

Could you stop an active shooter?

■ Realistic simulator used for police and military training now available to public

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Clarkston — You've been dispatched to an active shooter situation at a school where children are running and screaming and everything is in chaos.

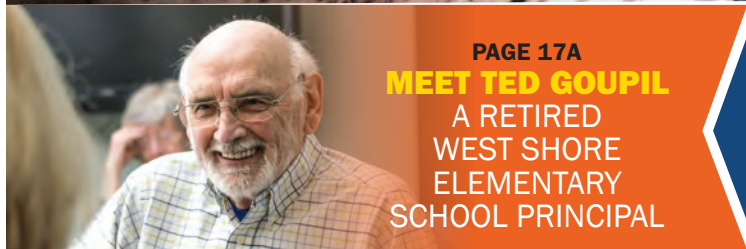
As you approach a hallway, a dozen middle school students round the corner in front of you in a confused frenzy to escape.

See **SHOOTER** on 8A



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Bailey Nester, Accurate Range manager, formerly of Holly Township, runs the range and operates the high-tech shooting simulator. These simulations take training beyond regular target shooting and add elements of movement and quick decision-making.



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2016 NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR

Fenton Township man facing six CSC charges



Michael Todd Sackrider

■ Bond denied for man accused of sexually assaulting female victim under the age of 13

By Sharon Stone
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Bond was denied for Michael

Todd Sackrider, 53, of Fenton Township. He is facing five felony counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct (CSC) with a victim under the age of 13 and one count of second-degree CSC with a female under the age of 13.

According to the Genesee County Sheriff's Office, detectives were

alerted Jan. 13 to a CSC complaint involving Sackrider. Detectives interviewed the victim, who alleged she was sexually assaulted by Sackrider several times when she was between the ages of 11 and 16 years old. She told detectives that the alleged assaults took place at Sackrider's Linden Road home in Fenton Township.

The young victim said Sackrider was her mom's ex-boyfriend.

According to the sheriff's office, the girl reported that Sackrider, on numerous occasions, would approach her from behind, and stick his hand down the front of her pants. She also reported that Sackrider forced

See **CHARGES** on 6A

State gas tax hike won't benefit roads until 2021

By Hannah Ball
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In 2015, Michigan increased the gas tax and registration fees with the promise of fixing the state's crumbling roads.

Drivers are still paying the increased taxes and fees, yet many are wondering why roads haven't been fixed yet.

This is because in the bill that Gov. Rick Snyder signed

See **ROADS** on 15A

“The Snyder Administration has committed \$400 to \$600 million from the General Fund since 2012. This means we are in the catch-up mode after 10 years of neglect.”

Joe Graves

State representative (R-Argentine Township)

Fenton Township loses horse manure case

■ Ordered to reimburse farm owner who was banned from spreading natural fertilizer

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A 22-acre horse farm called Micah's Meadow in the Lakeview Farm subdivision off Lobdell Road recently won its Genesee County Circuit Court case against the Township of Fenton's banning the use of horse manure as fertilizer.

See **MANURE** on 11A



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Aprill O'Connell and fiancé Marty Vyskocil recently won a case involving the Michigan Right To Farm Act initiated by neighbors' complaints.

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“Yes, you should keep the track open for us senior citizens. I'd bet dollar to doughnut that they're the ones who built that track, paid taxes for it, built the schools. They, of all people, will use it, not abuse it. Senior citizens, go use that track, you paid for it.”



“Boo-hoo to you liberals who think you can remove our elected President from office because you disagree with him. If that were possible, Obama would have lasted only a week in office. Your naiveté is cute. By the way, Foster Child puts Heller to shame.”



“Please don't blame all teachers for the bad few that simply cannot resist trying to sway their captive audience to their political beliefs. Most teachers don't do that. As a teacher, I find it to be traitorous to our job.”



COMMENT
OF THE WEEK

“The people pay for the public school system so it is our responsibility to ensure that the schools provide the best education for our children. That means playing an active part in what they teach, how they teach it, and what they do to protect our children while they are in the school's care.”



