

Help is not that FARR away

■ ‘We live in Fenton, we don’t have people in need. That’s a myth.’

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Do you know anyone who has ever struggled to make a rent payment on time or pay a utility

bill during a difficult time in their lives?

If so, you’ll be glad to know there’s help available through the Fenton Area Resource and Referral Network, Inc. (FARR).

“‘We live in Fenton, we don’t have people in need.’ That’s a myth,” said Executive Director
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Fenton Area Resource and Referral Network, Inc. (FARR) is one of the sponsors of the annual Stuff the Bus campaign, which collects food to be used in holiday baskets that are distributed to local residents facing hardships.

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It’s a whole new world at animal control

■ GCAC now a ‘no-kill’ facility

By Tim Jagielo

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Flint — The incinerator inside the Genesee County Animal Control Shelter (GCAC) responsible for cremating the remains of countless dogs and cats was demolished by Burnash Wrecking starting on March 7.

The facility recently became a “no-kill” animal shelter. The removal of the incinerator is the first step in the \$8 million improvement project.

The colossal machine situated beyond the guest and visitor area was broken by jack hammers, cut apart by a torch, and carried out piece by piece.

Employees watched and took photos, including Amy Warner who is a volunteer/events/rescue coordinator. “This is amazing that it’s coming out of here,” she said. “I think most of us are going to be speechless about it ... it’s a whole new time at animal control.”

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The Genesee County Animal Control shelter in Flint contracted Burnash Wrecking to remove the 40-ton incinerator, which was used to cremate the remains of dogs and cats. Recently, the shelter became a “no-kill” facility. (From left) Matt Worley chisels away brick and insulation from the door, Trulin Kellar shovels the chunks for removal and Joseph Hall stands by before going back inside the incinerator to remove more bricks.

It’s time for March Madness!

■ Sports editor looks at history of bracketology

By David Troppens

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During the first four months of the men’s college basketball season, it seems like no one cares about it. I can’t remember having one detailed conversation about the season all winter long, and I’m a sports editor.

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Michigan State’s Miles Bridges (left) and Cassius Winston celebrate a recent win. The Spartans begin NCAA tournament play at Little Caesars Arena against Bucknell on Friday.

Local high schools to hold events to honor Florida shooting victims

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Local high schools will join with more than 2,000 schools across the country in demonstrating support for school shooting victims, and the need for change.

According to ABC News, the “ENOUGH National School Walk Out” event is set for
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“Doesn’t surprise me at all that the police chiefs are not in favor of people protecting themselves. After all, they carry their weapons 24/7. What do they have to worry about?”



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“Does President Trump really think that the American public believes he would run into a building that has an active shooter, even if he were unarmed?”

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Celebrating Irish patron saint, legend and lore

■ St. Patrick's Day is a time to eat, drink, be merry — and pray

By Vera Hogan

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How did St. Patrick's Day become a "drinking holiday?" One explanation is that when staying at an inn, St. Patrick was given a cup of whiskey that was considerably less than full. He used this as an opportunity to teach "generosity." He told the innkeeper there was a devil living in his cellar with the whiskey that caused him to become greedy and cheat people of their drink.

The only way the innkeeper could get rid of the devil, and redeem himself, was to fill each cup until it was overflowing. When St. Patrick returned he had found the innkeeper learned generosity and filled each cup up full. Patrick declared the devil banished, and it became custom to drink a "full measure" to mark the occasion.

A bunch of blarney? Maybe.

In modern-day Ireland, St. Patrick's Day was seen as a religious occasion. Many Catholics would attend Mass. Until the 1970s, pubs were closed on March 17.

In 1995, the Irish government used global interest in St. Patrick's Day to drive tourism and the St. Patrick's Festival in Dublin was born complete with booze, parades, concerts, and fireworks.

On Saturday, March 17, everyone gets to be Irish for a day and celebrate by wearing green, eating traditional Irish food and perhaps imbibe in some adult Irish beverages before singing and dancing the night away.

The tri-county area is rich in Irish heritage, legend, culture and traditions.

The Irish are among the original settlers of Tyrone and Deerfield townships in the hills just south of Fenton.

Tyrone was named for County Tyrone in Ireland because this area reminded those who settled here of the "old sod."

According to research conducted by the late Tri-County Times Features Editor Jan Rynearson, the settlers came here shortly after the Irish Potato Famine in the 1840s. Many of the Irish immigrants in this area also hailed

“May the good Lord take a liking to you, but not too soon.”

“If you're lucky enough to be Irish, you're lucky enough.”

from County Cork, Ireland's largest county.

Many descendants of these settlers, who founded both St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church of Fenton and St. Augustine Catholic Church, south of Fenton in Deerfield, remain in the tri-county area.

Familiar names are Hogan, Murphy, McKenon, Lyons, Conklin, Kelleher, O'Connell, Callaghan, Carmody, Foley, Sweeny, Gallagher, Delehanty, Kean and McGuire.

Many of these names originally began with "O," which was dropped when they came to America.

Descendants of the area's Irish

tell about wakes (traditional celebrations held the night before the burial) held in the farm homes. The dearly departed was sometimes propped up in a corner of a room and toasted by his friends and family.

It was also traditional to leave a brand new pair of shoes near the deceased so that he would be well shod when he arrived in heaven.

The late James Lyons Murphy of Tyrone, Lake Shannon, who died at the age 96 and was buried two days before St. Patrick's Day of 1990, used to tell how his mother always saw that he and his four brothers and two sisters always wore something green on St. Patrick's Day so they wouldn't get pinched.

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A LOOK BACK at 1968

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King's last march

■ Part 2: Parts 3 and 4 will be published in the March 21 and 28 editions

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The death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on April 4, 1968, became one of this country's most defining moments when it came to his quest for equality for all. The following describes the events of the weeks that led up to that fateful day ... (See the Wednesday, March 7 Midweek edition for Part 1.)

... King returned to Memphis a week later to lead a protest march on City Hall. That day, March 28, 1968, turned out to be one of the worst in King's career as a civil rights leader. The marchers paraded down Beale Street, the famed Memphis thoroughfare where musician W.C. Handy pioneered the blues. King was at the head of the column. Then, a number of young African Americans began breaking storefront windows. James Lawson was

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If I Were King...

