Parents upset about book, movie choices at Linden schools

■Superintendent admits policy wasn't followed

By Hannah Ball

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Linden — Approximately six months after several Linden parents brought the issue of being unaware of their children watching R-rated movies and reading books with graphic material in class, Linden Superintendent

Russ Ciesielski presented a solution at the Wednesday, March 21 Board of Education meeting.

Numerous parents spoke at the meeting, upset because certain books and films contain sex, nudity, rape and other graphic material.

During the meeting, Sheila Kern, Linden parent, said, "We have numerous materials with themes of rape,

See PARENTS UPSET on 15A

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HANNAH BALL
Linden Board of
Education members
and Superintendent
Russ Ciesielski (second
from left) listen to parents
and teachers share their
thoughts on book and

movie choices.





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Teen testifies against alleged child predator



TRI-COUNTY TIMES VIDEO STILL I TIM JAGIELO

Derek Timothy Watson, 62, listens to testimony in the courtroom of 67th District Court Judge William Crawford on Thursday, March 22.

First testimony in criminal sexual conduct case

By Tim Jagielo

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Flint—On Thursday, March 22, the alleged victim of Derek Watson said that when Watson asked her if they could "fool around," in his house, she didn't know what to do.

"I was just scared," said the 15-yearold girl who would have been 11 at the time of the alleged events she described.

While she spoke, Watson sat by his attorney, watching her and shaking his head back and forth.

Watson had entered the courtroom in handcuffs and crutches. He was led in by a Genesee County Sheriff's deputy for his first preliminary exam, with 67th District Court Judge William Crawford.

See CHILD PREDATOR on 8A

461 remember all that I need to remember. 77

Alleged victim, who was 11 at the time of events

Big changes coming to Fenton school year

■For the first time in 11 years, classes to start week before Labor Day

By Vera Hogan

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After an 11-year state ban, 123 Michigan school districts received waivers and began the 2017-2018 school year before Labor Day.

It is the highest number granted since the Michigan Department of Education (MDE)

See FENTON SCHOOL on 10A



PHOTO: DIGITAL TRENDS

A 17-year-old Holly resident is in custody and facing charges for allegedly posting "I feel like shooting up a school today," on Snapchat.

Holly teen arrested for threat

Students credited with alerting school resource officer of alleged threat

By Sharon Stone

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On Wednesday, March 21, at 10 a.m., some Holly students relayed a threat to the Holly Area Schools Police Resource Officer Michael Houck, said Police Chief Michael Story.

A suspended Holly High

School student allegedly posted a photo on Snapchat with the title, "I feel like shooting up a school today."

Officer Houck was familiar with the teen due to an unrelated contact with him the prior day. He conveyed the information to the Holly Police Department.

Approximately one-half hour later, a Holly police officer located the suspect's vehicle, which

See THREAT on 7A

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teachers, those who

really care, have thousands of people who remember and revere them for the rest of their lives."

LE Ever notice how much your silly iPhones are like college



textbooks? Every year they 'change' a few meaningless things about them and then add 30 percent onto the price to buy

the latest and greatest. I work for Verizon and we laugh at the people who rush in to buy them."

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Times for being an outlet



of reason and publishing Andrew Heller's column on teachers. It was utterly excellent. We need more of

that in the paper."



COMMENT OF THE WEEK

LLMy first year as a teacher, this is the advice I was given by an older teacher: 'The true teacher defends his pupils against his own personal influence.' I never forgot it."



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Giant toy retailer closing **U.S.** doors

Readers share memories

By Hannah Ball

early 1990s.

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On March 15, Toys R Us announced the closure of all 880 U.S. Toys R Us and Babies R Us stores. The well-known and popular toy franchise has been in business since 1957, but had reported declining sales since the

He liked looking The company filed at everything for bankruptcy in Sepand wanted tember 2017, with \$4.8 everything. 77 billion worth of debt, Jeanette Sugar hoping to restructure and rebuild. However, they were unable to operate under Chapter 11, mainly due to the amount of debt, causing the closure of U.S. stores for liquidation.

Many news outlets are calling the closures an "end of an era."

Toys R Us blamed declining birth rates as a reason for a decline in sales. Birth rates have decreased since the early '90s, according to reuters.com, and many baby-focused and child-focused companies and organizations are feeling



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO

On Thursday, March 22, some items at Toys R Us in Flint Township are on clearance. The liquidation sale will begin soon.

smaller population.

In court filings for bankruptcy, the company also blamed big-chain stores like Walmart and Target for selling the same toys at a discount during the most recent holiday season so shoppers would buy toys there. Other factors the company cited are competition from online retailers, an increase in labor costs, and the popularity

On Facebook, the Times asked readers if they had any fond memories of

of online games.

the lasting effects of a shopping at the toy conglomerate.

Annette Murphy said, "My husband and I were both employees at the Flint (Linden Road) store when it first opened in 1978. We met while participating in the store bowling league. I worked as a cashier/sporting goods stock person, on the day shift and my husband worked in the back stockroom in the evening.

"We married in 1979 and are still married. It's sad to hear that they are closing. I got chosen to dress up as Bat-girl one year to do meet and greet with the kiddies."

See TOYS R US on 14A

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The Hula Hoop was invented in 1958. In two vears, sales reached more than \$100 million. In 1999, it joined the Toy Hall of Fame.

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The Slinky was invented in a shipyard during World War II. More than 300 million have been sold.

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were sold in a few months.



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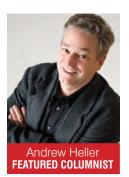
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• If there was a Mount Rushmore of Shame for the 2016 presidential election, Mark Zuckerberg's face would have to be on it. Intentional or not, the Zuck sold out his country by letting his platform and our data be weaponized to help win a political campaign. His lame non-apology about Cambridge Analytica and his pledge to investigate are a lot too little a lot too late. And why would we trust him to do the right thing now anyway when he didn't do it in the first place? Because he got caught?



Please. • Plus, it's still possible (though harder) to still "poke" or "wave" at people on Facebook. And that's unforgivable.

• I'm so mad at Facebook I wanted to close

my account. Then I thought, "Wait, where else am I gonna find those adorable "Share if you remember (ice cube trays, dress patterns or paper routes) memes?" Life would be incomplete without them, right?

- Listen, I'm very serious about this: If someone made a whole loaf of bread with just heels, I would buy it. I've been known to take all the slices out of the bag to get at the butt at the back. (Don't judge. I like bread butts, and I cannot lie. You other fellas can't deny.)
- Spring arrived Tuesday. I slipped on the ice. In Michigan, spring doesn't officially arrive until you can leave the heater off in the car. So, around June.
- Damn you, Wolf Blitzer. Updating a story that's 24 hours old is not "breaking" news. It's barely even news, no matter how urgently you say it. This is what I get for violating my rule against watching CNN.
- Putin was re-elected this week. Say what you will about the guy but

winning two presidential elections in two different countries in a single year is pretty darned impressive.

• Looks like Mike Fiers, the Tigers only real free agent acquisition of the winter, is going to start the season

on the DL. My guess is he's not really hurt, he just got a good look at the offense they're going to put on the field and figured, "Why bother?" Truly, this could be one of the worst offenses in MLB history, especially after they trade Castellanos in June.

• I'm kinda down on this rebuild if you can't tell.

• I really thought

the Pistons would catch fire after trading for Blake Griffin. Is it the coaching then?

- I just accidentally read the following headline online: "25 Things You Never Knew About Britney Spears' Ex Kevin Federline." And now I'm curious to find out what they are. Because, I don't know about you, but I'd have trouble coming up with 10 things people don't know about me. And this guy's got 25!
- Saginaw County is the most obese county in the state, according to a new study. Zehnder's and Bavarian Inn are probably partly to blame. That's some good stuff.
- Police in Texas said they tracked the Austin bomber through his cell phone. Why tell people that? Now the next bomber's going to chuck his phone. Smooth, fellas. Smooth.
- "No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn." — Hal Borland
- "Except possibly in Michigan." —

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THE POLICE NEED to start enforcing the law and hand out tickets for those who violate the red light on Silver Parkway turning into the parking lot. I am tired of almost being hit in the crosswalk by those who refuse to stop for the red light before turning into the parking lot.

I AM SORRY but my definition of wellregulated militia is vastly different from yours. Using your definition the KKK, the mafia or any other violent street gang could simply declare themselves a militia. My definition is for any U.S. National Guard or U.S. military reserve unit.

DEBBIE STABENOW HAS been in government for 43 years. She has never created any jobs, never signed a paycheck or worried about making payroll. She is for big government, open borders and more regulations. It's time for a change. Please elect someone who actually understands the world of business and job creation.

ON THE DAY of the Japanese attack, Dec. 7, 1941, which ended the Great Depression, we were armed but had no money for shells.

THANK YOU MR. Heller for your spot on article March 17. We need your voice.

IT'S RUDE TO go door to door? Jesus did it, and he commanded his followers to do the same. If all lived like that, we'd be in a better place.

IF CONGRESS REALLY wants to prevent school shootings it should pass a law making crime illegal. I should include a paragraph banning mental illness also.

BETSY DEVOS — NEVER been a teacher, not involved in education at any level, only went to private school, in favor of charter schools, and opposes public schools. Trump: make her Secretary of Education for the nation. That's going to help most of our kids? Get real.

A GOOD TEACHER, like a good entertainer, first must hold his audience's attention, then he or she can teach their lessons.

AS SOMEONE WHO practices weekly with pistols, I can state without fear of meaningful contradiction that it would take extraordinary courage to take on a rifle shooter with a pistol. In my experience, accuracy with a service-size pistol at 25 feet is about the same as that with a rifle at 50 yards. For an unarmed person, especially an old, fat guy whose idea of exercise is swinging a golf club, the risk level of intervening is essentially suicidal.