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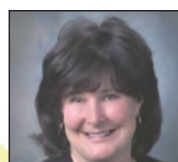
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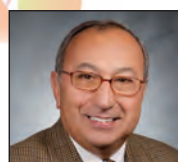
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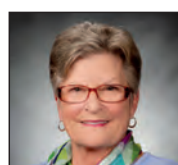
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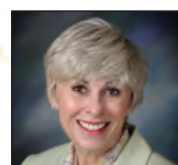
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THE DOMINO EFFECT

It starts with college debt and low paying jobs, then living with parents which delays marriage and childbirth, which decreases school enrollments and real estate values.

The Times will explore this issue in a series over the next few weeks.

WANT TO SHARE YOUR OPINION? Contact Vera Hogan vhogan@tctimes.com

So you found a job, now what?

■ When will you be able to afford to leave home and live on your own?

PART 1 IN A SERIES

By Vera Hogan
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There is a problem when it comes to the wages young adults can earn on a monthly basis when you consider what their monthly expenses would be if they want to move out of Mom and Dad's basement.

Back when Mom and Dad were 19 to 24 years old, young people were getting married, buying a house, start-

ing their families and happily living their lives until they can retire and start living on that nest egg they've been building. In many cases, that is no longer the case.

While college graduates today and those with skilled trade qualifications can earn more than their peers who have not benefited from a higher education, even then it is often not enough to make the break and venture out on their own.

Today's young adults, or Millennials, are of the generation who were told they must go to college in order to get a good job. So they go to college, rack up tens of thousands of dollars in student loan debt, graduate and get a first job making \$10 to \$14 an hour, if they're lucky.

Those who desire careers and obtain degrees in any of the sciences (engineering, medical, etc.) fare far better

See NOW WHAT? on 15A

Dash cams — they're not just for police anymore

■ Popular camera can be used to record accidents, or for fun

By Hannah Ball
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Dashboard cameras, known as "dash cams," are making an impact in the U.S., and not just

for law enforcement.

These video recorders that mount to a dashboard or windshield can record video of what happens in front or behind the vehicle when you're driving. According to Google 2018 Automotive Trends Report, they're becoming more popular.

See DASH CAMS on 6A

“Cameras have no bias and only show what was recorded.”

Jason Slater
Fenton City police chief



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Come *Heller* high water...

• **You know that** Prince song “Sometimes it Snows in April?” It’s way too accurate for Michigan, except the word “sometimes” should be replaced with “often” or “usually” or “inevitably.” I swear the state is getting colder and the winters longer. When’s the last time we truly had an “early” spring in Michigan? Could have been last year, for all I know. But in my memory — no doubt



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

jaded by the 2-foot snow drifts in my driveway this morning — it’s been ages. I swear March and April and sometimes May are official parts of winter now. If so, we’re down to just five months of non-sucking weather. And people wonder what Michiganians see in Florida.

• **I swear, if** I hear one more person say, “Guess they were wrong about global warming,” I may throw an icicle at them. How come adults never get snow days? If I owned a business I like to think I’d give the occasional snow day just so people thought I was awesome. (Which I am.) But I probably wouldn’t.

• **Thank God for** Daylight Saving Time. It allows me to see how much snow there is when I get home from work. (I think I’m starting to sound a bit bitter about the weather. Do you detect that?) Of course, I’m the guy who founded the frequently not updated Facebook page “Weather Whiners of America,” so ...

• **Someone should explain** the concepts of cold and snow to Major League Baseball schedulers. Instead of canceling game after game in cities like Detroit, Cleveland, New York and Chicago, wouldn’t it make more sense to have northern teams play away games the first two weeks of April in Texas, California, Seattle, Tampa and so on? Of course it

would. Which is why they don’t do it. Baseball never makes sense.

• **I see Genesee County** government is spending \$50,000 from a veteran’s millage so vets can get into the Ally Challenge PGA golf tournament at Warwick Hills this summer. Did no one ask, “Um, folks, wouldn’t that be better spent actually helping a vet get care, food or housing?” Of course it would. And what about those vets who don’t like golf and wouldn’t watch it if you paid them? Don’t you think they might be a little offended? There ought to be a law that stuff like this goes on the ballot when they ask for a renewal. It should say, “Dear taxpayers, last time you approved this millage we spent it to support a golf tournament for rich guys wearing gaudy pants.” Of course, maybe I’m just crabby today.