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Random observations on life

- **Ban shredded cheese.** Make America grate again.
- **The day you** save a thin piece of wood to specifically stir some paint with... well, you've officially become your father.
- **When I see** a man carrying a perfectly healthy dog, I have no respect for either.
- **My wife said** I put sports before her. That's total bull\$#!+, this is our 12th season together.
- **Want to feel** like a manly man? Sharpen a pencil with a knife — works every time. Stirring a campfire with a stick is also helpful.
- **If Goldilocks slept** in three beds, then that means that Momma Bear and Daddy Bear were already sleeping in separate beds. Clearly, they were only staying together for the sake of Baby Bear.
- **The only time** you can clean any part of your skeleton is when you brush your teeth.
- **I took my** family on a trip to the Air & Space Museum. There was nothing there.
- **I'm sorry, but** old people just don't look right with a cell phone glued to their ear.
- **Through, tough, thorough,** thought, trough and though don't rhyme, but pony and bologna do. Are you kidding me?
- **If people used** as much shampoo when the bottle is new as they do when it is almost empty, shampoo sales would drop by 90 percent overnight.
- **I wish I had** more self-esteem, but I probably don't deserve it.
- **No one knows** who invented the



- coat hanger.
- **The most shoplifted** book in the U.S. is The Bible (the thieves then sell them on the street).
- **In order to** show more commercials, ABC cuts a little more out of 'A Charlie Brown Christmas' each year — a movie about the commercialization of Christmas.
- **The most ground-breaking** invention ever? The shovel.
- **God does not** believe in Atheists, therefore Atheists do not exist.
- **Why in the hell** do baby clothes have pockets?
- **The gift of** accurate observation is often called cynicism by those who don't have it.
- **Experience is something** you get immediately after you need it.
- **The name of** the affliction that people have who can't pronounce the letter R is "Rhotacism." Who does that?
- **I only eat** grapes so that there will be fewer raisins in the world.
- **If you want** someone to listen to you, start out with "I shouldn't be telling you this, but..."
- **To all you** people who buy old cop cars and leave the spotlight attached — everyone hates you!!!
- **The most common** lie in the world? "Just kidding..."
- **Ever notice that** glass tastes just like blood?
- **It should be** a law that obituaries must explain how you died.
- **My wife said** I never listen to her... or something like that.

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“If you want someone to listen to you, start out with ‘I shouldn’t be telling you this, but...’”

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- WE JUST RECEIVED** three IRS fraud calls from Texas regarding four supposedly serious allegations. They ask you to call within 24 hours or the local police will be sent to your home. Do not be fooled, do not call that number, this is an IRS fraud. Have a good day.
- PEOPLE HAVE TO** watch what news makes them feel good, but I would like to point out that CNN, the fake news network, promotes hate and non-news. They had to retract eight major stories considered false in 2017. Many of their reporters were fired. Their viewership is down 30 percent.
- A NEW BOOK** is coming out this week called 'Russian Roulette' by very well known author Michael Isikoff, and it details the facts that Russian meddling was known about by the Obama Administration way back in 2014.
- DEMOCRATS THAT ARE** leading our big cities across the country are focused on one thing, and that is protecting illegal immigrants in our country. They're not concerned about the increasing rate of homelessness, poverty, crime, or drugs,
- DID YOU KNOW** that when Abe Lincoln was elected president, most of the newspapers criticized him as weak, inexperienced and divisive. Most of those in Congress were not supportive of him. All this to make America great again.

- Hmm, sounds familiar.
 - NFL VIEWERSHIP IS** down five million viewers. The Grammy Awards have very low ratings, and the Oscars have the lowest ratings in history. Jimmy Kimmel, continues to denigrate half of the United States viewers. How sad it is that we've come to this point and how the left has hurt our country so badly.
 - IN OR OUT** of Hollywood, short people don't need a shrink.
 - TRUMP WORKED WITH** his father in the construction business and actually learned to paint, to do drywall and everything else. He did not drink or do drugs. He has started hundreds of companies. There is no comparison to what Trump has brought to this country so far.
 - TRUMP HAS HELPED** over three million workers find jobs since becoming president.
 - TO THE PERSON** who questioned why the women's Olympic team did not take a knee: Are you anti-American, smoking the funny stuff or just ignorant? The USA Olympic team was there to support the USA, not to make some statement that means nothing. The issue has no value.
 - TO THE PERSON** who said the second amendment is null and void, let me guess, you listen to MSNBC or CNN too much. I doubt you listen to reputable news stations like Fox News that gives both sides of every story. Try it. I think you might have your Democratic eyes opened.
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This question was asked to second-graders at State Road Elementary in Fenton

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streettalk



"It has a green hat and a green coat with some black shoes. They have tan skin, too."

Lucas Christopher



"He would have an orange beard and he would wear a green suit with boots. His hat is green with a black buckle."

Camilia Reeves



"I think he has curly orange hair and a beard. He wears a green outfit with a bow tie and four-leaf clovers on his pants."

Liliana Slosar



"A guy with a brown beard and green hat. He has a belt that is black and the rest of his suit is green."

Davis Metacalfe



"I think they're fake."

AJ Creguer



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North Holly Road can flood and possibly be closed during heavy rainfall due to poor drainage. This is one issue the new \$3 million grant would address.

\$3 million grant approved to fix regional artery

■Frequently flooded Holly Road is main route to hospital, national cemetery

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It's like inconvenient clockwork — anytime there is very heavy rain, drivers in Holly can expect to navigate around the water that flows across North Holly Road, if it is open at all.

This has been an issue for at least 20 years since the last major road rebuilding project, but now, that may soon be in the past.

On Thursday, March 8, Holly Township announced that a federal grant for \$3 million has been approved for road improvement and rebuilding on North Holly Road.

The grant was written and submitted by the Road Commission of Oakland County (RCOC), and spearheaded by Township Supervisor George Kullis, as one of his main goals when he was elected in 2016. "It's going to improve the flow of traffic there, improve the water drainage there," he said, adding that it may even help property values. "I think it's a plus all the way around."

Kullis "sold" the idea to local U.S. Congress members by emphasizing the importance of the road as the only non-highway artery to Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc

Township and the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly Township.

The \$3 million grant is through the U.S. Department of Transportation, under the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Grant (TIGER) program. Anything more than the cost of \$3 million will be covered by local funds.

According to the RCOC news release, the project will "include drainage improvements, cutting hills to improve sight distance, raising the road in flood zones and making adjustments to high speed curves." The grant will assist in projects to improve the 4.5-mile stretch between Grange Hall and county line roads.

While the RCOC drafted the grant application, Kullis sought support from local U.S. congress members. Officially, U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters sent

letters of support, among other local and state elected officials.

Kullis said the project could begin in 2019 or 2020. Such projects require engineering and bidding processes for contractors. Kullis said surveying for the project would begin this summer to start a plan.

An important variable is trying to champion the cause for a natural gas line for residents along North Holly Road. Kullis said these residents use propane or electricity for heat. Coordinating a natural gas line before the improvement project is something he's exploring.

“It's going to improve the flow of traffic there, improve the water drainage there. I think it's a plus all the way around.”

George Kullis
Holly Township supervisor

Bill for \$160 million in extra road funding on governor's desk

■Includes \$1 million line item for thorough MSU sex abuse investigation

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There's a bill sitting on Gov. Rick Snyder's desk that, if he signs it, will mean a little more money for road repairs. Local communities will be receiving over 7.75 percent more than what they would have without this bill (see sidebar).

House Bill 4321 authorizes an extra \$160 million for Michigan road repairs. Another \$15 million will fund next generation technologies, hydrogen fueling stations, and demonstration projects related to enhanced transportation services for senior citizens.

Another \$7.4 million will be divided between three other state agencies, such as \$4 million that will go to the state to pay for voting equipment and purchase/replacement. Another \$2.4 million will go to the state police to add to the disaster and emergency contingency fund (\$2 million), post operations to equip officers with NARCAN nasal spray (\$250,000), and the public safety officers benefit program (\$150,000).