TO THE HOME-school parent. I have nearly nine years of college plus many workshops. What makes you think that you can better educate your child? Will you teach them that the Earth is flat? Leave teaching to those trained for it.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times



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"I think it would be Matchbox cars, because I could use my imagination and set up scenarios in my head. They were affordable, too."

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■Here are some fun facts about Tigers' opening day

By David Troppens

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Forget about Detroit Tigers' season predictions.

Forget about last year's dismal performance.

When the Detroit Tigers open the 2018 Major League Baseball season at Comerica Park against the Pittsburgh

Pirates at 1:10 p.m. on Thursday, none of that will matter to the 40,000-plus filling the stadium and the probably hundreds of thousands playing hooky from school and/ or work to watch the game on television. Everyone is hopeful about the new season.

If there is a date that represents an unofficial sports holiday in Michigan, the

Tigers Opening Day contest (the first game at Comerica Park every season), is it. As the Tigers prepare for Thursday's 118th edition of opening day, we thought it would be nice to look back at some interesting trivia about this special date.

What was the greatest Opening Day in Tigers' history?

It was the Tigers' first as a Major League Baseball team in 1901. Playing in what was then called Bennett Park, the Tigers trailed Milwaukee 13-4 entering the bottom half of the ninth inning. Certainly most of the 10,023 fans in attendance had probably already left anticipating the loss.

Instead, the Tigers scored 10 runs in the bottom of the ninth, winning the game 14-13 completing what remains the Tigers greatest ninth-inning comeback in franchise history. A key play came when Kid Gleason reached base

> on an error on what should've been the last out of the contest, earning Milwaukee a 13-12 victory. Instead, he reached base and Pop Dillon followed with a two-run double, earning the Tigers the 14-13 victory. What a way to start a Major League franchise!



The Tigers have a 66-50-1 record on Opening Day. In recent seasons, the Tigers have been outstanding on Opening Day, winning each of the last nine.

A tie, when did the tie happen?

In 1904, the Tigers tied the St. Louis Browns 4-4 in a game that was called due to darkness after 12 innings. In the early portion of the 1900s, it wasn't



Two of the Tigers' biggest stars that remain for the 2018 baseball season are Miguel Cabrera and Victor Martinez. The Tigers begin their season on Thursday against the Pittsburgh Pirates at Comerica Park at 1:10 p.m.

uncommon for teams to finish the season with a handful of ties due to darkness. The games were considered official games. The ties weren't counted toward the team records.

Who is the most common Opening Day opponent in Tigers' history?

That honor goes to Cleveland with the Tigers playing them in 36 opening days. The Tigers haven't had much success against the Indians, Blues and Naps (all the names Cleveland has used over the years), going just 16-20. However, the last time the Indians were the Opening Day foe, the Tigers beat them 5-2 in 2010.

What is Detroit's best and worst record against Opening Day foes?

Let's base this on at least five Opening Days played. Detroit has a 5-1 record against the Boston Red Sox for their best record. Their 16-20 record against the Indians is the worst.

What is their record against the Pitts**burgh Pirates?**

This is the first time the Tigers have played the National League Pirates during Opening Day. In fact, it's the first time the Tigers have opened against a National League foe.

Who has been the Tigers Opening Day starter the most?

Unfortunately, we couldn't find a list for the Tigers' actual home openers. However, if we want to look at the Tigers' season-opener, which is frequently a road contest, Jack Morris owns the record with 11 starts with the Tigers winning seven of them. Starting in 1903, George Mullin started 10 times, with the Tigers going 5-5 in those contest. Justin Verlander started nine games, with the Tigers winning six of them.

Who are the Tigers' established star players entering 2018?

Miguel Cabrera and Victor Martinez are two of the few starters remaining from most of Detroit's recent glory seasons, but they are aging. Jordan Zimmerman will be the Tigers' starting pitcher on opening day, but Michael Fulmer should be the team's best pitcher this summer. This year's starting lineup will be drastically different from the one from a year ago. The Tigers are certainly in a rebuilding mode.



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Prosecutor warns students of consequences for making false terrorism threats

By Hannah Ball

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Linden — The message conveyed to Linden students on Tuesday, March 20 was that threatening to shoot up a school, even as a joke, is a crime and police will get involved.

Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton and Deputy Chief Assistant Prosecutor John Potbury stopped by Linden High School and gave a presentation to students about the ramifications of making false threats to kill people.

"Ever since last month in Parkland, there has been a different environment around the country, a heightened sensitivity to these acts," Potbury said.

Linden has experienced numerous threats in the past few years. Three teenagers were arrested for making threats on social media in October 2015. Police have investigated two additional potential threats originating from the district since the Parkland shooting on Feb. 14 when 17 people were shot and killed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

Potbury showed photos of the schools from Columbine, Virginia Tech, Sandy Hook, and most recently, Parkland.

"In the past four weeks since Parkland, Florida, our office has received 10 reports from local police agencies from Linden to Clio, from Flushing to Bentley schools ... Incidents where

students have made threats of some sort that they are going to shoot up a school," Potbury said to the students. "There were some instances where students had hit lists."

The day after the Parkland shooting, Ken Engel, school resource officer

for Linden, reported a YouTube video, which a Linden student helped make. The lyrics threatened to shoot other people and the principal. The prosecutor's office determined there was not probable cause that a crime was committed and did not pursue the case.

"These types of incidents, threats to shoot up a school, are not a joke," Potbury said.

Another threat involved a student writing a threat on a desk.

Potbury mentioned free speech, and the limits that have been set by the Supreme Court.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I HANNAH BALL

Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton speaks to ninth- and 10th-grade students about the legal and social ramifications of threatening to shoot up a school at Linden High School on Tuesday, March 20.

"There are certain times when free speech has its limits," he said, mentioning past Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes. "He once said you cannot falsely shout fire in a crowded theater."

He implored the kids to imagine if someone shouted, "Someone's got a gun" in the crowded auditorium and everyone rushed to get out.

"You know damn well you'd be scared to death to think that someone had gone to Linden High School with a gun," he said. "People could get killed in the trampling."

Making these threats can result in severe social and legal con-

sequences.

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John Potbury

Genesee County deputy chief

assistant prosecutor

Leyton told the students, "Your friends know that you've got issues. Your name has been sullied. You have to go to court. You may not be able to go to school. You may not be able to participate in after school activities. You may have to hire a lawyer and it's going to cost you a whole bunch of money."

According to Michigan law, threatening terrorism or making a false report or threat of terrorism is illegal and carries a potential 20-year prison sentence.

"Whether you think you're joking

or not, that is a threat of terrorism," he said. The law states that it is not a defense if the defendant did not have the intent or capability of committing the act of terrorism.

False threats cause fear among students and teachers, disruption of daily activities, and diversion of law enforcement resources. Students can face suspension or explosion for making a false threat.

Potbury asked the students how many of them have heard of OK2SAY,

THREAT

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was occupied, and he called for assistance. A second officer arrived to assist. Two males were taken in to the station for interview and investigation.

It is unknown whether the males are students at Holly High School.

While the officers continued the initial investigation, Houck interviewed the two males. As a result of the investigation and interview, one of the males was released. The other, a 17-year-old Holly resident was arrested and later transported to the Oakland County Jail.

The investigation is ongoing.

The incident will be forwarded to the Oakland County Prosecutors Office for review and charges on Friday, March 23.

"The swiftness was attributable to students immediately coming forward to our Resource Officer with this threat," Story said. "His immediate assessment and forwarding critical information very quickly to officers led to an arrest within an hour's time.

which is an app people can put on their phones. The program, run by the Attorney General's office, is an outlet for people to post tips about people who are being bullied or anything that could harm them or others. Potbury encouraged students to use the app, if needed.

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How a sneeze spreads

■Each sneeze can produce as many as 40,000 germ-filled droplets

By Hannah Ball

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Despite spring peeking out from behind the clouds, sicknesses are still going around. Sneezes are a huge culprit for the spreading of germs. To prevent coming down with a bug, learn how to sneeze properly and enlighten others.

When you sneeze, you are spraying germs into the air for other people to encounter. When you're sick, it's even worse.

Here's how it happens:

One sneeze can produce as many as 40,000 droplets, and many are too small to be seen with the naked eye. The larger drops fall to the floor and the lighter ones stay in the air longer and land on a desk, shelf or doorknob.

Moving objects can move these germs. For example, if you sneeze near your bed and then ruffle the sheets hours later, you're moving around those sneeze germs. Opening a door can greatly spread the viruses from room to room.

The airborne particles can survive for hours and land on common items, such as paper, pens, and phones. Once these particles are breathed in, they



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You may think not covering your mouth when you sneeze or cough is harmless, but you're spreading germs into the air and potentially affecting other people.

stay at the back of the throat and the virus infiltrates the body's cell. Whether a person will fall ill depends on how much of the virus is breathed in and the person's immune system.

When someone comes down with an illness like a cold, the body tries to deal with the infection by bringing up mucus to help clear it. Some mucus is swallowed and is destroyed by stomach acid. When the mucus is coughed out, the germs are released into the air again.

To combat the spread of germs, scientists recommend you cover your mouth when you cough and sneeze. Then wash your hands.

Source: livescience.com

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A preliminary exam is the first court proceeding whereby witnesses are called and evidence is presented to the judge. The teen sat for questioning by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Mark Zelley and Watson's attorney, Nicholas Robinson.

Because she is a minor, her name and any images of her are not being published.

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 in 2013 involving the then 11-year-old girl.

Zelley walked the teenager through several incidents prior to April 2015, in which Watson allegedly penetrated her using a sex toy, asked her to touch his genitals, and took pictures of her genitals, among other acts.