• **The critics all** said “Roseanne” was great. So I watched it. And it wasn’t great at all. It was merely competently written, meaning it was slightly better than most of the dreck that passes for sitcoms these days. Sorry. It’s the truth.

• **Someone put doughnuts** and a bag of fresh oranges in the kitchen at work. I’m not sure if they’re trying to be respectful of the health conscious or if it’s some kind of psychological test. If it’s the latter, I failed. The cinnamon roll was delicious. Although I was clever enough to cut it half. According to well-known laws of science, if you only eat half of something none of the calories count.

• **“Spring is sooner** recognized by plants than by men.” — Chinese proverb

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■ ■ ■
AM I THE only one who knows that Stephon Clark was committing a felony breaking into cars? And it was dark and he had a cell phone in his hand. Additionally, the police are being shot at every day. They did exactly what you or I would have done under the same circumstances.

■ ■ ■
DOES EVERYONE UNDERSTAND that we, the taxpayers, are on the hook for the federal budget deficit?

■ ■ ■
I DON’T LIKE many of the things Trump does; however, his results are impressive. The United States has the lowest unemployment rate in 45 years.

■ ■ ■
PRESIDENT TRUMP IS working on the gun issue, he will continue to set his staff until he has people he can trust in the proper places. Do you think an interview tells you everything about people? Get real. As far as the porn star, give me a break if it even happened, I don’t think anybody cares. It wasn’t done in the Oval Office of the White House.

■ ■ ■
TO ‘IN THIS country’ from April 1. For eight long pathetic years, we had Obama who did his best to make our country weak and sent so much money to other countries that he made them rich. We now have a man who is backing the American people and not taking a salary for it. You can call him what you want but to me he is a great president who cares about the American people.

■ ■ ■
FENTON ‘LEADERSHIP’ WANTS to restore the look and feel of our lovely historic district. OK, so who the heck approved the eyesore?

■ ■ ■
I THINK FISCAL responsibility in the village of Holly dictates that we should pay off the last village screw-up (water treatment) before we go out and purchase other projects (fire station). If we have all this extra money, let’s pay off the water treatment bills.

■ ■ ■
THE U.S. SUPREME Court has ruled many times that the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed, specifically D.C. v Heller and McDonald v Chicago rulings.

■ ■ ■
EXPECTING LINDEN CITY officials to do anything is a stretch. They are useless.

■ ■ ■
HIGH SCHOOL DAYS at Linden reminded me of a young man who was treated like a young Tom Edison, absolutely incorrigible. Fortunately, he continued on with his vow ‘never to work for anyone and question everything.’ He’s a huge success today.

■ ■ ■
THE LEFT IS destroying the first amendment. The leftists control most of the media. Religion has been removed from schools and government property. Conservative speech is thwarted in many colleges and peaceful assemblies are attacked by the pro-communist Antifa movement. The second amendment is their next target.

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What life skill do you wish you could’ve learned in school?

| streettalk



“We actually had a Life Skills class when I was in school. Nowadays, they should teach kids how to balance a check-book and do things like that.”

Lori Thome
Tyrone Township



“Powder puff mechanics. They should teach you how to change a tire and oil and all that kinds of stuff, I don’t have a clue how to do any of that.”

Julie Eichman
Fenton Township



“Probably anger management to help you cope with everyday life. With road rage and stuff like that, people need to learn how to manage it.”

Steve Fedak
Tyrone Township



“I think probably learning to be more open and less bashful. People need to learn how to show more empathy and interact with others.”

Daryl Gruber
White Lake



“Communication. For me, sometimes it’s hard to get my point across or speak up, and I wish I could’ve learned how to in school.”

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Suspect arraigned on charging \$6,000 on gas, car washes

■ Fenton Township man accused of using credit card without owner's consent

By Sharon Stone

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James Huff, 28, of Fenton Township, was arraigned March 30 on three felony counts of stealing and using a financial transaction device (credit card) without the owner's consent.

The charges stem from an incident

on March 18 in Fenton Township.

The Genesee County Sheriff's Office investigated the complaint, which was reported from an individual in the 3000 block of Thompson Road.

Investigators said the suspect, identified as Huff, intentionally charged over \$6,000 in gas and car washes on a credit card that did not belong to him.