Also included in this bill, which was sponsored by Representative Laura Cox (Lapeer), is \$1 million for investigation into systemic sexual misconduct issues at MSU, which came to light recently because of the Larry Nassar sexual abuse case. Nassar was the USA

Gymnastics national team doctor and an osteopathic physician at Michigan State University. He was recently sentenced to 40 to 175 years after more than 150 women and girls said in court that he sexually abused them over the past two decades.

When Attorney General Bill Schuette announced the formation of an investigation team in January, he said, "It is abundantly clear that a full and complete investigation of what happened at Michigan State University, from the president's office on down, is required. This investigation is and will continue to be, independent, thorough, transparent and prompt. My department and this investigation will find out who knew what, and when."

The bill passed 36 to 0 in the Senate. It went to Snyder's desk on Thursday, March 8 and was expected to be signed Tuesday, March 13.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■
VILLAGE OF HOLLY code enforcement is a joke. Every day I see kids walking in the street, because only one or two people have shoveled their sidewalks. Does a kid have to be hit before they will do anything about it?

■■■
TO THE PERSON questioning about abortions up to delivery time. It is called Planned Parenthood and that is what they do. It is the reason pro-life is not happy with what they do. Planned Parenthood as far as I am concerned are baby killers.

■■■
A WELL-REGULATED militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed. Everyone proclaiming your second amendment rights, tell us to what well-regulated militia do you belong?

■■■
YOU ANTI-ABORTIONISTS keep telling us how many abortions were performed in the 45 years since Roe v Wade. Tell us how many abortions were performed in the 45 years prior to Roe v Wade? Roe v Wade didn't bring about the phenomena of abortion; it made abortions legal and safe.

■■■
THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN liberals and conservatives: Liberals believe that each individual should make his own life choices, even if we disagree with their beliefs. The conservatives believe that each individual should make his own choices so long as those choices mirror their own beliefs.

■■■
TROUBLED YOUTH FROM liberal homes abuse drugs. Troubled youth from conservative homes run away. Each extreme creates troubled youth.

Harry Bidelman dies at age 89

■ Friends remember his kindness, humor and love of Fenton history

By Vera Hogan

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Another window into Fenton's history has closed now that Harry Bidelman is gone. He died on March 6. He was 89 years old.

Bidelman lived in Fenton his entire life. He attended Fenton schools. In 1946 at the age of 17, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy stationed on the USS Brill submarine as a firefighter. During this time as a mariner, he met his wife, Marion L. Ferguson of Holly and they married on June 15, 1946 after a two-year courtship. Harry worked as a tool and die maker, an independent Realtor, and was a real estate broker in Fenton since 1966. He continued as a broker for over 40 years.

Bidelman was an active board member of the Fenton Historical Society serving as assistant curator for many years at the A.J. Phillips Fenton Museum, a regular contributor to the Fenton Historical Society's newsletter, and a member of the Fenton's Oakwood Cemetery Friends of the Cemetery. Bidelman was also a former member and chairman of the City of Fenton Cemetery Board.



"Matt (Adair), Shelly (Tebo) and I first met Harry about 2001, when Matt wanted to start a veterans project in Oakwood

Cemetery," said longtime friend, Doug Tebo, chairman of the Oakwood Cemetery Board.

"We went to a cemetery board meeting to ask permission and Harry was the chairman. He was so excited about this work and was with us every step of the way," Tebo said. "It took almost four years to complete and he was there recording everything.

"He became a family member. He ate dinner with us at least once a week and if we were headed to his house, it had to be with a 'Mickey D's' coffee and three chocolate chip cookies," he said.

"Shelly and I had both lost our parents and we sort of adopted Harry as our father," Tebo said. "He got us started with the Fenton Historical Society and introduced us to Ken and Donna (Seeger) and many others. His life was consumed with family, friends and Fenton history. He will be missed and will always hold a special place in our hearts."

Ken knew Bidelman for his entire life since they shared a great grandmother, according to Donna Seeger. One day when his kids were grown, he walked into the Fenton Museum and "he and Kenny were buddies ever since," she said.

"What I remember most about Harry was his kindness and his sense of humor," said Donna. "You couldn't be with him more than two or three minutes before you were laughing.

"He loved history — his own history, family history and history of Fenton. When you visit Harry and go into the living room, the first thing you notice is family pictures all over walls," Donna said. "On every chair and seat in the house there were stacks of paper. People would say 'you have to clean up this mess.' And he would say, 'this is not a mess — this is my family.' That was his life."

Bidelman often said the simplest occasions might just be the most memorable and would remind everyone that, "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery and today is a gift. That's why it is called, the present."

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service at Sharp Funeral Home will be held at a later date, likely in May, followed by interment at Oakwood Cemetery.

“Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery and today is a gift. That’s why it is called, the present.”

Harry Bidelman of Fenton
 May 3, 1929 to March 6, 2018



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Ask the
judge

A brief history of tariffs

Tariffs have been in the news recently with the March 8 announcement by President Trump that there will be new tariffs on steel and aluminum.

This is just the latest example of tariffs being imposed on imports, and for today's column, I will provide a very brief history of our tariff laws.

For starters, a tariff is generally defined as a type of tax, which is imposed as a fixed fee on specific items or alternatively a percentage of the item's value.

From its very beginnings, the United States has imposed tariffs with the first example being found in the Tariff Act of 1789. This Act was implemented to both raise revenue for our then new country and to protect domestic manufacturers from foreign competition.

Since that first Act, there have been numerous congressionally enacted tariff laws. It is fair to say that economists have differed on their efficacy.

One of the most well-known tariff laws was the Hawley-Smoot Tariff Act of 1930, which imposed tariffs on some 20,000 imported goods to protect domestic industries. This was during the Great Depression and it actually had the opposite effect as our foreign trading partners imposed their own tariffs and our exports dropped more than 50 percent. It was modified in 1934 to provide for negotiated lower tariffs.

Since the end of World War II, the United States has generally had a free-trade policy resulting in reduced or eliminated tariffs.

The North American Free Trade Act (NAFTA) is but one example.

A very unique trade and tariff law was enacted in 1962 called The Trade Expansion Act.

Under a provision of the Act, the President may order an investigation by the Commerce Department to determine the effects of imports on national security.

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House Bill 5234: Authorize probation for medically frail prisoners

To let county sheriffs request and a court grant probation for a prisoner who is physically or mentally incapacitated due to a medical condition that renders the prisoner unable to perform activities of basic daily living, and/or the prisoner requires 24-hour care. Also, to let county sheriffs ask and a court grant a compassionate release if a physician determines the prisoner is not expected to live more than six months.

Passed 99 to 9 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51)

☒ YES

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)

☒ YES

House Bill 4101: Authorize parole for "medically frail" prisoners

To allow medically frail prisoners, whose condition makes them "a minimal threat to society," to be paroled to a hospital, hospice, nursing home or other suitable accommodation for the balance of their term.

Passed 94 to 14 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51)

☒ YES

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)

☒ YES

Senate Bill 353: Preempt local bans on employers asking about past wages

To expand a law that prohibits local governments from restricting what prospective employers can ask on a job application. Among other things, a local government could not prohibit an employer from asking about a prospective employee's previous salary history during a job interview.