Before the incidents, she was friends with Watson's son, and admitted that Watson was somewhat of a father figure to her. She visited the house most days, and Watson would buy them all food. She said Watson bought her her first smartphone.

The first inappropriate incident Zelley addressed was when while out shopping with his son and the alleged victim, Watson offered to buy her a thong, which he later asked her to model for him. She said she didn't know what to do, so she complied.

After her testimony, Robinson sought to draw attention to certain conflicts in her previous interviews with police. While on the stand, she said she thinks the events occurred when it was warm out, while the GCSO report indicated that she thought there was snow on the ground.

"I remember all that I need to remember," she said.

Robinson questioned her, seeking to cast doubt on the events, and pointed out that she didn't report the incidents until much later.

At times, she flat out disagreed with his assertions. He suggested that interviews with police years after the incident helped to fill in her "fuzzy" memories. "So the stories change, right?" said Robinson.

"Not a lot," said the teen.
"But they do change," he said.

Eventually she told her mother, her

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Derek Watson leaves the courtroom on crutches on Thursday, March 22.

boyfriend and a school counselor about the incidents. The school counselor learned about the general situation in November 2017.

The prosecution also brought Det. Jason Murphy of the GCSO Detective Bureau to discuss seizing shotguns from Watson's home, which as a felon stemming from a 1988 marijuana charge, he couldn't legally own.

A probable cause conference on Thursday, March 29 is the next step, where both parties will go over any available records from a meeting between the teen and her school counselor, where she mentioned the alleged incidents.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELOJudge William Crawford is presiding over the 67th District Court proceedings of the Derek Watson case.



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Michigan one of worst in nation for third-grade reading

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■But local students consistently score above state average

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According to an education report by The Education Trust-Midwest, Michigan's third-grade reading levels showed the greatest decline compared to other states participating in the same assessment. The state was also one of only five states that show negative improvement for early reading since

This decline comes after the state invested nearly \$80 million to improve reading outcomes.

Test results

In the 2016 -2017 school year, only 44 percent of third graders in Michigan were proficient in reading, which is down that can have a lasting from 50 percent in 2014-2015. However, area schools educational future. 77 are above state average.

Accordingtodata from mischooldata.

com from the 2016-2017 MSTEP and SAT assessments, Linden Community Schools' third grade students were 57 percent proficient in English Language Arts (ELA), which includes reading, and Lake Fenton's third-grade students were 54 percent proficient. Fenton and Holly third-grade students were 47 percent proficient in ELA.

Problems with reading retention

Holly Superintendent Scott Roper said Holly students consistently test at or above state average. He said one reason why students fall behind is a lack of summer reading.

"There is a great deal of research that tells us that summer reading loss is an enormous problem that can have a lasting impact on a student's educational future. In fact, some reports say that the cumulative loss from the lack of summer reading can create a gap of almost 2 years by sixth grade," he said.

To combat this, Holly has secured

grant money to buy nearly 9,000 books for its 975 Young 5s through thirdgrade students for the summer. They are also implementing a program to provide five summer reading books for every fourth- and fifth-grade student.

Problem areas with the state

According to the report, the state did not give proper guidance to school districts when adopting college and career-ready standards. Michigan created a statewide evaluation system, but implementation is weak, and there is no statewide system of teacher and school leader professional development.

The report also states that Michigan lacks a strategic approach with

literacy coaching, and the state does not have a history of identifying and effectively supporting the lowest performing schools.

Solutions?

In October 2016, Gov. Rick Snyder signed into a law a third-grade reading law that requires

third-grade students meet state-determined reading proficiency requirements in order to go on to fourth grade. Students must take three standardized tests and prove proficiency before they move on. The requirements start in the 2019-2020 school year.

All local school districts have interventionists to help students who are falling behind in reading. Additionally, legislation has passed in hopes of improving reading levels.

Cheryl Thomas, principal of Hyatt Elementary in Linden, said educators are continually researching best practices to support students in classrooms.

"Most recently, the 'Literacy Essentials' have assisted schools in reflecting on instructional practices literacy and have provided potential areas for professional development," she said. "Linden sees the strength of their readers in their accuracy and are honing in on essential practices in comprehension."

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House Bill 5456: Ban asbestos lawsuit "double dipping"

To require plaintiffs who seek damages for alleged asbestos-related conditions to disclose whether they have already filed suits against trusts or claims pools created in previous asbestos bankruptcy cases. Reportedly, some plaintiff attorneys have filed multiple suits seeking duplicate damages. The bill would also authorize reopening and readjusting cases and damage awards in such cases.

Passed 35 to 1 in the Senate

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

House Bill 5180: Potentially permit air bows for hunting during firearms

To potentially permit the use of pneumatic air bows to hunt game during any open season in which a firearm may be used, and potentially permit disabled hunters to use air bows during bow season. Specifically, the bill allows but does not require state officials to authorize this. These devices are like crossbows but use compressed air to drive an arrow.

Passed 59 to 47 in the House Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51)

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) X YES



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House Bill 5646: Check voter lists against Social Security death lists

To require the Secretary of State to check the statewide qualified voter file against the U.S. Social Security Administration's death master file on a monthly basis. Also, to enroll the state in multistate voter registration verification programs, to the extent these do not require a new law to be passed or pushed.

Passed 101 to 5 in the House

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

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Senate Bill 872: Extend statute of limitations on criminal sexual conduct suits

To extend to 10 years the statute of limitations on filing a civil lawsuit related to criminal sexual conduct offenses, or if the victim was a minor, until the individual turns 48 years of age, with some narrow exceptions. This would apply retroactively to offenses committed after 1996, and would not require that any criminal prosecution or other legal action was ever brought as a result of an alleged offense. Alleged victims would have to file suits within one year after the bill becomes law.

Passed 28 to 7 in the Senate

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TO THE 'YOUR interpretation' Hot-liner from Midweek issue. Second amendment does not describe nor prohibit what kind of weapons an American citizen selects to defend his family, his home and his property. and read exact language the framers of the constitution chose to declare 'the right of the people to keep and bear arms.'

YOU KEEP BRINGING up the uranium deal with Russia for Clinton. You better do some checking because it never happened and legally it couldn't happen because that kind of thing is regulated. Check your facts.

HEY HOLLY VILLAGE, I think it's time to relocate the clock or get rid of it.

IF THE VILLAGE is moving the fire department you can bet it is not to benefit the

FENTON SCHOOL

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began issuing waivers in 2006 to get around the state law designed to boost state tourism in August and early September.

For the 2018-2019 school year Fenton Area Public Schools will join them. The first day of the school year will be Tuesday, Aug. 28, according to Superintendent Adam Hartley.

Additionally, block scheduling, which has been in place in Fenton schools for about 20 years, is gone after the current school year.

Early start

"Many schools are looking at the MDE Pre-Labor Day start waiver and making decisions

based on academics for the upcoming school calendar year," Hartley said. "Fenton Area Public Schools decided to move to this new calendar for the 2018-19 school year to address our academic goals.

"With the new third-grade reading laws, schools must have all students tested within the first 30 days of school and have an iRIP (individual reading intervention plan) created for those students behind grade level," Hartley said. "We are wanting to accomplish this sooner than later and have ample time to meet with families to collaborate on interventions to prepare our students in the areas of reading and writing.

"We are enhancing our summer programming this year and would like to

shorten the time between our summer instruction and the start of school," he said. "It is imperative our younger students have shorter gaps in their learning and the momentum that is developed in summer programming, taught by FAPS teachers, has a sense of continuity moving into the fall."

This summer FAPS is offering Credit Forward opportunities for students who are in a position credit wise where

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Adam Hartley

Fenton schools superintendent

they can take a class online and gain high school credit to free their schedule during the year for more electives, Hartley said.

"We are also beginning our Southern Lakes Early College with Mott Community College and the threeday head start allows us to ensure the students

participating are ready to go for the orientation and first of year events," he said.

"Beginning a week early this year allows us to end the school year in the first week of June as well."

The Holly, Lake Fenton and Linden school districts are not making the change with the upcoming school year.

Kindergarten open house

The kindergarten open house is one part of the school calendar that is the product of legally required bargaining between the teacher's union and the district.

"Parents will know which classroom and which teacher their child has well before the first day of school," Hartley said. "Families will be able to access the buildings and see the classrooms before the first day of school. Parents, once classroom placement is communicated, may call and set up a time with the building principal to visit the school and take a tour."

Block scheduling

The Fenton Education Association (FEA) and the FAPS Board of Education have worked together to ensure a much better financial landscape for the school community for years to come, Hartley said.

"The A/B day block staffing model has been a part of FHS for almost 20 years and AGS for seven years," he said. "While many staff, students and administration enjoy this staffing model and schedule, it became clear that this type of schedule is becoming harder and harder to maintain financially."

According to a letter sent to parents at the beginning of this school year, Hartley said, "This transition allows us to have a less intensive staffing model, while maintaining the high academic standards Fenton Area Public Schools provides for our students."

The schedule structure, beginning with the start of the school year on Aug. 28, will include a reduction of teacher planning time from 88 muinutes per day to 58 minutes per day, while adding significant instructional time during the school year.

The middle school and high school students will have six, 58-minute class periods each day with an advisory period for other activities.

Gracie Warda will be a junior at Fenton High School for the 2018-2019 school year. "I really enjoy block scheduling and all the opportunities it gives us as students. It allows us to take home minimal homework, which means that we have time for other things outside of school.

"I really don't know of any students who dislike block scheduling, it's really great for the students and the teachers," Gracie said. "The new schedule will still have Student Resource Time (SRT) which is like a study hall, and I really appreciate that because it's really helpful to have an opportunity to talk to your teachers and finish homework, especially if you're busy after school.

