tangle with a pothole. Tires showing excessive wear or bulges in the sidewalls won't hold up as well to potholes, either.
- Have your vehicle's suspension and steering components checked out by a qualified mechanic. Steering that is in good condition and responsive can help you avoid hitting potholes. Remember that shocks, struts and springs in good shape help cushion the blow.

There's a technique to this

There are often two schools of thought on driving through potholes: speeding up to "jump" over them and jamming the brakes hard to hit them as slowly as possible. Both might work occasionally but the best way is somewhere in between.

If you see a pothole ahead and can't safely steer to avoid it, it's best to slow down, then release the brakes before you hit the pothole. This helps to reduce the speed at impact as well



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It's the season for potholes. Motorists are advised to try their best to avoid them to prevent damage to their vehicle. To report a pothole, call the local public works department, county road commission or Michigan Department of Transportation.

as give your suspension the full range of travel to absorb the impact. If you can't avoid the pothole, straighten your wheel to hit it squarely and roll through. Hitting a pothole at an angle can transfer the energy of impact in ways more likely to damage your vehicle.

You hit one. Now what?

Tire and wheel damage are common in pothole hits. Look them over for obvious damage. Is your car now pulling one way or the other? You may need to get your steering realigned. Is your vehicle now "bottoming out" or bouncing? That could be damaged suspension. You probably should get

your vehicle checked out and repaired, if necessary.

Help us take care of it

Whether you hit a pothole or you missed it, you can save your fellow motorists the headache and costs of repairs by reporting it. If it's on a city street or county road, report it to your city public works department or county road commission. If it's on state trunkline (I, M or U.S. route), submit it to MDOT's Report a Pothole webpage or call it in to the Pothole Hotline at 888-296-4546.

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CHEF'S

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"I would not change the dish I made. I would have used more of the tofu to have made it stand out more," she said. "It's all about the game."

Brunori said she enjoyed getting to know winning Chef Brad, calling him a "great guy." Along with being a chef, Leighninger is also a professional competitor, she added.

She watched the show at home, by herself, she added, with a laugh. All contestants sign agreements not to reveal each show's results until it is broadcast, so she already knew how it would end.

I would totally be in another Food Network competition," she said Thursday. "I had a blast!"

News briefs

Volunteers sought for cleanup day

Residents are invited to join members of Linden City Council and the Linden Beautification Committee to clean up the Linden community. Volunteers will be working outside, so dress for the weather and bring your own yard and garden tools (rakes, clippers, gloves, etc.). Follow the event on Facebook @Linden.MI to R.S.V.P. or visit www.lindenmi.us to keep up to date on this event. Cleanup day is Saturday, April 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Eagles Wooden Park. Anyone with questions should contact Brenda Simons at bsimons@lindenmi.us.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Dean Smith, 14, (left) who is on the autism spectrum, is kept on track by his LINK classmate Cooper Hnilica (right), also 14, during gym class at Lake Fenton Middle School on Thursday, March 8.

PROGRAM
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To be a LINK volunteer, a student has to have good attendance and behavior records. Being strong in academics is not a requirement.

Dean spends 50 percent of his day in general education classes with his peers and 50 percent in special education classes. He is one of the 40 students out of 500 at Lake Fenton Middle School utilizes an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), placing them in special education classes for at least part of their school day.

SUMMARY

■ This is the first year of the new LINK program at Lake Fenton Middle School, which pairs student volunteers with a “buddy” who needs help with positive social interaction.

“We took kids we thought needed the most positive social interaction,” said special education teacher Sherri Garty. “What I have noticed is that my students feel more comfortable now approaching other kids. It helps them with their comfort

level in social situations.”

Ferguson added that having autism is not a requirement to receiving a LINK buddy. “It would need to be the shared opinion of the family, caseload teacher, general education teacher and administration that a student would benefit by having a LINK buddy for social peer modeling and support.”

The benefits have been huge for students like Dean, and others with similar challenges.

“We’ve seen so much growth with our son this year and feel the LINK program has a lot to do with it,” said Dean’s mother,

Lori Smith. “He’s much more social at school and with neighbors at home. He looks forward to going to school and is making friends.”

Ferguson sees that the benefits of the LINK program go far beyond the seven kids who are now actively participating during this trimester.