Passed 62 to 46 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51)

☒ YES

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

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LIBERAL LOGIC: LAWS do not prevent mass killings, so let's propose more. Guns stop mass killers, let's propose less.

■■■■
THERE IS AN inherent problem with our political system that we, as a nation, believe that the person who is elected president of the United States is inherently smart and knows what to do for all national and global situations. We, as a people, are now being proven wrong.

■■■■
WE NEED SECURITY guards in our churches, and we need them in our schools. What has this world come to? The Bible was right. We're doomed.

■■■■
HEY LOOK LINDEN DPW, if you can't fix Main Street in front of the post office then at least fill everyday potholes. I know you're getting money for Bridge Street from MDOT. I work for highway maintenance and you guys fall short. I give you a 'D' grade.

■■■■
TO THE LIBERAL who was espousing the liberal gun laws, minimizing fatalities in this country. Google World War II fatalities and it will tell you 50 to 80 million deaths were the result. An armed citizenry may have prevented it. If you like it so much, move there.

■■■■
A PERSON WITH a gun and a plan is likely the one with the advantage.

■■■■
CHEF JODY, YOUR dish looked great. They told you to use a bacon theme and then tossed you for not using enough tofu? That was one of the rasher decisions by these judges.

■■■■
MY COUNTRY IS going to hell. It is so sad. Goodbye, America. The liberal bleeding heart politicians have ruined this country.

■■■■
SERIOUSLY, THE CREEPY guy with the most disgusting food won on the grocery game? That makes me mad.

■■■■
I HAD A friend for 40 years who just stopped talking to me for no reason. Do I attend her parent's memorial or do I just let it go so I don't upset her if I do go?

■■■■
I SEE THERE'S a bill to allow guns in school, except they have to be locked in a safe. What good is that? These shootings are over in minutes. The time they take to get the gun, it's over. You need to access them immediately.

■■■■
TIMES, PLEASE PUT rerun article from the DNR in again about not feeding bread to the ducks and geese, so the millpond doesn't get all polluted again and we don't have to walk around all of the duck poop.

1968

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leading the march with King. When they turned onto Main, Lawson says, they saw "lengths of police in riot gear across the street."

Remembering a violent crackdown by Memphis police during a February protest march, Lawson feared the police would attack again. He recalls telling King, "You must leave. They are going to break up the march and go after you more than anyone." A reluctant King was led away. The marchers turned around. Then, police attacked with tear gas and clubs. Peaceful marchers were caught up in the same violence as youthful looters. One teenager, a suspected looter, was shot to death.

Dozens of protestors were injured and nearly 300 black people arrested. Stores in the black section of town were looted and burned. Tear gas drifted across the neighborhood. Journalists captured the debacle on film, and it was broadcast live on local radio.

National guardsmen and state police riot squads poured into Memphis. King hunkered down with his aides at a local hotel. He was deeply depressed by the events. It was the first time that marchers led by King had become violent.

At the top of King's mind was how the disastrous march would affect the Poor People's Campaign. In a phone conversation with adviser Stanley Levison in New York (wiretapped by the FBI), King gloomily considered calling off the Washington march. He felt great guilt, as King was wont to do, that somehow he had failed, that it was his fault, that he had let the movement down. He knew also that the FBI and the news media would go on the attack against him as a leader and against the Poor People's Campaign.

The next day, King faced sharp



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Martin Luther King Jr. is jostled in Memphis as the march he's leading on March 28, 1968 turns violent.

questions from reporters about whether he would be able to keep a protest in Washington by thousands of poor people peaceful. King responded that black people were not automatically given to nonviolence. They were willing to observe "tactical nonviolence," he said, when they were part of a well-disciplined march led by seasoned leaders of nonviolent protests. King vowed that the SCLC had the experience and the staff to keep the Poor People's Campaign nonviolent.

In the press conference, King denied charges that he abandoned the Memphis march when the going got rough. Reporters pressed him to predict whether the coming summer would see more violence in urban ghettos.

After the press conference, King was still despondent. He talked about meeting some of the rebellious young militants who took part in the Memphis melee and said that he was thinking of going on a Gandhi-style fast to unify the movement. For the Washington march to go forward, King said, he would have to return to Memphis and prove again that he could lead a nonviolent protest.

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FARR

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Dawn Placek, who has been in her new part-time position for six months.

This non-profit human services organization held its annual meeting on Thursday, March 8 at Johnnie's Pizzeria, with lunch hosted by Roger Sharp of Sharp Funeral Homes.

"We can help with immediate needs, but churches, schools and community leaders are the ones we need to surround people with, to give them hope," Placek said.

FARR has evolved with the times since its founding by Andrew G. Schmidt in 1990.

Today, it's not a thrift store or an office location; it's a central hub of accessible resources made up of more than 19 churches, plus community groups, and leaders interested in serving the needs of others within the boundaries of the Fenton, Lake Fenton and Linden school districts.

The goal of FARR is to coordinate these groups so that people can be referred to appropriate services for help with housing, medical or counseling or emergency needs. Being a central hub keeps the accountability in place so that people can't just go from church to church in search of a hand-out.

Placek gave an example of a single mom whose furnace went out two days before Christmas. "We were able to get a fur-



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FARR Executive Director Dawn Placek speaks with community leaders and volunteers after the group's annual meeting March 8.

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Dawn Placek
FARR executive director

nace installed for her because all these churches chipped in and worked together," Placek said.

Many of the churches involved have their own food pantries, thrift stores, access to infant and children's needs, homeless support programs through Genesee County's Family Promise, support for addictions through Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, and more.

Groups, such as the Fenton Lions Club, can help buy eyeglasses for people in need who don't

have insurance.

"We also do hearing aids," said Carol Smith, representing the Lions Club.

Local police departments echoed their appreciation of having one group like FARR to go through, when they run across people in need.

"Not too long ago, I'd be on the road and would come across people who needed help," said Fenton Police Chief Jason Slater. "Sometimes it came out of my own pocket. Now we have a referral service. We're all part of this community."

Placek presented the police officers in attendance with booklets containing gas cards, restaurant cards, Michigan Transportation Association (MTA) punch cards and FARR referral cards with phone numbers and websites, to help with immediate needs.

If you or a loved one or acquaintance has a need, you can contact FARR by phone, (810) 750-6244 and leave a message, or you can apply for assistance at GetHelp@FARRNetwork.com.

Helping area schools

The need for family assistance in the Fenton, Lake Fenton and Linden school districts is real, according to the Fenton Area Resources and Referral Network, Inc. (FARR).

In the Fenton school district, approximately 720 families receive free or reduced-priced meals.

"Our district free and reduced percentage is 29.4 percent," Superintendent Adam Hartley said. "We are grateful for FARR and for the hard work they do to make sure our families have the support they need when times are tough. FARR works hand in hand with our school personnel to ensure our students are coming to school with their basic needs met."

In Lake Fenton Community Schools, approximately 496 families (24 percent) qualify for free and reduced-price meals, Superintendent Julie Williams said. "We are very appreciative of the services FARR is able to offer children and adults."