"There are definitely going to be some growing pains with the traditional schedule because some of us have been on a block schedule since sixth grade, so it will definitely be an adjustment," she said.

WHAT YOU MISSED in the MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

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Area teen is Hollywood-bound

Genavieve Linkowski, 19, of Atlas Township, near Goodrich, sang her way to

a golden ticket to Hollywood on her nationally televised "American Idol" audition, which aired Monday, March 19.



Reckless driver destroys Holly clock

Holly Township woman is arrested for OWI after knocking down the downtown village of Holly clock Friday, March 16.

Muslim-run cemetery plan revised

Noise, traffic, burial practices addressed with regard to a proposed cemetery on Germany Road, near Denton Hill in Tyrone Township.

Surprise! Holly teacher to receive 'outstanding' award

Holly Middle School teacher Tracey Jensen is first in Holly to be recognized in five years.

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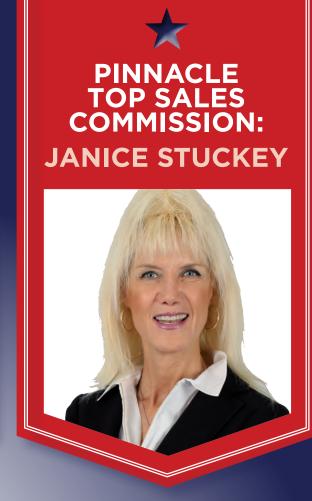


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TOYS R US

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Jeanette Sugar said, "My all time favorite store was actually Children's Palace. My family only went to Toys R Us after the other store shut down. I used to go there as a kid. It was fun wandering the aisles. Now as a parent, I've only been to Toys R Us less than 10 times.

"I took my oldest there twice. He liked looking at everything and wanted everything. However, as a parent the store lacked that magical feel it did for me as a kid. Not the best to navigate and organization lacks greatly. Prices, to me, are better elsewhere for what my child is into. I'm sad the store has to close, but it happens."

Sarah Koza said, "They have nobody but themselves to blame. Drastically over priced and they refuse to price match. You can shop elsewhere (Walmart, Meijer, Amazon, Target) getting better deals. If the above stores don't have it on their shelves, they offer free shipping if you order online to the store or to your home. Toys R Us cannot compete with that."

Mary Johnson said, "Well, no fond memories as a child but we had twin daughters (1984) and made many many runs for diapers!"

History of Toys R Us

When Charles Lazarus was 25, he opened a store called Children's Bargain Town in Washington, D.C. to cater to the baby boom in 1948. He ran the store himself, from taking care of the books to delivering products to customers' homes.

This turned into Toys R Us. At first, he only sold furniture, but expanded with clothes and toys and set up



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Customers filter in and out of the Flint Township Toys R Us on Thursday, March 22. Nationwide, the retailer of more than 50 years is liquidating all inventory and closing the doors on its 880 locations.

stores nationwide.

The first Kids R Us store opened in Paramus, New Jersey and Brooklyn, New York in 1983. The next year, the store went international with openings in Canada and Singapore.

In 1992, President George H.W. Bush traveled to Japan to attend the opening of that country's first Toys R Us store.

The first Babies R Us opened in 1996 in Westbury, New York, Toysrus. com launched two years later in 1998.

The Center of the Toy Universe in New York City's Times Square opened in 2001 with a 60-foot Ferris wheel, a 20-foot animatronic T-rex, a life-size Barbie dollhouse and New York City skyline made of Legos. The store closed in December 2015.

Lazarus died on Thursday, March 22 at the age of 94. He no longer held a stake in the Toys R Us chain. He remained CEO until 1994.

Trying to save Toys R Us?

One toy manufacturer is putting his money where his mouth is in trying to save Toys R Us. Issac Larian, chief executive of MGA Entertainment Inc., and the man who marketed the Bratz dolls and the toy LOL Surprise, started a Gofundme in order to save the toy company. Larian and other investors kicked off the crowdfunding campaign by pledging \$200 million, accompanied with the hashtag #SaveToysRUs. Their goal is to raise another \$800 million to reach \$1 billion to help the company through the bankruptcy process.

You can find the Gofundme at savetoysrus.com. In addition, with the \$200 million, another \$5,000 has been raised.

Source: usatoday.com

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Linden parent

PARENTS UPSET

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molestation, promiscuous sex. It's not isolated. It's again and again. It's not fair for parents to have their kids singled out again and again just because the nature of the material is inconsistent with values at home."

Jannette Ropeta said, "With the education in this school, they are more aware and educated on R-rated and explicit material, they also know what else is out there," she said. "Why can't teachers offer a few alternative choices that would be acceptable to parents who don't want their children exposed to vulgarity or sexual explicit content?"

She said it can be damaging for students who have been raped or molested to watch the material if they didn't opt out.

One parent said the teachers should focus on positive works, and asked, "If you have to talk about rape and injustice, let's talk about it in a positive way."

Another parent, Sarah Tottingham, said people need to respect the parent's choice to decide what is appropriate and what is not. She said it's not appropriate when students are only given the option of reading books like "A Clockwork Orange" and "A Brave New World," books that address rape and sex. She said it's

not the teacher's main job to tell students about the world and what to expect.

Dan Schneider, literature teacher, told the board that those two books are options in group projects. Students have a list of books to choose from, and if they choose those books, he sends home a permission slip for parents to sign.

English teacher Bethany George said implementing

more choices would be hard. "It would be

very difficult to have a class of 30 people reading three different books," she said.

"I think that's one thing in the 10th-grade class we really do with a book," she said. "I know it's one of the books that's been objected to, 'A Lesson Before Dying.' I start out with 'what does it mean to feel worth and be worthy?""

George said on the topic of rape, she teaches by using the book "Speak," which is about a girl who is raped, but there is no rape scene. The book focuses on trauma.

"We had a student speak last week

about how that has helped her," she said. George said she would love to be positive, but there many bad things in the world and it's important to talk about those, too. "I wish all kids had involved parents but unfortunately we don't," she said.

George said teachers who have degrees

in education and writing curriculum know more about writing curriculum.

At the March 7 meeting, George told the board that at the beginning of each course, she gives students a packet explaining the literary works they will be reading. Additionally, a summer reading packet is always sent home with information about the books. Alternative options are always offered if a student has an issue with a certain book, she said. Over her 18 years of teaching, she's had 10 requests for alternatives.

Multiple students spoke in favor of George and Schneider at the March 7 meeting.

Changes to be made

Ciesielski admitted the high school has not been following policy for about three years when it comes to approving films and books taught in class.

"We have not followed our own process. We realize that," he said. Policy will be followed. Including board approval. On Jan. 26, the board enacted a new district-wide policy, and aims to implement a new curriculum adoption process for the 2018-2019 school year.

"The first proposed policy change was the exclusion of

any nudity or sexually explicit activity in movie clips" he said.

G-rated movies can be shown, parent permission is needed with PG and PG-13 movies, and teachers can no longer show NC-17 or R-rated movies.

"Currently, there is a district-wide moratorium on showing R-rated movies," he said. Students can opt out of watching any movie for religious reasons.

From previous meetings, Ciesielski identified issues brought forth from the concerned parents. The first issue is that parents said they weren't aware

of the course material before students were reading the books. Ciesielski said all course material, including required reading and what movies they will watch, will be posted on the LHS website with disclosure statements and the syllabi will require a parent signature.

Parents were concerned that cer-

tain books were mandatory reading regardless of content, and parents said that no equal choices were offered. Other concerns were singling out students if they object to course material and that a one-size fits all policy does not address a diverse population.

Ciesielski said they have policy guidelines in place, specifically administrative guidelines 2240B, alternative learning activities for opt-out students that addresses this. He said they would do better to follow policy.

Ciesielski asked parents to be patient as the changes are implemented.

Kern said a lot of their issues were addressed in Ciesielski's presentations, but they are "words on paper." Policy hasn't been consistently followed for 13 years, she said, adding that only 15 items have been approved by the board in those 13 years, when there are 91 courses at the high school with multiple literature texts.

"Where's the accountability?" she said.

Kern said the moratorium of R-rated movies was in place, but learned through a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request that two R-rated movies were approved after the moratorium was put in place on Jan. 26.



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TRI-COUNTY TIMES I HANNAH BALL On March 21, Linden Superintendent Russ Ciesielski gives a presentation about policy changes in regards to approving books and movies taught in class.





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My two-week China adventure

■From Great Wall, to healthier foods and bartering at markets

By Hannah Ball

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Suzhou, China — From March 3 to 17, I was more than 7,000 miles away from Michigan, visiting my parents in Suzhou, China.

I went with my sister, Rebecca, her fiancé, John, and our uncle, Paul. What an adventure.

Here's what's different and here's what's similar.

Most Asians have dark, straight hair. If you have blonde, curly hair like me, people will stare at

Hannah Ball

you and ask to take photos with you. There was a language barrier, but a lot of people know some English, which goes a long way when complemented with hand motions and Google translate.

Their cashiers get to sit while working,

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which is much better than America. Their subway systems, especially in Suzhou, are super clean.

There's a huge focus on plants and trees. The Chinese love flowers, especially in the cities. You'll see rows and rows of beautiful flowers and trees separating lanes in the road, or on

the sidewalks or on walkways above busy intersections.

There were security guards everywhere. Suzhou is a very low-crime area, and our Chinese guide in Beijing said most cities in China are pretty safe.

It's the most populated country in the world, and wow, did I notice that in Beijing. There are way too many people in Beijing with an estimated 22 million population. For reference, about 8 million live in New York City. We went for

> three days, mainly to hike The Great Wall, which was spectacular. It bends and curves, and the many of the stone steps are uneven. I have no idea how those soldiers navigated that thing when it was icy or wet, because I almost tripped a few times when it was dry.