“It’s about the social and emotional well-being of our students,” Ferguson said. “The LINK is not their academic tutor, but their social advocate. The program has had a positive impact on our entire student population. Our LINK program is a key part of our character education. We want all of our students to move far past tolerance of each other toward true acceptance of one another.”

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Winners of this year's Individual War of Words (WOW) are (from left) Abigail Baran, Jacob Barta, Matthew Kuzner and Isabelle Scherbovich.

Debate league holds its annual competition

■ Awards \$2,000 total in educational scholarships to four winners

By Sharon Stone

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The Fenton Rotary Club recently hosted its annual Individual War of Words, known as WOW, at Lake Fenton High School auditorium.

The program included 14 debaters from five local schools in grades four through eight.

Fenton Rotary has been hosting this event since 2014, awarding trophies and \$2,000 of educational scholarships an-

nually to the winners. Participants also received certificates of participation and medals for their five months of debate participation.

The debate season began in October and debates were held monthly at John's Pizzeria until the final at Lake Fenton High School. The 14 students participated with hopes of winning one of the four scholarships.

Fenton Rotary is proud of the graduates of the program who have gone on to debate at the college level, such as University of Michigan, Yale, Hillsdale and West Point. Students in the program meet weekly during the season with their coaches.

This year's winners are:

First place: Jacob Barta, St. Patrick's in Brighton

Second place: Matthew Kuzner, St. Patrick's in Brighton

Third place: Isabella Scherbovich, Lake Fenton Middle School

Fourth place: Abigail Baran, St. John School in Fenton

The debate league dates back to 2006 when debate organizer Tony Brown, a former Fenton Township trustee and Bob Krug, Fenton Township clerk, organized the Tri-County League of Debate.

Police&Fire report

LINDEN POLICE ARREST PROWLER WITH METH

On Feb. 22 at 3:15 a.m., a Linden police officer observed a local 44-year-old man in the 400 block of West Broad Street in Linden walking on various businesses' properties carrying a flashlight. The man walked behind one the businesses and was detained by the police officer for prowling. Upon further investigation, the officer found what is believed to be methamphetamines on the suspect. The suspect was arrested and lodged in the Flint City Jail for possession of methamphetamines and prowling.

HOLLY MAN ARRESTED, TURNED OVER TO LIVINGSTON COUNTY

At 9:13 a.m. on Friday, March 2, a Holly police officer observed a suspicious vehicle parked in the rear lot of Holly Foods. The vehicle, a black Buick Rendezvous with dark tinted windows, was parked with the back to the building wall. Pillows stuffed between the two front seats prevented police from viewing the back seat. The officer recognized the vehicle and believed the owner had outstanding warrants. A computer check confirmed the owner, a 21-year-old Holly man, had an outstanding warrant from Livingston County. Police noticed movement inside the vehicle and ordered the person to exit. The person ignored the officer's order and the officer used his lockout tool to unlock the door. Police eventually removed the person, identified as the owner, from the vehicle, arrested him on the outstanding warrant and turned him over to Livingston County. Drug paraphernalia found during a inventory search was destroyed and the vehicle was impounded.

WATSON

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The discovery phase of Watson's case has just ended, and all the evidence has been shared between Robinson and Zelle.

On March 22, Robinson will begin defending Watson against seven different charges on his preliminary exam date, and witnesses can be called from either side. "We will present all of our witnesses at the appropriate time," Robinson said.

Watson was arraigned in December 2017 on multiple charges, including being in possession of child sexually abusive material, criminal sexual conduct with an individual under 13 years of age and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The charges, according to the Genesee County 67th District Court, date back to an alleged offense on Jan. 1, 2013.

Recently, Watson was found competent to stand trial by a forensic exam, which was ordered by his first attorney Donald Shaw, who was appointed by the courts.

Robinson was recently retained to defend Watson, and specializes in criminal defense. "We're looking forward to the opportunity



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Hearings for Derek Timothy Watson, 62, will begin with a preliminary exam on March 22. A criminal defense attorney was retained to fight the seven felony counts against him.

to fight these allegations," he said.

Bail for Watson has previously been denied and he remains in the Genesee County Jail.

Presiding over the hearings will be 67th District Court Judge William Crawford.