A probable cause hearing has been scheduled for April 12 at 1 p.m.

DASH CAMS

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Currently, there are three times as many searches for "dash cams" and similar terms compared to autonomous driving. The Consumer Technology Association expects wholesale shipments of dash cams to reach 285,000 this year, which is up 20 percent from 2017.

Many people use them to record what happens in a crash for insurance purposes, and many simply record the sights of the road. Occasionally, something crazy will be caught on camera, like the meteor seen in Michigan in January.

Police use them to record traffic stops, arrests and other various incidents.

SUMMARY

■ Installing a dash cam, or a dashboard camera, to your vehicle to record footage of an accident or simply someone driving is rising in popularity.

Fenton Police Chief Jason Slater said all Fenton police vehicles have a windshield-mounted camera. The device continuously records audio and video, and the data is wirelessly downloaded to a server stored in the police station. Each camera cost approximately \$4,400.

"They are extremely beneficial especially when faced with a citizen complaint, and reviewing the recorded footage typically clears up the complaint. Often the complainant's version of the events do not mirror what the recorded footage displays," he said.

The cameras also help court proceedings.

"The footage is priceless when it documents the level of intoxication during a drunk driving arrest and then is shown to a jury during the trial," he said. "It allows the jury to see the defendant at the time of the arrest. Our camera's not only capture the video of the subject's driving ability but also the subject's actions during the field sobriety tests."

When it comes to personally owned dash cams, Slater said that footage could also be used as evidence in an investigation if there is a crash.

"Cameras have no bias and only show what was recorded. With that being said, the events leading up to an event, which are often not recorded, are as important as the event itself," he said.

Five best dash cams, cheap and expensive

Mobius ActionCam: \$69

This compact camera is cheap, easy to place, and shoots at 1080p video at 30 fps. There is no built-in display to monitor the footage. It's compact and blends in with the colors of your dashboard.

Rexing V1: \$99

This camera is best for commuters because it does everything important and won't break the bank. The camera comes with 1080p resolution at 30 frames per second with a Sony IMX323 sensor, ensuring high definition video. Because it comes with a loop function, it's unnecessary to delete files from the SD card when it's full. It's recommended to use a 128GB SD card. The system automatically locks the video files when it detects an accident so the files will not be deleted unless the user deletes them.

Garmin Dash Cam 55: \$199

This camera shoots at 1440p HD resolution and 30 frames per second, with innovative driver aids and voice-activated functions.

Thinkware X500D Dashcam: \$259

This camera is for front and rear surveillance, and is more innovative with a read-facing camera. Both lens shoot at 1080p HD, and the system comes with built-in GPS for speed and location data, a 32GB Micro SD card, a forward collision warning system and a parking mode that records footage when there's motion near your vehicle.

Lukas LK-7950 WD: \$269

The Lukas is the best fit for people who live or work in extreme climates or drive a lot at night. The two, front and rear, cameras record at 1080p with Sony Exmor IMX322 sensors in each, giving you fantastic quality footage. They both have room for SD cards up to 256 GB apiece. The camera also comes with Wi-Fi, GPS, parking mode, additional options for night vision recording and more.

Source: digitaltrends.com

Fenton Township man charged with home invasion

■ Homeowner tells sheriff's deputies that he found intruder in his basement at 4:30 a.m.

By Sharon Stone

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Joshua Ryan Harbin, 22, of Fenton Township, was charged with first-degree home invasion and fraudulent use of a financial device (credit card) stemming from a home invasion complaint on March 30.

On Friday March 30, Genesee County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the 14000 block of North Road in Fenton Township at 4:40 a.m. to investigate

a home invasion complaint.

The homeowner said he had heard noises in the basement of his home and went to the basement to check on the noise. This is when he was confronted by a male wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt.

The homeowner said the intruder quickly ran from the home. A male wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt was apprehended a short time later.

The suspect was identified as Harbin. He was arraigned April 1 and is being held at the Genesee County Jail on \$20,000 cash bond. A probable cause conference has been scheduled for April 12 at 1 p.m.



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CHARGES

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himself on her. She also reported that Sackrider forced her to have sexual intercourse.