Shanghai was wonderful, especially Pudong and the Bund at night. They're on the Huangpu River. The lights on the tall buildings make for a breathtaking sight.

Pollution is a major issue. The air quality index wasn't bad in Suzhou when we were there, but on our last day in Beijing, the air quality was described as "very unhealthy" on their weather report. I had a headache all day. Many people wear masks when the air gets bad.

This is partly why my parents are there. My dad is an engineer for Umicore, and he helps to reduce automotive emissions.

One of the best things about China is the markets. At these markets, look at the price tag and offer less than half. Walk away at least once and then they'll give you a great deal. I bought scarves for my friends for 80 RMB (which is about \$12 USD) each, when they were originally marked at 475 RMB each. "Made in China" has a much different ring when you're shopping in China.



■ China is very different from America, but has many similarities.

The food is far healthier than American food. They don't eat a lot of bread, to my dismay, but they do like rice. Most traditional Chinese meals focus on meats, vegetables and maybe some mushrooms. Duck

is popular, and any meat that's considered to be high quality comes with bones in it. Sharing is a huge thing also. For most meals, everyone at the table shares multiple dishes. By the way, I have mastered the art of chopsticks.

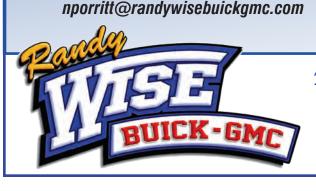
Liquor is cheaper than wine and beer. The Chinese love baiju, which is 53 proof. Be careful with baiju. The Chinese word for "beer" is "pijiu," which we used a lot.

The toilets, or more commonly known as "squatty potties," are toilets that are in the ground. Many people say they're just a hole in the ground, but that's not accurate. It's a toilet in the ground that you squat over, do your business, and then flush. It's a great leg workout and a lot more sanitary than sitting down on a seat. However, their sewer systems cannot handle paper very well, so all toilet paper is thrown in the trash.

I learned about how the government is developing apartment buildings and then pushing people into cities. I asked about their taxes and social customs and so much more, but it's impossible to fit everything in a short article.

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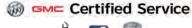
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Meet ROSEMARY STICKEL

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By Sally Rummel

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Rosemary Stickel, 95, has lived through the Depression and World War II, and raised three children, Andrea Van de Kamp 75, of Los Angeles, California; David Stickel, 67, of Fenton and Cynthia Alexander, 65, of Plymouth. She is proud to have six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren following in her footsteps of life.

Times Associate Editor Vera Hogan got to know Stickel when she taught a "Write Your Life Story" class at the Loose Center back in the mid-2000s, and Stickel wrote a few stories for the paper.

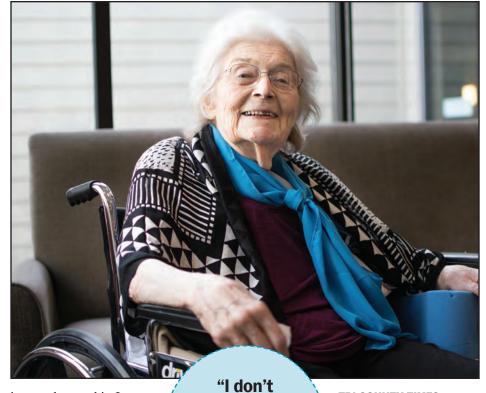
Where did you grow up?

I had an idyllic childhood in a small town in Indiana. My dad owned the Ford dealership. It was just before the Depression. It was just so happy. My folks were happy and in love. Things changed with the Depression and the future became very uncertain.

What was it like to live through the **Depression?**

After the stock market crash in 1929, my life changed forever. I was 8 and didn't really understand the enormity of it all. One of my dad's friends, a banker, committed suicide. Dad was forced to close down his business and we moved back to Detroit, where he went to work for Max O'Leary Ford.

We often had someone living with us, so many people were out of work. Men stood on street corners selling apples or trinkets, anything for a few coins. You have to have lived through



so lucky. I've had

a wonderful life."

Rosemary Stickel

it to understand it. It was like moving into an Ice

What did you do during the World War II?

Fenton resident I was very fortunate to work as a draftsman at Smith, Hinchman & Grylls in Detroit during the war. I had majored in art in college and that's how I got the job. Most of the men were fighting in the war.

That job led me into very interesting things. I got to know architect Minoru Yamasaki (designer of the original World Trade Center in New York City) very well and also architect Eero Saarinen, who designed the St. Louis Arch and the Fenton Community & Cultural

What happened after the war?

After the war, I had insight into the post-war world. Freeways changed the way we lived and how we shopped. People were buying cars and could get around. Northland Mall became the new retail center in metro Detroit. My husband was an architect and was one of the designers. I was there for all the beginnings of these new things.

How did you end up living in Fenton?

We raised our family in the Birmingham-Troy area and I moved here in 1996 to be closer to my son, David, and his family. I knew it would be easier on him to be closer as I was getting older. David and Debbie live just around the corner from us.

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> Rosemary Stickel, 95, lives in WellBridge of Fenton. She is already planning her 100th birthday.

What was the best advice you ever received?

I was kind of brash and didn't always listen. It comes back in spades; you better think twice about things.

My biggest regret now is how I probably hurt people's feelings along

the way. I'm sorry about that, I wish I could change it. I never gave it a thought when I was young. Now I have time to be introspective.

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What do you think of the state of the world today?

I am an anachronism — I'm not of this time or place. My main interpretation of things comes from my 20th century perspective. That was my time. I know things are always changing. When I think about my grandparents living before cars, refrigerators and bathrooms, it blows my mind.

What are your goals for this year?

I want to be able to go to my grandson's wedding in October. I'll get all gussied up for the occasion. My daughter Andrea's oldest daughter is getting married in California in May, but I can't travel anymore.

To what do you attribute your longevity?

I picked the right parents — my mom lived until 94 and my dad until 91. They never smoked or drank. I have a first cousin who lived to 101 and my Aunt Sue was just a month shy of her 100th birthday when she passed. I don't know how I got so lucky. I've had a wonderful life.

How to do you plan to celebrate your 100th birthday?

My best friend from high school is still going strong, and so is one of my best neighbor friends from growing up. We played since we were toddlers. We're all planning to hold on and celebrate our 100th birthdays together at the Park Place Hotel in Traverse City.







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Fenton's new varsity softball coach Ken Brant talks to his players during an outdoor practice at Fenton High School on Thursday.

Fenton's Brant, Linden's Puente begin tenures as new head coaches

By David Troppens

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When Fenton High School needed a new varsity softball coach, athletic director Mike Bakker only had to look in his own hometown for a solution. That's where he found Ken Brant.

The same was true when Linden athletic director Greg Durkac hired Tony Puente to lead the Eagles' varsity baseball program.

Both coaches live in the communities where they just became head coaches.

Brant, who also had a daughter in the

Fenton program at one time, is excited Milford, Fowlerville and Hartland. to have this opportunity.

"I'm from Fenton and I love the game of softball," Brant said. "I'm excited about the opportunity Fenton has given to me. I did have a daughter who played in the program but now she's in college and moved on. I just wanted to help the program."

Linden resident Puente also jumped on the opportunity to coach in his hometown. He has 15 seasons of varsity baseball experience, coaching at

"I found out about the job through (ex-Linden coach) Steve Buerkel and what got me excited is that I live in Linden. It was an opportunity to coach in my hometown.

"Even though Hartland (isn't far), living in the same hometown is kind of neat. They live and go to school in the same community, so I might see them at the stores when you coach in the same community."

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■LF senior completes dominating career with fourth state championship

By David Troppens

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Being a four-time prep individual state champion has its privileges.

Lake Fenton's Jarrett Trombley learned that lesson only minutes after capturing his fourth state title this wrestling season.

"There was one moment when I went into the stands (after winning his fourth state title) I asked my mom if I can have \$5 to get some dipping dots," Trombley said. "A guy in the crowd heard me ask and said, 'come on he's a four-timer, get him some dipping dots.""

Trombley has earned another right that one could expect after winning his fourth state championship this March. He's now our 2018 Tri-County Wrestler of the Year.

Trombley had a senior season with the Blue Devils no other Lake Fenton wrestler has ever accomplished.

Trombley finished his prep career at 194-1 overall. In fact, during his Lake Fenton career (his last three prep wrestling seasons) he was undefeated. He also capped his career by becoming only the 23rd prep wrestler to win four individual state championships, earning the most recent in the Division 3 individual

tournament at 130 pounds at Detroit's Ford Field in March, capping a perfect 59-0 senior season.

And, of course, he was able to get the five bucks for his dipping dots to cel-

Trombley's

beginning as a wrestler

When it comes to wrestling, Trombley was a natural to the sport almost from the first time he put on some wrestling tights.

"I remember that I started when I was 5 years old," Trombley said. "My dad was a coach and my older brothers wrestled, so I wanted to be like my older brothers. I was pretty good so I stuck with it.

"I remember my first year I had 40-something wins, one loss and won MWYA states that year."

Lake Fenton wrestling coach Vance Corcoran remembers the first time he saw Trombley wrestle.

"His dad and I are

good friends and he told me (at a youth wrestling meet) you have to watch him wrestle. Even at 9 and 10 years old, he was phenomenal. He was

Lake Fenton's Jarrett Trombley (top) captured his fourth prep individual state wrestling title at the state meet, and is now our 2018 Tri-County Wrestler of the Year.