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in November 2017 to make way for a new two-building development, "Owen Shoppes," according to plans by CMP Real Estate Group, which is marketing the site.

D & V Excavating handled the demolition of the old buildings and is preparing the site. Mark Comby is superintendent for Seerco Construction, which is overseeing the project.

Comby said work restarted about two weeks ago. Weather is the biggest factor with making progress, and his contractors could use some dry days to stop the soil from becoming a mess. "Now Mother Nature has to let us get at it," he said. "Overall, we're struggling with it being a little too early... when we're able to work, we're out here working."

Aside from the old buildings coming down, sewer tie-ins have been added, along with some water main pipes and a grease interceptor for a restaurant. These are important for stopping grease before it hits the sewer system.

With heavy snow hitting the area, he can only hope for tie-ins, grease interceptors and installation of water mains.

Also delaying progress is undocumented underground utilities the crews have to discover and then deal with, such as a large underground water casing.

So far, the site is set to include a Starbucks with drive-through window, and a Pizza Hut. "A Qdoba has been mentioned but not confirmed," said Mike Reilly, city of Fenton building and zoning administrator.

Comby thinks that the third business may be a Jersey Mike's Subs shop, but he also can't confirm this.

Nearby are two more restaurant sites ready for development — the former Bob

Evans and Ruby Tuesday buildings.

There are no official plans for either building, but Reilly said the former Bob Evans could become an "American Cuisine" restaurant. There also is a sign on the Ruby Tuesday building indicating a Big Boy will be going in.

Owen Shoppes background

According to the online marketing brochure, Pizza Hut will return as part of a five-unit 10,029-square-foot building along with a new Starbucks.

The brochure illustrates two proposed buildings — Building 'A,' which houses these two businesses, and building 'B,' a smaller 8,343-square-foot building.

In addition to parking surrounding the buildings, a 32-space parking lot is also proposed for east of the buildings and behind the existing Sunoco gas station.

The spaces are expected to be available for tenants by summer 2018.

“Overall, we’re struggling with it being a little too early... when we’re able to work, we’re out here working”

Mark Comby

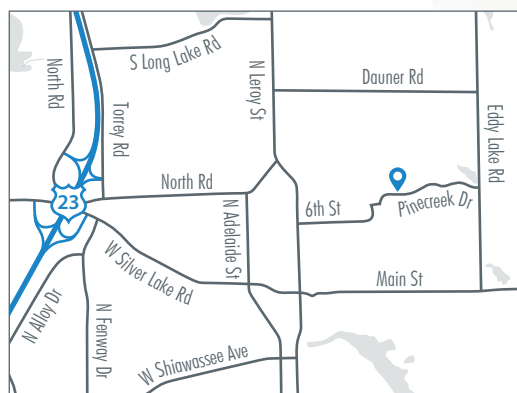
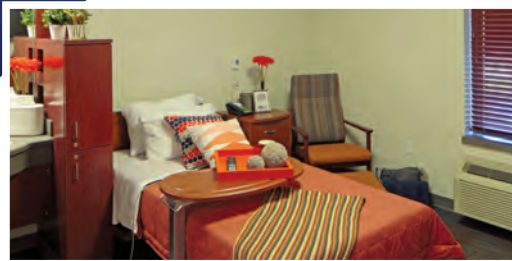
Owen Shoppes project site superintendent



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Workers with D & V Excavating prepare water main pipes for placement on Wednesday, March 7. The site will include restaurants and new parking, and should be ready for tenants this summer.

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■■■■ **THANK YOU TO** the person or persons who paid for my breakfast last Friday at Leo's, what a surprise. I will definitely pay it forward.

■■■■ **OBAMA SUPPORTERS, WHAT** would you do if he was a Republican?

■■■■ **TO THE PEOPLE** that cut off the funeral procession on Owen Road on Thursday afternoon and then flipped off the mourners, shame on you. It's sad that we have such ignorant and cold-hearted people in our little town.

■■■■ **PLEASE TELL ME** how long Fenton High School will be allowed to build on their brush trash pile on the southwest corner of the school property? And, if a 'school project' is mentioned — not buying it. If so, why not behind the tree line? It's a major eyesore.

Linden's Haran making her professional soccer dreams come true

■ Wake Forest graduate trying out with Seattle Reign

By David Troppens

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Ally Haran was waiting by her phone. Ever since she started playing college soccer, she thought the possibility of playing the sport professionally was possible.