On March 26, detectives initiated a traffic stop on a burgundy GMC Sierra registered to Sackrider. He was taken into custody and transported to the Genesee County Sheriff's Detective Bureau for an interview. Detectives interviewed Sackrider and he denied all charges.

Judge Mark McCabe arraigned Sackrider March 28. He is being held at the Genesee County Jail without bond.

SUMMARY

■ Michael Sackrider has been charged with six criminal sexual conduct charges in Genesee County District Court. The daughter of his ex-girlfriend made claims that he allegedly sexually assaulted her on several occasions.

SACKRIDER'S CHARGES

Count 1: CSC-First Degree

Count 2: CSC-First Degree

Count 3: CSC-First Degree

Count 4: CSC-First Degree

Count 5: CSC-First Degree

Count 6: CSC-Second Degree

CRIMINAL HISTORY

Traffic Offense

Sept. 14, 1988

Dangerous Drugs

Nov. 22, 1994

Impaired Driving

July 17, 2005

Interfering with

Electronic Communication

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Disorderly Person-Jostling

March 10, 2012

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

AS A CITIZEN, I'm upset that 'illegal immigrants' are given priority over Americans with government subsidies and other opportunities that should go to citizens. Do you think our government (our) money should support citizens and charities and illegal immigrants?

■■■
ARTICLE 4, SECTION 4 of the Constitution requires Congress to protect our border against invasion. Since Congress won't do its constitutional duty, Trump must do what's necessary to protect our borders. If it takes the National Guard, let's do it.

■■■
KNOWN THIEF WITH a record breaks into cars, runs from cops and gets killed because he had something in his hand and now we are supposed to mourn this 'miscarriage of justice' and eulogize him. America has gone mad.

■■■
IT USED TO be you knew what foundations and principles a church believed in by its name. Freedom Center is Assembly of God, the Rock and Potter's Wheel may be non-denominational, yet everything taught is Baptist doctrine. Don't take pride in what you are not — embrace what you are.

■■■
TO THE PERSON stating that Fox News does not give both sides because they interrupt. You are right they interrupt someone who is outright lying about what they are saying. There is a huge difference.

■■■
TO THE PERSON complaining about the wall. So would you rather the illegals continue to cross our borders by the thousands? Do you want to continue to support them? Use your head, the wall will hold them back along with the border patrol.

SHOOTER

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The terrified children run past you to safety and then someone at the end of the group stops, squares their shoulders and fires directly at you with a handgun.

This system is the MILO Range Live Fire simulator, created in Ann Arbor, and located at Accurate Range in Clarkston, southeast of the Holly area.

The simulator experience is based on thermal cameras. The range shooter, who pays \$50 for the 30-minute session, engages the screen with their own gun and live ammunition. The heat of the fired round is registered by the cameras as it passes through the rubber screen, where the image of the scenario is projected. The plot advances based on your shot placement. It will continue if you hit your target, or end if you are "shot."

The system was developed for military and law enforcement use, and is used around the world, said Bailey Nester, Accurate Range manager.

There are thousands of scenarios, many in which you engage with an active shooter as responding law enforcement. There's barely time for hesitation, and the participant has to decide in less than a second to shoot.

Innocent bystanders and other law enforcement officers pop up on the screen, forcing you to sort between friend and foe.

"Most people that use the range are used to a controlled atmosphere, a static target," Nester said. "It's humbling," she said, "for most participants."

She said with the simulator, it's diffi-

“Most people that use the range are used to a controlled atmosphere, a static target ... It’s humbling.”

Bailey Nester
Accurate Range manager



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Firearms instructor Forrest Burr runs through scenarios on the MILO Range Live Fire simulator. Many scenarios are of workplace or school shootings, but include suspicious person checks, and home break-ins and traditional target shooting.

cult to focus on trigger control and sight alignment. "Now you're having to use all your senses," she said.

There's surround sound, which includes people yelling, other guns going off, and the camera is moving like an arcade game. Nester said that while it isn't reality, your heart rate will likely increase and adrenaline kicks in. The participant has to handle all this.

This experience is available in an era of near-weekly school or workplace shootings in the U.S., and calls for stricter gun control.

Nester hopes that the public can digest these news events with an open mind.