LF's Trombley leads our 2018 wrestling class doing the crazy stuff he's doing now and was head and shoulders above everyone else. He was a tough little kid." Trombley's senior season

Trombley's domination was evident all season long. He was so dominant, in fact, it probably spurred him on to finding some other motivation

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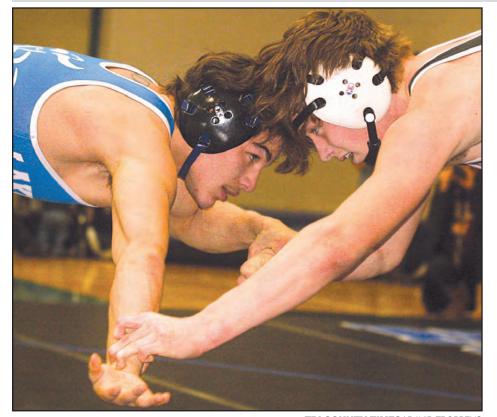
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Jarrett Trombley (left) competes during a recent match this winter. Trombley is our 2018 Tri-County Wrestler of the Year after capturing a fourth straight individual state championship earlier this month.

TROMBLEY

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to help him prepare for his 2018 state championship quest. During the summer, he was looking at the Michigan High School Athletic Association record book and saw the state record for takedowns was 526.

"I thought I could probably break that," Trombley said. "I started the season getting as many takedowns as I could. I had about 100 takedowns in three meets and I thought I could do this.

"Later in the season I got my conditioning up. Taking people down so much is tough before you get your conditioning up.

As the season went on, I kept getting better and being able to compete longer throughout the match. When I was approaching 500, I knew I could definitely do it, so I kept pushing forward."

Trombley not only broke the record, but pretty much demolished it, recording 609 takedowns during the season.

"I don't get a trophy for it, but it's a cool milestone accomplishment, and it's kind of cool to say I'm the national record holder,"

"He broke the old record by 80," Corcoran said. "He doesn't get tired. ... We started keeping him after practice every day to run sprints and he did it every single day"

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Area track teams begin season at SVSU indoor meet

By David Troppens

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The spring sports season has begun, but the first event wasn't outdoors.

Fenton's and Holly's track programs competed at the annual Saginaw Valley State University indoor track meet, and each had their share of solid performances.

The Fenton boys track team had the most top-20 performances of the area squads at the meet. John Sage had two of them, taking 13th in the 60-meter dash (7.43) and 14th in the 200 (23.61). Fenton's best individual performances were earned by Chanse Setzke and Samuel Deardorff with both taking thirds. Deardorff took third in the 3,200 (9:44.06) while Setzke took third in the long jump (20-feet-6).

Other individual Fenton boys with top-20 efforts were: Adam Jesse, fourth in the 3,200 (9:45.15); Nolan Day, seventh in the 1,600 (4:38.26); Mitchell Chabot, eighth in the 1,600 (4:38.45); Ryan Miller, 12th in the long jump (18-7 1/2); Ethan Pyeatt, 17th in the 400 (54.19); and Ethan Krantz, 19th in 60 hurdles (9.82).

The Holly varsity girls track team had nine top-20 performances with two athletes earning two of them. Andrea Ruiz took 10th in the 800 (2:31.16) and 13th in the 1,600 (5:31.37) while Monica Ruiz took 11th in the 400 (1:04.65) and 17th in the 800 (2:35.89).

Other Holly girls to record top-20



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Two of this year's top returning track athletes are Fenton's Alexa Keiser (left) and Holly's Monica Ruiz (right). Both had solid performances at the SVSU indoor track meet on Wednesday.

performances were: Gabrielle St. Andre, 10th in the 60 (8.44); Samantha Tschirhart, 17th in 200 (1:05.9); Hannah Muth, 13th in 60 hurdles (10.84); Annah Charles, 17th in the 60 hurdles (11.20); and Emily Sanders, 18th in the high jump (4-3).

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2017-18 All Tri-County Wrestling Team

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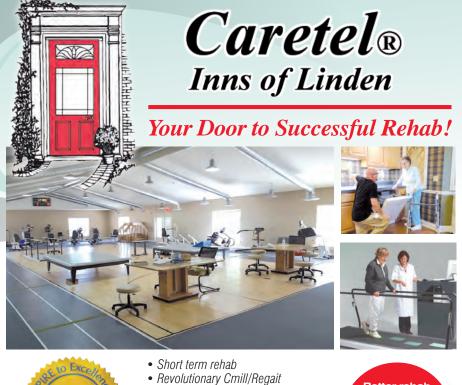
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with the Blue Devils. He'll be wrestling at North Carolina State next school year.

The rest of the first team

Wrestler	Team	Record	Postseason
103) Luke Thornton	Linden	40-9	State qualifier
112) Nate Young	Holly	46-10	State qualifier
119) Justin Cygnar	Linden	35-11	Fifth at state
125) Gavin Lawrence	Lake Fenton	32-16	Regional qualifier
135) Jayden Rittenbury	Fenton	42-8	Third at state
135) Brady Triola	Fenton	42-12	Seventh at state
140) Mario Ramirez	Fenton	25-20	Regional qualifier
145) Sean Trombley	Lake Fenton	48-2	Second at state
145) Carsen Cuthbert	Holly	53-9	Sixth at state
152) Thomas Adams	Fenton	40-8	State qualifier
160) Jackson Nevadomski	Lake Fenton	43-2	State champion
171) Cade Dallwitz	Holly	53-5	Second at state
189) Jonathan Marme	Linden	25-17	Regional quailfier
215) Collin Dallwitz	Holly	47-12	State qualifier
285) Blake Querio	Holly	44-16	Sixth at state

Note: This team is selected based on the wrestler that had the best performance in the individual state series. If there are no placers at a particular weight in the state series we select the highest placer at the league meets. There may be up to two wild card positions, but to qualify for one of the two spots, the wrestler must compete at the state meet. Records are based on MSHAA state meet results.





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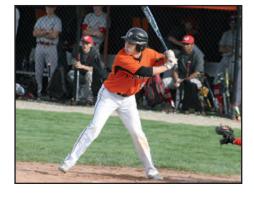
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Thur May 10 4 p.m	at Holly
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Tue Apr 24 5:15 p.m	at Clic
Thur Apr 26 5:15 p.m	Holly
Tue May 1 5:15 p.m	at Flushing
Thur May 3 5:15 p.m	Owosso
Tue May 8 5:15 p.m	at Swartz Creek
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Fri Apr 13 1 p.m	at Shake Off Rust Invitational
Wed Apr 18 4 p.m	at Flushing
Wed Apr 25 4 p.m	at Linden
Wed May 2 4 p.m	Holly
Tue May 6 4 p.m	Brandon
Fri May 11 1 p.m	at Davison Twilight Classic
Sat May 12 9 a.m	home meet
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Thur Apr 12 4 p.m	Owosso
Sat Apr 14 11 a.m	
Mon Apr 16 4 p.m	at Brandon
Fri Apr 20 4:30 p.m	
Mon Apr 23 4 p.m	Flushing
Fri Apr 27 4 p.m	Grand Blanc
Mon Apr 30 4 p.m	
Wed May 2 4 p.m	at Goodrich
Fri May 4 4:30 p.m	Notre Dame Prep
Sat May 5 10 a.m	at Trenton
Thur May 10 4 p.m	
Sat May 12 Noon	at Hartland
Mon May 14 4 p.m	Linden
Thur May 17 4 p.m	
Sat May 19 11 a.m	Waterford Kettering
Mon May 21 4 p.m	at Swartz Creek
Tue May 29 TBA	at Milford
Wed May 30 6 p.m	

JV	BASEBALL	
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Tue Apr 10 4 p.m	at Lake Fenton
Thur Apr 12 4 p.m	at Owosso
Sat Apr 14 11 a.m	Lakeland
Mon Apr 16 4 p.m	Brandon
Fri Apr 20 4:30 p.m	Brighton
Mon Apr 23 4 p.m	at Flushing
Fri Apr 27 4 p.m	at Grand Blanc
Mon Apr 30 4 p.m	
Fri May 4 4:30 p.m	
Thur May 10 4 p.m	
Sat May 12 Noon	
Mon May 14 4 p.m	
Thur May 17 4 p.m	Kearslev
Sat May 19 11 a.m	
Mon May 21 4 p.m	
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FRESHMAN BASEBALL

WOT Apr 9 4 p.m.	Grand Blanc
Fri Apr 13 4 p.m	at Owosso
Sat Apr 14 11 a.m	Lakeland
Tue Apr 17 4 p.m	Brandon
Fri Apr 20 4 p.m	
Tue Apr 24 4 p.m	at Flushing
Fri Apr 27 4 p.m	Walled Lake Northern
Tue May 1 4 p.m	Clio
Fri May 4 4 p.m	Waterford Kettering
Tue May 8 4 p.m	Milford
Fri May 11 4 p.m	
Sat May 12 Noon	at Hartland
Tue May 15 4 p.m	at Linden
Sat May 19 10 a.m	at Frankenmuth
Tue May 22 4 p.m	Swartz Creek

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VARSITY SOFTBALL

Tue Apr 10 4 p.m	at Lake Fentoi
Thur Apr 12 4 p.m	Owosso
Mon Apr 16 4 p.m	at Brandoi
Wed Apr 18 4 p.m	at Davisor
Thur Apr 19 4:30 p.m.	Rochester Adams

Mon Apr 23 4 p.m	Flushing
Mon Apr 30 4 p.m	at Clio
Wed May 2 4:30 p.m	Notre Dame Prep
Fri May 4 4:30 p.m	Onaway Area
Tue May 8 4:30 p.m	at Milford
Thur May 10 4 p.m	Fenton
Mon May 14 4 p.m	Linden
Thur May 17 4 p.m	at Kearsley
Fri May 18 4:30 p.m	at Avondale
Mon May 21 4 p.m	at Swartz Creek
Wed May 23 4:30 p.m	at Powers
Thur May 24 4 p.m	. Waterford Kettering
Sun June 3 Noon	at Swartz Creek