In Linden Community Schools, approximately 27 percent of students qualify for free and reduced-price meals. "Linden can't thank FARR enough for the services they offer our families and community, Superintendent Russ Ciesielski said. "We are very fortunate to have a service like FARR in our community. All they want to do is help!"

HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO THE PERSON who had nuclear annihilation drills and didn't have to get a therapy dog afterwards, I love it. That was spot on.

AMONG THE 2019 car models is a self-steering car. I know the problem it supports, tell me the problem it solves.

I AM NOT against progress, but these new buildings going up in Fenton look like boxes. There's no imagination left with architects. Any grade school student can design a box.

THE FENTON LIBRARY could use the \$12,000 to put more books in for the children rather than a sculpture out front.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL the companies with backbone who are sticking with the NRA. I will support said companies.

THOMPSON SUB MACHINE guns were not banned with the 1934 National Firearms Act. The second amendment protects their rights. They do not protect your rifles or hunting rifles. What the government did was they put on a tax of almost twice the amount so only the rich could have them.

I GET FROM reading Mr. Heller's article that he doesn't believe that anyone should own an assault rifle. Tell me what an assault rifle is because it is a made up term by the liberal press. You're talking about a class 3; they are extremely restricted. The army calls them M4s or M16s. They are selective firearm weapons.

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The late John Grier, who for years operated South Side Grocery on South LeRoy Street in the Dibleville area of Fenton, loved to tell stories about his homeland. He was a native of County Longford, Ireland and came to this country at the age of 17.

Grier once said, "When one is celebrating with a few too many Irish whiskeys it is common to say 'he is drowning the shamrock.'" Irish lore is filled with tales about shillelaghs (walking sticks), leprechauns (shoe-makers), fairies, banshees, witches, the devil, saints, priests and angels.

Shamrock plants have been handed down from generation to generation. St. Patrick taught the Holy Trinity with the famous plant. He said the leaves are three: they represent the Father, the Son, the Holy Ghost, just as they are unified, the blessed three-in-one.

Irish prayers, songs and sayings are recited the world over.

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House Bill 5094: Ban credit bureaus charging for security freeze

To prohibit consumer credit rating agencies from charging a fee to place, remove or temporarily lift a security freeze on an individual who requests this. Under current law these agencies can charge \$10 unless the consumer has filed an identity theft-related police report. The bill was introduced following a security breach at the Equifax agency that reportedly put 140 million individuals at risk of identity theft. Patrick Colbeck (R-Canton Township) cast the lone 'no' vote.

Passed 35 to 1 in the Senate

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

Senate Bill 799: Require state revenue estimators to estimate prisoner counts and costs

To require the biannual state revenue estimating conferences to include estimates of the coming year's prison population, prison capacity, payroll and cost per prisoner.

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 5463: Ban selling or delivering nitrous oxide to minors

To ban selling or delivering nitrous oxide to individuals under the age of 18, subject to a \$500 fine. Current law bans selling or delivering nitrous oxide (laughing gas) for purposes of getting high, but reportedly, young people are buying N2O cartridges and devices that use it in food preparation applications.

Passed 104 to 3 in the House

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

House Bill 5531: Expel students who commit sex crimes

To expand the law requiring the mandatory suspension or expulsion of pupils for certain violence or weapons offenses to also include committing criminal sexual conduct against another student. Specifically, a student who is guilty of committing a criminal sexual conduct violation against another student would be prohibited from attending the same school as the victim.

Passed 93 to 14 in the House

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

House Bill 5407: Require defendant be present for victim impact statements

To require that the criminal defendant be present in court at the time a victim exercises his or her right under state law to make an oral victim impact statement in felony cases. The victim could also choose to have the defendant excluded.

Passed 105 to 2 in the House

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

Saving Wylie

■ Grateful owner praises firefighter for saving dog's life

By Vera Hogan

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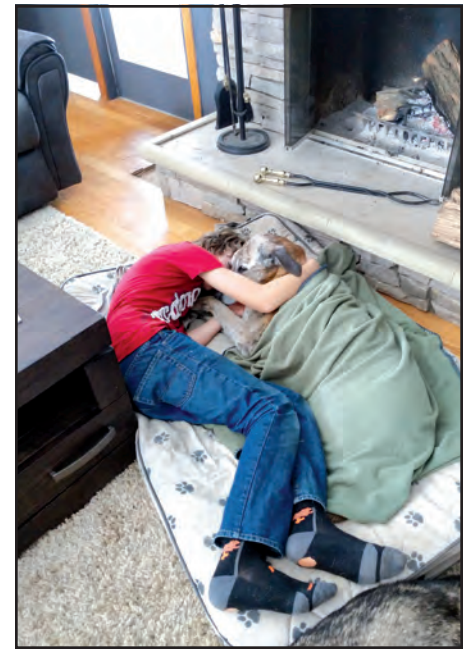
Angela Mueller of Fenton Township was one happy lady once her dog was rescued from a pond on her family's property the afternoon of Wednesday, March 7.

Mueller said their dog, Wylie, had been missing for two days. It was Fenton Township firefighter Mike Cross, who came to the rescue, getting Wylie out of the middle of the pond.

"I was out looking for him and heard him yelping from a distance and found him stuck in the middle of our pond deep in our property," Mueller said. "Somehow he had gotten out in the middle of it and on to a piece of mucky land patch."

Mueller said her husband called the fire chief, who came to the property with Cross.

"After hiking through the snowy woods, Mike Cross put on an ice suit and walked through a very mucky cold pond all the way out to get Wylie," Mueller said. "It was really hard to get there and



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Fenton Township firefighter Mike Cross saves Wylie from a frozen pond on March 7. (Right photo) A grateful family member makes sure Wylie stays nice and toasty after his ordeal.

back because of the muck and logs that were in the way, all the while carrying our freezing and scared pup back to safety. He did an amazing job and saved our sweet boy's life."

Mueller said it was a huge struggle and

obstacle to do what he did. "I couldn't go in myself because it was too dangerous, the muck just grabs you along with the logs and everything else."

Since Wylie has been home, the Mueller's other dog hasn't left his bedside.

News briefs

Grand Blanc Road closure is indefinite

The Genesee County Road Commission will be closing the Grand Blanc Road bridge over Swartz Creek, located between U.S. 23 and Fenton Road in Mundy Township, starting Wednesday, March 14. All traffic will be detoured via Fenton, Hill and Torrey roads. At this time, the duration of the bridge closure is indefinite as the GCRC explores repair options. Motorists are advised to allow themselves additional time to reach their destinations.

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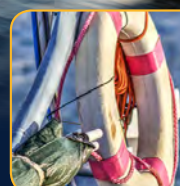


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Director Paul Wallace said that animals will still be euthanized for medical reasons, or sometimes by request or court order — but never again due to space or time constraints.

Warner has been able to watch conditions improve at the facility in her time there, and compare it to when she volunteered years ago. “The process of what used to go on here compared to what’s happening now — it’s just awesome to see,” she said.

The removal of the incinerator is the first step in the \$8 million improvement project and was part of the facility when it was built in 1978. Wallace said it had been inoperable since 2012, and was too expensive to repair, and to use. He was told the gas bill was approximately \$10,000 each month.