"Shooting, using firearms, there's a responsible way to do it. There's a lot of people out there that take the steps to do it responsibly," she said. "To learn about it, just like getting into any other sport."

Gun control will continue to be a hot topic, as the problem persists. "I think personally, what makes sense to me, is enforcing the regulations we currently have in place, as opposed to trying to add more regulations on something," Nester said.

Whatever one's stance on guns and gun control, there's a place nearby to learn a little about what law enforcement has to go through in real life situations. The experience costs \$50 per half hour, for a group of two or more, not including gun rental and ammunition.

How does the simulator feel?

I didn't expect it to be easy. After I did the interview with Accurate Range manager Bailey Nester, and gathered the footage and photos I needed, I used my preferred firearm — a .357 Smith & Wesson revolver, loaded with .38 special rounds.

I set up my camera and audio recorder to capture my nervous mumblings and waited for the scenario to start. I stood, finger off the trigger, when the program started.

I quickly realized I couldn't aim like I usually would at a static target — I had to focus on the screen and hope I was aiming straight enough.

I've played arcade games where you aim the tethered plastic gun at a screen, but this is, of course, completely different. Sometimes the field of view is occupied mostly by innocent bystanders, then the camera pivots to a man with a gun — a fellow police officer.

In another scenario a man is trying to explain why he had to break into his workplace because he forgot a key, when he suddenly pulls a gun from his back pocket.

I missed a larger man who was standing the equivalent of eight feet away because my aim wasn't quite right.

In each scenario, the experience is enhanced to an uncomfortable degree by the surround sound. I still had the benefit of earplugs, where anyone responding to such a chaotic situation does not.

I could feel the adrenaline making my arms shake a little, and my nervousness didn't decrease as it went. After 30 minutes of shooting, I'd only spent 16 rounds. I probably succeeded (sometimes surprisingly) in half the scenarios. In the rest, I wasn't quick enough or my surprised aim was off. I think these simulators can be both fun, and sobering at the same time.

I never assumed I could do what a police officer has to do in crises, and I still don't. See the video of my experience with the simulator at www.tctimes.com.



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Marsh Auto Sales expands to Ortonville

■ Successful Holly business moves to former Simms Chevrolet building to make room for more inventory

By Sally Rummel

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Everybody needs a car, and that's obvious by the growing number of vehicles available for sale at Marsh Auto Sales' new location in Ortonville, just 13 miles from its original location in Holly.

Marsh Auto Sales re-located in December from Holly to Ortonville, in the former Simms Chevrolet building at 110 S. Ortonville Rd. (M-15). "We outgrew our location in Holly," said owner Ryan Marsh, who lives in Fenton Township. "Our employees couldn't even park at our business because there wasn't any space available."

The business has grown by leaps and bounds since Marsh opened his first car sales lot in Holly in May 2014, with just 10 cars for sale and two employees.

Today, in its new location, Marsh Auto Sales has 200 cars and trucks in its inventory ready for sale and a staff of 28 to take care of your vehicle-buying needs.

"We have a vehicle for every kind of lifestyle," said Marsh, who knows the auto sale industry inside and out. He has been working in used car sales since he was 15 years old, starting as a hobby he enjoyed with his dad, then turning it into a very successful career.

Many people are now considering the purchase of a used car rather than a new car, understanding that a much lower price tag, less depreciation and other benefits can really make sense for



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Marie Marsh of Marsh Auto Sales helps customers on Wednesday, April 4.

many vehicle buyers. You'll also save money on dealership fees and new car sales taxes.

"Our price point is our best advantage for our customers," Marsh said. "We offer quality, dependable vehicles in every price range, all the way up to luxury vehicles, with brand names

like BMW and Cadillac. Many of our most popular car and truck models hold their value, making them a wise purchase.

We sell tons of trucks, too, from half-ton pickups to diesel trucks, SUVs and more."

Marsh spends much of his workday at auto auctions, shopping for the best deals so you don't have to do all the legwork — just come to Marsh Auto Sales where all the quality cars and

trucks are located at one sales lot.

"You are welcome to test drive any of our vehicles and take them to the mechanic of your choice for a look over," Marsh said.

Marsh Auto Sales will handle all the details of your car buying experience — from financing or a cash purchase to choosing a

warranty that will best suit your vehicle and budget.