VARSITY SOFTBALL	
Tue Apr 10 4 p.m	Lake Fenton
Thur Apr 12 4 p.m	at Owosso
Mon Apr 16 4 p.m	Brandon
Wed Apr 18 4 p.m	Davison
Thur Apr 19 4:30 p.m	at Rochester Adams
Mon Apr 23 4 p.m	at Flushing
Mon Apr 30 4 p.m	Clio
Wed May 2 4:30 p.m	
Tue May 8 4:30 p.m	Milford
Thur May 10 4 p.m	at Fenton
Mon May 14 4 p.m	at Linden
Thur May 17 4 p.m	
Fri May 18 4:30 p.m	at Avondale
Mon May 21 4 p.m	Swartz Creek
Wed May 23 4:30 p.m	
Thur May 24 4 p.m	at Waterford Kettering

VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER

Tue Apr 10 7 p.m	at Fenton
Thur Apr 12 6 p.m	Davison
Sat Apr 14 TBA	at Montrose
Mon Apr 16 6 p.m	
Wed Apr 18 4:30 p.m	at Swartz Creek
Mon Apr 23 6 p.m	Owosso
Thur Apr 26 6 p.m	
Mon Apr 30 6 p.m	Kearsley
Wed May 2 6 p.m	at Flushing
Mon May 7 5:30 p.m	Fenton
Tue May 8 7 p.m	at Clarkston
Wed May 16 6 p.m	
Thur May 17 5 p.m	at Lake Fenton
Mon . May 21 6 p.m	Clio
Tue May 29 TBA	at Brandon
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Tue Apr 10 5:30 p.m	at Fenton
Thur Apr 12 4:30 p.m	Davison
Mon Apr 16 4:30 p.m	Milford
Wed Apr 18 6 p.m	at Swartz Creek
Mon Apr 23 4:30 p.m	Owosso
Thur Apr 26 4:30 p.m	at Linden
Mon Apr 30 4:30 p.m	Kearsley
Wed May 2 4:30 p.m	at Flushing
Fri May 4 5 p.m	at Davison
Mon May 7 4 p.m	Fenton
Tue May 8 5:30 p.m	at Clarkston

Wed May 16 4:30 p	o.m at Brandon
Mon . May 21 4:30 p	o.m Clio

VARSITY BOYS GOLF	
Wed Apr 11 3:30 p.m	at Oxford
Fr Apr 13 9:30 a.m	
Mon Apr 16 9 a.m	at FML Preseason
Tue Apr 17 3 p.m	
Wed . Apr 18 9 a.m	FML rain date
Thur Apr 19 3 p.m	Owosso
Sat Apr 21 Noon	at Indian River GC
Tue Apr 24 3 p.m	at Linden
Thur Apr 26 3 p.m	Kearsley
Tue May 1 3 p.m	at Flushing
Wed . May 2 3 p.m	Fenton
Fri May 4 TBA	at Oakland County
Mon May 7 TBA	at Oakland County
Thur May 10 3 p.m	
Tue May 15 3 p.m	Clio
Mon May 21 9 a.m	at FML meet
Wed May 23 9 a.m	
Wed May 30 TBA	MHSAA Regionals
	Wed . Apr 11 3:30 p.m. Fr Apr 13 9:30 a.m. Mon . Apr 16 9 a.m. Tue Apr 17 3 p.m. Wed . Apr 18 9 a.m. Thur . Apr 19 3 p.m. Sat Apr 21 Noon Tue Apr 24 3 p.m. Thur . Apr 26 3 p.m. Tue May 1 3 p.m. Wed May 2 3 p.m. Fri May 4 TBA Mon May 7 TBA Thur May 10 3 p.m. Tue May 10 3 p.m. Tue May 10 3 p.m. Tue May 10 3 p.m. Wed May 21 9 a.m. Wed May 23 9 a.m. Wed May 23 9 a.m.

JV BOYS GOLF

Wed Apr 11 3 p.m	Carman-Ainsworth
Thur Apr 12 3 p.m	
Thur Apr 19 3 p.m	Owosso
Sat Apr 21 Noon	at Indian River GC
Mon Apr 23 3 p.m	at Linden
Thur Apr 26 3 p.m	Kearsley
Tue May 1 3 p.m	at Flushing
Wed . May 2 3:30 p.m	Fenton
Fri May 4 TBA	at Brookwood GC
Wed May 9 4 p.m	at Lakeville
Thur May 10 3 p.m	at Brandon
Tue May 15 3 p.m	Clio

VARSITY BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Sat Apr 14 10 a.m	at Brandon Invitationa
Wed Apr 18 4 p.m	at Brandon
Sat Apr 21 TBA	at Oxford Invitational
Wed Apr 25 4 p.m	hosts tri-meet
Fri Apr 27 3 p.m	at Michigan State
Wed May 2 4 p.m	
Fri May 4 3:30 p.m	at Goodrich Invitational
Sat May 5 11 a.m	at Farmington Invitational
Wed May 9 4 p.m	at Flushing
Sat May 12 9:30 a.m	at Fenton Invitational
Fri May 18 TBA	at regional meet
Mon May 21 4 p.m	JV Metro meet at Clic
Wed May 23 4 p.m	
Fri May 25 TBA	Oakland County at Nov
Sat May 26 9 a.m	Oakland County at Milford
Sat June 2 TBA	,

VARSITY GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

Sat Apr 14 10 a.m	at Brandon Invitationa
Wed Apr 18 4 p.m	at Brandon
Sat Apr 21 TBA	at Oxford Invitational
Wed Apr 25 4 p.m	hosts tri-meet
	at Michigan State
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Wed May 2 4 p.m	at Fenton
Fri May 4 3:30 p.m	at Goodrich Invitational
Sat May 5 11 a.m	at Farmington Invitational
Wed May 9 4 p.m	at Flushing
Sat May 12 9:30 a.m	at Fenton Invitational
Fri May 18 TBA	at regional meet
Mon May 21 4 p.m	JV Metro meet at Clio
Wed May 23 4 p.m	Metro meet at Clio
Fri May 25 TBA	Oakland County at Novi
Sat May 26 9 a.m	Oakland County at Milford
Sat June 2 TBA	MHSAA Meet

VARSITY GIRLS LACROSSE

Tue Mar 27 5:30 p.m	at Oxford
Thur Apr 12 4 p.m	at Royal Oak
Sat Apr 14 10:30 a.m	Ovid-Elsie
Mon Apr 16 6 p.m	at Fenton/Linden
Wed Apr 18 5:20 p.m	Lake Fenton/Goodrich
Mon, Apr 23 6 p.m	at Swartz Creek
Mon Apr 30 6 p.m	at Flushing
Wed May 2 6 p.m	Fenton/Linden
Mon May 7 7:30 p.m	Swartz Creek
Wed May 9 6 p.m	Flushing
Wed May 16 6 p.m	Davison
Thur . May 17 TBA	at Lake Orion

VARSITY BOYS LACROSSE

Fri Apr 13 6 p.m	Ovid-Elsie
Mon Apr 16 6 p.m	Fenton/Linden
Wed Apr 18 6 p.m	at Goodrich
Mon Apr 23 6 p.m	Swartz Creek
Mon Apr 30 6 p.m	West Bloomfield
Wed May 2 6 p.m	at Fenton/Linden
Fri May 4 6 p.m	Goodrich
Tue May 8 7 p.m	at Swartz Creek
Mon May 14 6 p.m	at Whitmore Lake
Wed May 16 6 p.m	at Ovid-Elsie
Wed May 23 TBA	at Oxford

VARSITY GIRLS TENNIS

Sat Apr 14 8 a.m at H	orest Hills Northern Invitationa
Tue Apr 17 4 p.m	at Kearsle
Thur Apr 19 4 p.m	Clic
Sat Apr 21 8:30 a.m	at Brighton Invitationa
Tue Apr 24 4 p.m	Flushing
Thur Apr 26 4 p.m	at Fentor
Fri Apr 27 3 p.m	Holly quad
Sat Apr 28 8 a.m	Holly Invitationa
	Swartz Cree
Thur May 3 4 p.m	at Brando
Sat May 5 8 a.m	Holly Invitationa
	at Owoss
Sat May 12 8 a.m	Holly Invitationa
Thur May 17 8:30 a.m	Regionals
Sat May 19 8 a.m	at Traverse City Centra
Mon May 21 4:45 p.m	at AA Greenhills scrimmage
Tue May 22 TBA	FML meet at Fenton
Wed May 23 TBA	FML Rain dat
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Mon Apr 9 4:30 p.m	Flushing
Wed Apr 11 4:30 p.m	Linden
Tue Apr 17 4:30 p.m	Goodrich
Wed Apr 18 4:30 p.m	at Laingsburg
Thur Apr 19 4:30 p.m	at Byron
Tue Apr 24 4:30 p.m	Corunna
Thur Apr 26 4:30 p.m	Montrose
Sat Apr 28 9 a.m	at Richmond Tournament
Tue May 1 7 p.m	at Durand
Thur May 3 4:30 p.m	
Tue May 8 4:30 p.m	Lakeville
Wed May 9 4:30 p.m	
Thur May 10 4:30 p.m	Notre Dame Prep
Thur May 17 5 p.m	
Sat May 19 TBA	at GAC Soccer Tournament

WIDDLE SCHOOL SOI	FIDALL
Fri Apr 20 5 p.m	Lakeville
Wed Apr 25 5 p.m	Byron
Fri Apr 27 5 p.m	
Fri May 4 5 p.m	at Lakeville
Wed May 9 5 p.m	at Bendle
Fri May 11 5 p.m	at Byron
Wed May 16 5 p.m	Durand
Fri May 18 5 p.m	Goodrich

VARSITY GIRLS LACROSSE

wed Mar 28 5:30 p.m	Swartz Creek
Mon Apr 9 6 p.m	Flushing
Wed Apr 11 7 p.m	at Clarkston
Wed Apr 18 5:30 p.m	at Holly
Mon Apr 23 6 p.m	at Ovid-Elsie
Wed Apr 25 7 p.m	at Swartz Creek
Thur Apr 26 6 p.m	

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Mon .. Apr 30 6 p.m....