Animal remains are now handled by a medical waste company for a fraction of the cost.

Project Supervisor Ron Burnash estimates the machine weighs 40 tons. Wallace said it cost approximately \$10,000 to disassemble and remove.

\$8 million expansion underway

Approved by the Genesee County Board of Commissioners on Jan. 8, plans for the expansion are still being developed, but will cost approximately \$8 million and include 10,000 square feet of additional space to increase the animals’ living space.

A big improvement will be separating stray animals from those ready to be adopted. This will cut down on cross contamination from animals that are sick.

The 30-year-old ventilation system



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Brandon Bent of Burnash Wrecking uses a torch to cut apart the 40-ton incinerator at Genesee County Animal Control on Wednesday, March 7.

will be updated, and will exchange all the air in the building six-times an hour to eliminate the current odor of the building.

The space the incinerator used to occupy will be multi-purpose until the construction is complete.

“When construction is completed it will end up being a volunteer ready room, an armory, a staff break room, a walk-in freezer, a restroom, euthanasia room and storage for roller cages,” Wallace said.

Wallace said they are finishing the engineering phase, and expect to bid out the project to contractors in about two weeks. Once the contract is awarded to a builder, he estimates it will be completed in 18 months, possibly in the fall of 2019.

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SHOOTING

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Wednesday, March 14 at 10 a.m. It will last 17 minutes — one minute for every victim of the Parkland, Florida shooting exactly one month ago.

The national event is coordinated by Women’s March Youth Empower, and seeks to shed light on school gun violence, and gun violence outside the schools.

There is no set format for the demonstration, and some local high schools are opting to take part in their own way.

Fenton High School

This optional activity will take place at the time planned nationally, but instead of walking out, students can meet in the gymnasium.

Termed a “Memorial Seminar,” Principal Mark Suchowski said that over several meetings with student leaders, this format was agreed upon as most effective. “They agree that if their voices are to be heard and taken seriously, they need to make sure they plan and participate in safe school activities,” Suchowski said.

“I hope students have the opportunity to speak out about their concerns. I hope they follow up with educating themselves and others about what we can do to make sure schools are safe.”

Linden High School

Principal Darin Dreasky said that students will hold a “walk-in,” and will follow a detailed schedule for the 17-minute event.

In a letter sent to parents, Dreasky said that the staff recognized the importance of school safety and supported students who wanted to participate.

Staff and student leaders worked together to draft a minute-by minute plan that includes a moment of silence for victims of the Florida shooting, writing to elected officials in regards to school safety, and student leadership reading a prepared statement over the PA system.

Students will wear purple, the school color for Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

Lake Fenton High School

Principal Chris Belcher said that a group of students are discussing a walk out, but it will not be on March 14.

“They are discussing the April 20th date and we are still in conversations with the group,” he said.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHAT THAT LIBERAL said about Steve Scalise’s interpretation of the second amendment is entirely wrong. The second amendment is an individual right and it includes military arms.

READING THE PAPER and seeing that the police chiefs disagree with having teachers being armed, why don’t they turn in their guns at the end of their shift? They can be just like the rest of us citizens instead of being able to carry their guns all of the time.

BRACKETOLOGY

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On Sunday, that all changed. With the announcement of the NCAA’s 68-team men’s basketball bracket on Sunday, terms like bracketology, bubble teams and Cinderella suddenly become a part of every single sports fan’s lexicon.

Everyone needs to fill a bracket.

According to Boydsbets.com roughly 70 million March Madness brackets are entered in competitions on the internet, in office pools and in friend pools all around the nation. By Sunday, about 69.5 million of those brackets will have been busted (another tourney term) already, with little chance of winning anything. However, until the event begins, everyone has an opinion. I’m included in that list of people. So here are some tidbits and opinions to help get you through the NCAA tournament.

When did “filling brackets” become popular? It probably started when the NCAA tournament expanded to 64 teams for the first time in 1985. The explosion of cable TV expanded coverage of the NCAA Tournament’s first two rounds and the 64-team format made it fun to fill out a bracket. That was the first time I filled one out. According to smithsonianmag.com, the first known NCAA bracket pool happened in 1977 in a Staten Island bar, involving 88 people for \$10 an entry. The winner took home \$880.

When does the tournament start — Tuesday or Thursday? In some ways, both answers are correct. The first round does not start until Thursday around noon, and for many that symbolizes the start of what may be the start of the most exciting two days in sports during any year. However, the tournament’s first four games are actually Tuesday and Wednesday in Dayton, Ohio. Eight teams do battle to earn a spot into the actual first round.

Where’s Michigan and Michigan State playing? The Spartans are the third-seed in the Midwest Region, beginning competition against 14th-seeded Bucknell at Detroit’s Little Caesars Arena, Friday at 7:10 p.m. Michigan is a third-seed as well, but the Wolverines are playing in the West Region against 14th-seeded Montana at Wichita, Kansas’ Intrust Bank Arena on Thursday at 9:50 p.m.

Any other state teams in the tournament? Are there any other Big Ten teams in it? No other state teams qualified for the D1 men’s tournament. The Big Ten only received four bids this season. The other two teams are Purdue and Ohio State. It’s the fewest teams the Big Ten has had in the tournament since 2008.

Which state team is expected to go farther in the tourney? Both teams could see their tourney runs end in the Sweet 16. Michigan could play North Carolina and Michigan State could play Duke in that round. My gut instinct tells me Michigan may have a slightly better chance of advancing beyond the Sweet 16.

Give me a good Cinderella pick (No. 10 seed or worse) to go deep into the tourney? If you are looking for a good shocker, always check the No. 11 and No. 12 seeds. Since 2001, those seeds have won 59 first-round games. However, three No. 11 seeds have advanced to the Elite Eight, so I’d select one of those teams. I’ll pick Loyola (Chicago).

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LFLF gymnastics team makes history at weekend state events

By David Troppens

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Blake Hutchings wasn't feeling good at all.

But as one of the original members on the LFLF gymnastics program, she wanted to give herself as much a chance as possible to compete with the rest of her team at one of the two state gymnastic meets held during the weekend.

The stomach flu kept her out of the team competition on Friday, but that didn't keep the team from placing 10th at the event. The next day, she still felt queasy for the individual state gymnastics meet, but there was no way she wasn't going to compete in her fi-

nal high school gymnastics event of her career.

And it's a good thing she did compete. Hutchings ended up earning All-State honors in all four individual events and ended up All-State in the all-around. Hutchings ended in a tie for third place in the all-around, with a four-event score of 36.575, tying her with Farming-

ton's Kacey Noseworthy. Farmington's Elisa Bills won the all-around title in Division 2 competition with an all-around score of 37.175. Hutchings was one of three LFLF athletes who earned All-State honors. Sabra Robinson was All-State in one individual event and took 10th in the all-around (35.250), earning Division 2

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Lake Fenton's Luke Tomczyk attempts a shot during the Blue Devils' Class B district title game against Powers on Friday.

Blue Devils' district run ends in title contest

By Dale M. Smith

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Flint — After the banner 2016-2017 season for Lake Fenton boys' basketball, this season figured to be a year of transition.