The goal of Marsh and his staff is always to have a customer return to Marsh Auto Sales when it's time to buy another vehicle, whether for themselves, a family member or a friend. "Repeat business from satisfied customers is what has taken Marsh Auto Sales where it is today," Marsh said.

Marsh Auto Sales is open Monday and Thursday, 10 to 8 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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“Our price point is our best advantage for our customers.”

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MANURE

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Linden attorney Marilyn Direzze represented Marty Vyskocil and Aprill O'Connell, owners of the farm. The case has lasted more than two years and now, the township owes the farm money.

The main issues were if Vyskocil is allowed to spread manure on the property, and if the farm is protected under the Right to Farm Act (RTFA).

"The state of Michigan said 'yes,'" Direzze said.

The property was originally zoned agriculture when the equine farm was built with more than 80 horse stalls, an equine swimming pool, horse track, pastures and hay fields, according to Michigan Farm News. Now, the property is zoned planned unit development-equine (PUD/EQ).

Fenton Township Attorney Jack Belzer said that when Vyskocil submitted the site plan, it indicated that the manure would be stored and then disposed of. When it was rezoned, he said a condition was that general uses would not be allowed.

Direzze said that initially in 2016, Vyskocil was told he could spread manure by Ordinance Enforcement Officer Tom Hosie. Then the Zoning Board of Appeals reversed its decision based on Zoning Administrator J. Douglas Piggott's decision.

Vyskocil appealed.

Another hearing was planned for 2017, and prior to that hearing, Direzze said, "The state came out and determined that my client was protected by the RTFA and certified his farm under the state law."

At the next hearing in October 2017, Direzze presented the state's decision. Vyskocil created a manure management system plan in compliance with local ordinances. Neighbors complained about the manure, which Vyskocil was spreading on hay on his property. George Rizik, attorney for Lakeview Farms Homeowners Association, said at that time that spreading manure was prohibited because of Ordinance 464 and the PUD/EQ zoning.

Piggott reversed his previous decision and said he believes Vyskocil should be allowed to spread manure because his farm is protected by the RTFA. Belzer said that Ordinance 464's prohibition of spreading manure in the PUD/EQ zoning applied in this matter.

The board voted 6-0 in favor of not allowing Vyskocil to spread manure. ZBA Member K.C. Baron was absent.

"I was amazed that the ZBA ruled the way they did," Direzze said.

They appealed that decision in Genesee County Circuit Court with Judge Judith Fullerton, who ruled in Vyskocil's favor on March 27.

"Of course," she's happy she won the case, Direzze said. "It was the right resolution."

To be covered under the Right to Farm Act

To be protected under the Right to Farm Act, the farm in question must operate as a commercial business. Direzze said there's no minimum amount of sales a business

must meet under this statute. The Vyskocils board horses.

A farm must also comply under Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices (GAAMP).

The RTFA is meant to protect farms from municipalities enacting zoning ordinances to shut down a farm, Direzze said, and the state has jurisdiction.

The law states, "A local unit of government shall not enact, maintain, or enforce an ordinance, regulation, or resolution that conflicts in any manner with this act or generally accepted agricultural and management practices developed under this act."

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette issued an opinion affirming that the Right to Farm Act preempts provision in ordinances adopted by local units of government.

Direzze hasn't spoken with anyone on the Fenton Township Board of Trustees

about the issue. Trustee Vince Lorraine also serves on the ZBA.

Belzer said, "The judge said that he can, in fact, spread the manure and she said the township has to pay the costs to that property owner."

The parties will be in court again Monday, April 16 due to a provision in the Right to Farm Act, which allows owners of a farm who have prevailed in court under the law to recover from the plaintiff costs incurred in court and attorney fees. Direzze said the judge will set that amount the township will pay Vyskocil.

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Jack Belzer
Fenton Township attorney

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Marilyn Direzze
Linden attorney

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IF STEPHON CLARK had not been out breaking into cars, the police never would have shot him.

I'M SURE BETSY Devos, much like any rational thinking human being, would be thoroughly disgusted by the Linden High School R-rated movie and book requirements.

THE BIBLE IS the only book that tells about your life and where you're going.