But on Jan. 18, the ringing of her phone finally made her dream come true.

"As the draft was happening, Seattle

made a trade and the coach called and asked me 'Are you watching? It's our turn (to pick). Would you like to play for the Reign?' I told them I'd love to come to Seattle. They said 'That's all we needed to hear' and then they made the pick right after the time out."

With that draft selection, the Linden resident and Powers Catholic graduate became a professional soccer player for the National Women's Soccer League's Seattle Reign.

Haran is currently in training camp with

the Reign, a team that includes players like Megan Rapinoe and Allie Long. The squad had its first friendly game on Thursday against the University of Washington. They face UCLA on Tuesday before opening the regular season against the Washington Spirit on March 24.

"It's been going well. I'm happy with everything," Haran said, about a week ago. "It's still a tryout and I don't have a contract, but I'm hoping to put something together."

Haran is a defender and will play on defense for the Reign. It's the position she's played her entire career. She played three years at Flint Powers, helping the Chargers to a 42-2-2 record during her first two seasons. The Chargers were state champions in 2011 and finalists in 2012. She was an All-State Second-Team selection in 2011 and named to the Michigan Dream Team in 2012. She was one of the top 150 recruits out of her senior class according

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Bronchos season ends in district semis vs. Oxford

By Dale M. Smith

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Clarkston — It has been said that sometimes bad things come in threes. Well, that certainly was the case for the Holly boys' basketball team Wednesday night in Clarkston as former Flint Metro League rival Oxford hit 11 three-pointers on its way to a dominating win over Holly, 55-25.

Holly struggled to score in the district opener against Brandon on Monday but was able to prevail on a last second three from sophomore Hunter Jackson. In this one, the Oxford Wildcats hit two threes in the first couple minutes of the game and had five of them with still 2:11 to play in the first quarter as the Wildcats moved out to an early 15-8 lead in the quarter.



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MARK BOLEN

Holly's Isaiah Franklin was hurt during the Bronchos' loss against Oxford.

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Blue Devils advance to district title game

By David Troppens

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Flint — On Jan. 26, the Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team lost a 57-26 verdict against traditional state power Beecher.

The loss wasn't unexpected. After all, Beecher is a state power, and the Blue Devils entered this season realizing this was going to be a rebuilding job. Most of the players that made last year's state quarterfinal run possible were gone and first-year coach Brian McInerney was in the process of teaching his system to a squad that didn't have a tremendous amount of varsity experience. At the time, the Blue Devils had a

1-9 record.

But that was the last game of January. And with the start of February, it seems the Blue Devils have been a different team. Since the start of February, Lake Fenton has gone 6-5 and looks like an unselfish and confident squad.

And now, for the fourth straight season, the Blue Devils find themselves in a Class B district championship game. That's because Lake Fenton (7-14) dominated Lakeville from the start of their district semifinal contest at Powers Catholic High School on Wednesday night, and cruised to a 54-31 vic-

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPENS

Lake Fenton's Cody Schramm scored 14 points in the Blue Devils' 54-31 Class B district semifinal victory against Lakeville on Wednesday.

Fenton's Gilbert starting to make his mark at Oakland

By David Troppens

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Chris Gilbert knew there was a chance he may play a little bit at the end of the season.

But the Fenton graduate never knew when that time

may happen.

And during the final regular season game of Oakland University's men's basketball season, that time came.

Oakland University men's basketball coach

JOSE JUAREZ/OAKLAND UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS

Fenton resident and Oakland University redshirt freshman Chris Gilbert attempts a shot during a recent contest.



Greg Kampe subbed Gilbert, a redshirt freshman, with 15:40 left in a contest against The University of Milwaukee, and he never left the court the rest of the game. Gilbert made his first shot of the game (a three-pointer with 12:13 left) and became a spark plug in the Grizzlies' 72-70 victory.

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Some thoughts about sports and others not dealing with sports at all



LAST WEEKEND WAS A GREAT ONE FOR PROFESSIONAL GOLF

I'm a night owl so quite frequently during the weekends I find myself watching the tape-delayed broadcasts on the Golf Channel.