The young Blue Devils started the season slowly but steadily improved throughout the year culminating in another return to the Class B district final Friday night at Flint Powers. But, the season came to an abrupt end courtesy of some hot shooting from the Chargers combined with Lake Fenton turnovers and too many missed lay ups. Powers took home the district championship, 61-38.

The Devils started out fine before a loud and raucous Powers' home crowd. The teams were tied at 10, before consecutive Powers' 3-pointers made it 16-10 with 2:50 to play in the first quarter. Sixteen of those Chargers' first quarter points were scored by Powers' senior Makai Conner.

Down 20-15 after the first, the Devils quickly cut the margin to only three points courtesy of bucket from Lake Fenton senior Gary Turgeon who muscled his way to the hoop for the lay in. But, then the turnover bug got a hold of the Devils.

Powers pressed throughout the game and Lake Fenton did well beating the press only to make errant passes in the frontcourt.

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Two of the LFLF gymnastics team's All-State performers are Sabra Robinson (right) and Blake Hutchings (far right).

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Tigers have mind on future at state meet

■ Fenton swimmers post season-best times; Holly's Molzahn also competes

By David Troppens

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Auburn Hills — The odds of the Fenton varsity boys swimming and diving team posting incredibly low times at the Division 2 State Swimming and Diving Championships at Oakland University on Friday and Saturday weren't overly great.

After all, most of the Tigers had to completely taper (the time of the season swimmers cut their training dramatically to increase their energy and improve their times) two weeks before the state meet in order to qualify for the meet.

It worked, as Fenton qualified participants in seven events. However, expecting even greater cuts would take a great performance.

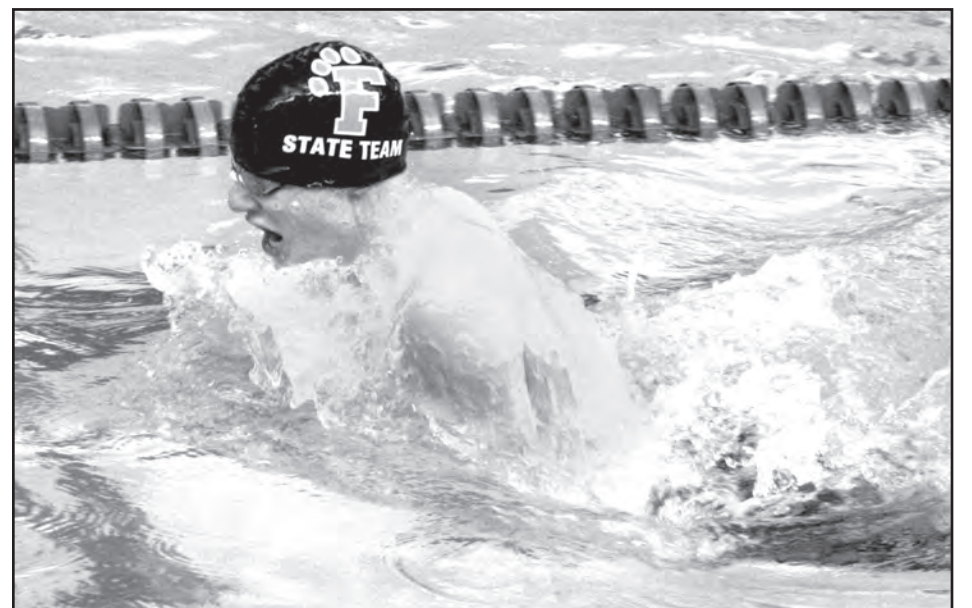
But, the Tigers still found a way to surprise. When the meet started, the Tigers not only improved their time in the 200-yard medley relay, they crushed it by almost three seconds. It was a great way to start what ended up being a pretty solid state experience for a young Fenton squad. The Tigers had eight athletes compete in seven events, earning some strong times in the process. Holly also had an athlete there, Logan Molzahn.

One of the Fenton athletes made it to the meet's second day as well, Evan Bartow. Bartow placed 14th in the 200 individual medley (2:01.43), swimming in the consolation finals, and also placed 16th in the 500 freestyle (4:51.36). His efforts meant the Tigers finished 31st at the state meet with four points.

Considering every Fenton swimmer at the state meet is an underclassman, Fenton varsity boys swim coach Brad Jones was pleased with the Tigers' performance.

"Almost every swimmer we had there rested and shaved to get there, so we knew a second-day swim was part a two-year plan," Jones said. "We wanted them to get there this year and next year we'll stay and score. We had some really nice drops."

The 200 medley relay had the best one with its time of 1:41.43, earning the squad 20th place overall. The team of Joel Diccion, Noah Maier, Bartow



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DAVID TROPPENS

(Top) Fenton's Evan Bartow competed in four events at the Division 2 state swim meet held at Oakland University on Friday and Saturday. He earned two second-day swims in individual events. He placed 14th in the 200 individual medley and 16th in the 500 freestyle. Fenton's Joel Diccion also competed in four events, including the 100-backstroke. Holly's Logan Molzahn (bottom) posted a personal-best time in the 100-yard backstroke on Friday.



and Spencer Gabler trimmed almost three seconds off of their seeded time of 1:44.12.

"That was exciting and a very good start for us," Jones said. "It's nice when you get someone to get a good swim and it sets the tone for the day. That was fun."

Bartow kept up his momentum. He finished 14th in the prelims of the 200

individual medley (2:01.05) earning a spot in the consolation finals. He also followed that effort by taking 11th in the preliminary round of the 500 freestyle (4:48.50), breaking his personal-best time by just over two seconds. Of course, he competed in Saturday's consolation final in that event as well.

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David's Dabblings

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



JUST A FEW RANDOM, THOUGHTS

Wow, does Tiger Woods look good right now.

In recent weeks, he's proven for the first time in years he's physically capable of dealing with the stresses of playing professional golf on a week-to-week basis, by playing many events within a month span. And he's done it without those grabs to his painful back.

But after last week's near-win at the Valspar Championship on Sunday, it's obvious something else is back — Woods' mental strength. A lot has happened to Woods in the last decade, starting with the divorce to his wife Elin Nordegren. With it, I think the persona Woods created of himself started to crumble. And with it, he lost his identity. Throw the injuries into the mix, and it's understandable why Woods has been a complete mess in recent years. Maybe his DUI late last summer was finally him hitting rock bottom not only with his game but more importantly with his mental issues.

Watching Woods play golf the last month, he's not only physically healthier, but he seems just like a happier person. He seems comfortable with himself. That's what makes me think Woods is back. He may not be the dominant player he was 10 years ago. He's older, after all. But I'd be shocked if he doesn't win a tournament or two within the next couple of seasons.

March means the start of concert season

For most sports fans March means two things — the NCAA men's basketball tournament and baseball's spring training. Don't get me wrong, I'm having fun with both this March as well, but this year it means a little more. It's the start of my music concert season. And for me, it's starting with a bang — I get to attend concerts for two of my favorite acts. On Sunday, we saw Weird Al Yankovic. Late in the month, we are going to Kentucky to see Alice Cooper. I've seen both in concert at least 10 times each. Cooper is nearing 20 times.