Mon .. May 7..... 6 p.m.....

Wed .. May 9..... 6 p.m....

Wed .. May 16.... 6 p.m.....

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Mon .. May 14.... 6 p.m.....

Fri Apr 20 5 p.m	Lakevill
Wed Apr 25 5 p.m	Byro
Fri Apr 27 5 p.m	at Duran
Fri May 4 5 p.m	at Lakevill
Wed May 9 5 p.m	at Bendle
Fri May 11 5 p.m	at Byro
Wed May 16 5 p.m	Duran
Fri May 18 5 p.m	Goodric

VARSITY BASEBALL

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Tue Apr 10 4 p.m	at Holly
Wed Apr 11 4 p.m	Grand Blanc
Mon Apr 16 4 p.m	Mt. Morris
Thur Apr 19 4 p.m	Linden
Fri Apr 20 5 p.m	Swartz Creek
Mon Apr 23 4 p.m	Durand
Wed Apr 25 4 p.m	at Clio
Sat Apr 28 4 p.m	at Greater Flint Tournament
Mon Apr 30 4 p.m	at Corunna
Thur May 3 4 p.m	
Mon May 5 4 p.m	at Goodrich
Sat May 12 TBA	at Wood Bat Classic
Mon May 14 4 p.m	at Montrose
Wed May 16 4 p.m	Swartz Creek
Thur May 17 4 p.m.	Birch Run

Tue Apr 10 4 p.m	Holly
Thur Apr 12 4 p.m	Davison
Mon Apr 16 4 p.m	at Mt. Morris
Thur Apr 19 4 p.m	at Linden
Mon Apr 23 4 p.m	
Wed Apr 25 4 p.m	Clio
Mon Apr 30 4 p.m	Corunna
Thur May 3 4 p.m	at Flushing
Mon May 5 4 p.m	Goodrich
Thur May 10 4 p.m	at Davison
Sat May 12 TBA at \$	Sluggest Baseball Tournament
Mon May 14 4 p.m	Montrose
Wed May 16 4 p.m	Swartz Creek
Thur May 17 4 p.m	

VARSITY SOFTBALL

Tue Apr 10 4 p.m Sat Apr 14 10 a.m	
Mon Apr 16 4 p.m	•
Thur Apr 19 4 p.m	at Linder
Sat Apr 21 10 a.m	at Alma Tournamen
Mon Apr 23 4 p.m	Duranc
Sat Apr 28 10 a.m	at Frankenmuth Tournamen
Mon Apr 30 4 p.m	at Corunna
Thur May 3 4 p.m	at Fentor
Mon May 5 4 p.m	at Goodrich
Sat May 12 10 a.mat S	aginaw Heritage Tournament
Mon May 14 4 p.m	at Montrose
Wed May 16 4 p.m	Swartz Creel
Thur May 17 4 p.m	Birch Rur

JV SOFTBALL

Tue Apr 10 4 p.m	Holly
Thur Apr 12 4 p.m	Davison
Mon Apr 16 4 p.ma	t Mt. Morris
Thur Apr 19 4 p.m	Linden
Mon Apr 23 4 p.m	at Durand
Mon Apr 30 4 p.m	Corunna
Thur May 3 4 p.m	Fenton
Mon May 5 4 p.m	Goodrich
Thur May 10 4 p.m	.at Davison
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Thur Apr 12 4 p.m	
Sat Apr 14 11 a.m	
Mon Apr 16 4 p.m	Flushing
Thur Apr 19 4 p.m	Lake Fenton
Mon Apr 23 4 p.m	Swartz Creek
Sat Apr 28 TBD	Tom Cole Tournament
Mon Apr 30 4 p.m	
Sat May 5 TBD	Tom Cole Tounrament
Thur May 10 4 p.m	
Sat May 12 9 a.m	at Wood Bat Classic
Mon May 14 4 p.m	
Thur May 17 4 p.m	Owosso
Sat May 19 TBD	
Mon May 21 4 p.m	at Fenton
Thur May 24 4 p.m	Fowlerville
Sat May 26 10 a.m	
Mon May 28 TBD	Tom Cole

JV BASEBALL

Wed Mar 28 3:30 p.m	Howell
Thur Apr 12 4 p.m	Carman-Ainsworth
Sat Apr 14 11 a.m	Novi
Mon Apr 16 4 p.m	at Flushing
Thur Apr 19 4 p.m	at Lake Fenton
Mon Apr 23 4 p.m	at Swartz Creek
Mon Apr 30 4 p.m	at Kearsley
Thur May 10 4 p.m	at Clio
Mon May 14 4 p.m	Holly
Thur May 17 4 p.m	Owosso
Mon May 21 4 p.m	Fenton
Thur May 24 4 p.m	at Fowlerville

FRESHMAN BASEBALL

Sat Apr 14 11 a.m	Novi
Tue Apr 17 4 p.m	at Flushing
Thur Apr 19 4 p.m	at Lake Fenton
Fri Apr 20 4 p.m	at Frankenmuth
Tue Apr 24 4 p.m	at Swartz Creek
Fri May 11 4 p.m	at Clio
Tue May 15 4 p.m	Holly
Thur May 17 4 p.m	Owosso
Tue May 22 4 p.m	Fenton





WEEKEND TIMES

VARSITY SOFTBALL

Tue Mar 27 4 p.m	Powers Catholic
Thur Apr 12 4 p.m	at Carman-Ainsworth
Mon Apr 16 4 p.m	Flushing
Thur Apr 19 4 p.m	Lake Fenton
Sat Apr 21 8 a.m	at Farmington Hills Mercy
Mon Apr 23 4 p.m	Swartz Creek
Fri Apr 27 4 p.m	at Alma
Sat Apr 28 10 a.m	at Clare Tournament
Mon Apr 30 4 p.m	
Fr May 4 4 p.m	Fowlerville
Sat May 5 9 a.m	at Holt Tournament
Mon May 7 4 p.m	at Brandon
Thur May 10 4 p.m	Clio
Mon May 14 4 p.m	
Thur May 17 4 p.m	Owosso

JV SOFTBALL

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Thur Apr 12 4 p.m	Carman-Ainsworth
Mon Apr 16 4 p.m	at Flushing
Thur Apr 19 4 p.m	at Lake Fenton
Sat Apr 21 8 a.m	at Farmington Hills Mercy
Mon Apr 23 4 p.m	at Swartz Creek
Fri Apr 27 4 p.m	at Alma
Sat Apr 28 10 a.m	at Clare Tournament
Mon Apr 30 4 p.m	Kearsley
Fri May 4 4 p.m	at Fowlerville
Mon May 7 4 p.m	Brandon
Thur May 10 4 p.m	at Clio
Mon May 14 4 p.m	Holly
Thur May 17 4 p.m	at Owosso

VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER

Mon Apr 16 4:30 p.m	at Lake Fenton at Swartz Creek
	Flushing
	at Trenton Soccer Tournament
	at Clio
Thur Apr 26 6 p.m	Holly
Mon Apr 30 6 p.m	at Fenton
Wed May 2 6 p.m	at Kearsley
Sat May 5 10 a.m	at Coldwater Invitational
Mon May 7 6 p.m	Swartz Creek
Wed May 9 6:30 p.m	at Williamston
Mon May 14 6 p.m	at Brandon
Fri May 18 6 p.m	at Freeland
Mon May 21 6 p.m	at Owosso
Thur May 24 6:45 p.m	at Lapeer

JV GIRLS SOCCER

Wed Apr 1	1 4:30 p.m	Fenton
Mon Apr 1	6 6 p.m	at Swartz Creek
Wed Apr 1	8 4:30 p.m	Flushing
		at Clio
		Goodrich
		Holly
		at Fenton
		at Kearsley
•	•	Swartz Creek
		at Williamston
		at Brandon
		at Freeland
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		at Owosso
Thur May	24 5 p.m	at Lapeer

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Thur Apr 12 5:30 p.m	at Swartz Creek
Sat Apr 14 1 p.m	at Grand Blanc
Mon Apr 16 6 p.m	Brandon
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Thur Apr 23 6 p.m	at Flushing
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Mon May 14 6 p.m	
Tue May 15 6 p.m	at Ovid-Elsie

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Mon Mar 26 7 p.m	at Grand Blanc
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Thur Mar 29 6 p.m	at East Lansing
Mon Apr 9 6 p.m	at Bay City Central
Fri Apr 13 6 p.m	Davison
Mon Apr 16 6 p.m	at Brandon
Fri Apr 20 6 p.m	at Lapeer
Sat Apr 21 TBA	at Heritage Tournament
Mon Apr 23 6 p.m	Ovid-Elsie
Sat Apr 28 TBA	at Bay City Central Tournament
Mon Apr 30 7 p.m	Swartz Creek
Wed . May 2 6 p.m	Brandon
Sat May 5 TBA	at Bay City Western Tournament
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Tue May 8 TBA	at West Bloomfield
	m Swartz Creek
Tue May 15 7 p.m	at Bishop Foley

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Fri Apr 13 4:30 p.m	Davison
Fri Apr 20 4:30 p.m	at Lapeer
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