Well, last weekend was a fun one when we got to see Phil Mickelson and Michelle Wie end long winless droughts during their careers. I'm not the biggest Phil Mickelson fan, but there's something entertaining about watching a guy only a couple of years away from the senior tour, performing as well as he usually does on the PGA Tour. I felt pretty good for him when he got his win at the WGC-Mexico Championship.

Meanwhile, I've always been a Wie fan ever since she was a teen trying to compete with the men on the PGA Tour. Of course, she probably hasn't won as much as was expected when she received all the hype while playing with the men, and many people love to criticize Wie for it. She's also a favorite target of people suggesting she's been a bust. Injuries have been a big reason for her struggles.

I look at it differently. I was impressed when she tried to compete with the men, and I've pretty much remained a fan since those days. Whenever I see Wie's name on a leaderboard, it's pretty much must-watch TV for me. That was the case last weekend at the HSBC Women's World Championship in Thailand. I'd be lying if I said I didn't jump up and cheer (during the 'wie' hours of the morning) when she nailed that putt from off the green on the 18th, locking up her first victory since 2014.

Those two tour events were two of the best things that could've happened for professional golf. There's only one thing that could surpass it — if Tiger Woods won another tournament. Don't be shocked if that happens soon.

BLUE DEVILS

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tory. The victory means the Blue Devils played Powers Catholic in the title game on Friday. Results can be found at tctimes.com.

"It's been nice to see our progress, and how our hard work has been paying off," Lake Fenton senior Matt Tomczyk said. "I like how everyone has evolved through the season. We are coming together as a team. We are playing more together as a team. We are starting to get better looks, and we are taking better care of the ball. We are keeping our eyes open, looking for good looks. We are playing better."

McInerney has seen the progress as well.

"It feels good, we are getting a good payoff," McInerney said. "I credit the kids. They struggled at the start of the year, but they stuck with the

program. They really believed what was being taught, and it's starting to come to fruition. We had a great February. ... The whole thing for me was just finding their roles and executing."

The Blue Devils entered its contest with Lakeville as the favorites, and it showed through their play the entire contest. Lake Fenton shot a comfortable 19-for-45 from the field and also made 22 trips to the charity stripe, netting 14 of them. The scoring was balanced with nine players scoring at least a bucket.

The defense also was strong. Lakeville managed to hit just 12-of-39 shots from the field and had a hard time drawing contact, getting to the line for just four shots. The Falcons also turned the ball over 23 times.



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Lake Fenton's Ethan Dunckel (right) scored six points in the Blue Devils' 54-31 Class B district semifinal victory against Lakeville.

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HARAN

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to Top Drawer Soccer, and she ended up playing at Division 1 Wake Forest.

While at Wake Forest, Haran played in 67 games, scoring four goals and recording three assists during her career. She started every single game during her final two seasons with the Demon Deacons. During her senior season, she led the team with 1,939 minutes played and anchored a defen-

sive unit that recorded 11 shutouts. The defense allowed a program-low average of 0.73 goals a game.

Wake Forest finished the fall (Haran's senior season) with an 11-6-4 record overall, earning a spot in the NCAA tournament. The squad held Georgetown scoreless in their tournament opener, and advanced on penalty kicks. The squad's season ended during a 2-0 loss against Penn State.

"It's total cliché, but I loved the

team aspect of college soccer," Haran said.

"I loved going to practice, being with the girls, seeing them in classes and being with them during the weekends and at night. We were a family. I'm definitely going to miss them. I already do and it's only been a month."

But now, Haran will be able to make a new family with the Reign.

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GILBERT

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With his success, Gilbert also played significant minutes in Oakland University's two Horizon League tournament contests. He had four assists in 20 minutes of play in Oakland University's 62-55 victory against Indiana University Purdue University Institute (IUPUI), and then played 15 minutes in the team's final game, a 44-43 loss to Cleveland State on Monday.

Gilbert said he was warned he may end up playing some minutes late in the season.

"It was during the last couple of games they said I may get in there so I needed to be ready," Gilbert said.

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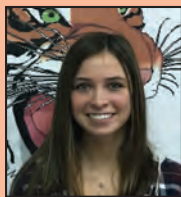
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- COFFEE
- CHECK ENGINE LIGHT SCAN
- ① BRAKE INSPECTIONS
- KID'S PLAY AREA



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