This summer has some great concerts lined up for this compete 1980s headbanger — Poison with Cheap Trick, ZZ Top, Steven Tyler, Styx with Joan Jett, Def Leppard, Foreigner with Whitesnake, Godsmack and Ozzy Osbourne are just a few slated. Gosh, that's basically my entire cassette album collection.

Now, I just have to keep my wife from realizing Slayer and Five Finger Death Punch are coming to our area as well. I hope she doesn't read this column.

DEVILS'

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This problem plagued the Devils throughout much of the second and third quarters. Lake Fenton held tough in the first half, though, and were only down eight at the break at 30-22.

Both teams started a bit slow in the second half before a flurry of Powers' baskets made it 40-22 with 3:51 to go in the third quarter. The Devils' Luke Tomczyk hit four consecutive markers at the charity stripe to garner Lake Fenton's first points of the quarter. The Devils were down 44-28 entering the final stanza.

As they did in the third, the Chargers warmed up quickly to start the fourth and led 51-28 after Powers' Cameryn Carpenter followed up a monster dunk after a steal with a three, effectively ending any hopes for a Devils' comeback.

Considering the untested youth Lake Fenton had this year after losing so many seniors from last year's team, this season may not have been another banner year but it certainly was one to give Devils' fans hope for years to come.

Next year, Lake Fenton will lose both Luke and Matt Tomczyk along with Turgeon, Dezwan Spicer and Mike Rubey. The Tomczyk twins have been a vital part of Lake Fenton's success both last year and this year and their senior leadership could not be underestimated given the youthfulness of this year's squad.

Matt Tomczyk is also an outstanding golfer who will attend Oakland University next year. He was glad to be here this year to help the Devils' youngsters get headed in the right direction.

"It was a fun season because we had such a good season last year," said Tomczyk. "It

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The LFLF gymnastics team takes a minute to relax at the state meet on Saturday. The squad placed 10th at the team state meet.

LFLF

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All-State honors in the all-around. Finally, Emily Allor competed in the Division 1 final and placed 10th in the vault (8.925).

Hutchings was thrilled to end her career with all the state honors.

"I was still feeling kind of weak and shaky, but other than that I felt pretty good," Hutchings said. "(Placing third in the all-around) means more to me than placing in all of the other events. It means I was consistent with all of the events and that I'm a well-rounded athlete."

"Blake was able to feel better enough to compete for individuals on Saturday and did a great job," LFLF varsity gymnastics coach Nancy Holden said. "The whole experience for the team was amazing. Three of the team members who competed over the weekend were freshmen, and they did a great job for their first year. Having the girls place as All-State was exciting as well. All in all, we had a great season, and the state meet was a nice way to wrap up our year. I'm so proud of the team and all they have accomplished this season."

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Lake Fenton's Dezwan Spicer dives to the ground for a loose ball during the Blue Devils' 61-38 loss to Powers in a Class B district title game on Friday.

was fun to see everyone come together this year and fight. We had to step up and show the younger guys the ins and outs. They were counting on us and we were counting on them for other things."

Luke Tomczyk will play defensive back next year at Trine University. As to this year's team, he echoed the sentiments of his twin.

"It was tough, the shots didn't go in," said Tomczyk. "I wish we could have put up a

better fight."

As to helping the younger players, he said, "I definitely took pride in doing that. I knew we had to do it. Helping the young kids, I just loved it." Tomczyk had a big night on the scoresheet, leading the Devils with 20 points and eight rebounds.

Lake Fenton coach Brian McInerney certainly is confident about the Devils' future on the hardwood.

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A voice of reason may be telling you to slow down, Aries. Listen to this voice and take a breather. You will be glad you did when you get a chance to sit back and relax.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, it can be challenging to measure progress right now, but rest assured you're on the right track. Trust your instincts and let the results speak for themselves.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, communication is your strong suit this week. You may find yourself in a position to convey difficult directions to others or serve as the mouthpiece of the company.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, it may seem like people are judging you, even before they get to know you or your intentions. Be patient and give new relationships time to develop.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Your friendly demeanor puts others at ease, Leo. However, they may be so enamored with your personality that they overlook your accomplishments this week.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

See if you can go unseen for the next few days, Virgo. Now is not your time to bask in the spotlight. You might get more done if you sit back and give others a chance to shine.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Your relationships mean a lot to you, Libra. You want to do everything possible to solidify those close friendships. Be sure to network whenever possible.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you can use a little personal recognition this week, even if you have to encourage others to give you some words of praise. Use those positive words as inspiration.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

The ups and downs that have defined a romantic relationship are about to become a little more complex, Sagittarius. These plot twists can be exciting.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

You may want to lighten up your mood, Capricorn. Figure out how to express your fun-loving side. Take some cues from friends who can get you to relax.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, people want to share in your current success, but you don't share the same views especially when you think your accomplishments aren't that big a deal.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Try to escape into a fantasy world for a little while, Pisces. You don't have to focus on serious tasks all of the time and will enjoy this respite.

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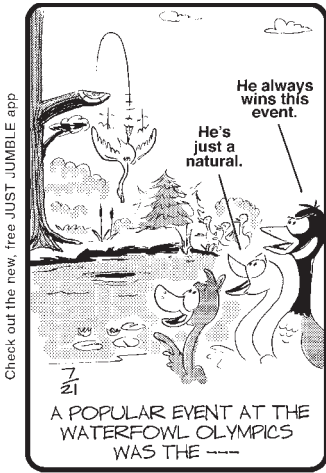
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- 13 "All the Things You —"
- 14 Stylish
- 15 Item on stage
- 16 Moving vehicle
- 17 Shakespeare villain
- 18 Elvis' Mississippi birthplace
- 20 Feathery cluster
- 22 Gave up
- 26 Censor's sound
- 29 Tic-tac-toe win
- 30 Scoffer's laugh
- 31 Libretto
- 32 Play on words
- 33 Mexican money
- 34 French article
- 35 Moonshine container
- 36 Petruchio's Kate, e.g.
- 37 Western capital
- 40 Freeway access
- 41 Attractive person

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- 45 "Zounds!"
- 47 Mauna —
- 49 Church section
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- 51 Mischievous tyke
- 52 Enrages
- 53 Keg contents
- 54 Greek consonants
- 55 Opening day?
- 5 Devastation
- 6 Historic period
- 7 Bring up
- 8 Bradbury genre
- 9 Margaret —
- 10 Bailout recipient in 2009
- 11 Sgt., e.g.
- 19 Track circuit
- 21 Venusian vessel?
- 23 Cheek enhancer
- 24 Facility
- 25 Arab boat
- 26 A/C measures
- 27 Musical
- Horne
- 28 Denounce
- 32 Jack-o'-lantern
- 33 Southwestern city
- 35 Bread spread
- 36 Pigpen
- 38 "M*A*S*H" role
- 39 Types of tides
- 42 MacDonald's place
- 43 Eye layer
- 44 Not as much
- 45 "Chicago" lyricist Fred
- 46 "Golly!"
- 48 Ostrich's cousin

DOWN

- 1 Engrossed
- 2 Beige
- 3 Buy stuff
- 4 Prepare for printing

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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