ALL THESE THINGS they sit there and vote on. I'm reading the Michigan Votes. That's all they do is sit there and vote on stupid things.

IT'S SPRING AND the snow is gone so I'm wondering where is the Fenton DPW to clean up all the trash laying around? Silver Lake Road by U.S. 23 and Sil-

ver Parkway looks awful. Maybe we as residents can pitch in and clean up after ourselves as well.

TRAVELING TO FLORIDA recently I noticed how there is so little litter along the roadways there. Traveling along U.S. 23, it's so sad to see how awful the littering is in our area. Who out there thinks it's OK to throw trash out of their cars?

TO THE HOT line response to the social and political indoctrination of the children. Spot on my friend. I couldn't have said it better myself.

DEMOCRATS, HOW DO you like this global warming that you have been promoting for years?

SORRY TO INFORM Republicans, I don't hate Trump, I love my country, the rule of law, and believe in the constitution.

Lake Fenton schools honoring two educators

■ Awards presentation at Foundation dinner on May 12 at Spring Meadows County Club

Compiled By Sharon Stone
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The Lake Fenton Community Schools Foundation is honoring Bob Grubbs with the Lifetime Achievement Award, sponsored by The State Bank, and Jennifer Williams, Teacher of the Year, sponsored by Bill Carr Signs.

The Foundation will be hosting its awards dinner May 12 at Spring Meadows County Club in Linden. Grubbs and Williams will be recognized at this dinner.

Grubbs has been a long-time teacher, coach and school board member for Lake Fenton schools. He received his B.A. degree from Eastern Michigan University. After teaching at Flint Northern and the W.J. Maxey Boys Training Center, he started teaching math and coaching JV football at Lake Fenton in the fall of 1967. He then led his track teams to 10 League Championships, and Cross-Country teams to six League Championships. Before

retiring, Grubbs started planning the current cross-country course with the help of his team.

Grubbs received his Masters in Math Education from Utah State University, was named Lake Fenton's math department chairperson, and introduced computer programming to the district. During the '70s, he also became the negotiator and grievance chair for the Lake Fenton Education Association.

Grubbs' daughters, Sherrie and Jennifer, graduated from Lake Fenton and continued their education at college. In 1988, the track coaches introduced the

Blue Devil Relays, which are still held in April every year. He was inducted into the Lake Fenton Volunteer Hall of Fame in 1994 and retired from teaching in 1998 after 32.5 years. His wife, Jean, followed suit in 2000.

The Grubbs enjoyed traveling during retirement until Jean died in 2004. Bob was elected to the school board where he served 10 years, four as president. Currently Bob is enjoying his retirement with his best friend and significant other Kay Volz.

See EDUCATORS on 16A



Bob Grubbs



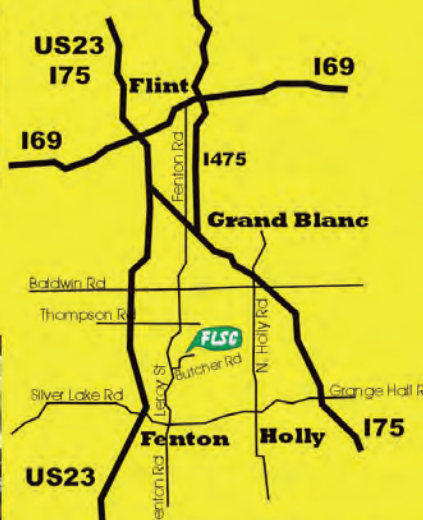





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WHAT YOU MISSED in the MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories you may have missed in the **Wednesday, April 4, Midweek Times**. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

Easter morning Holly fire may have started in the walls

Upper-level blaze at Coleman & Sons Garage at 101 N. Saginaw draws seven local fire departments; two apartments sustain damage.

University reveals Alzheimer's breakthrough

In a report released March 26, Washington University School of Medicine has announced some breakthrough science regarding Alzheimer's Disease.

Auto insurance rates going up 13 percent per vehicle

Owners to pay \$192 instead of the current \$170 per vehicle starting July 1, due to no-fault claims.

Tornadoes, thunderstorms, another rite of spring

Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 8-14. A statewide tornado drill will take place at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11.



County supports Ally Challenge PGA Tour with veterans funds

Genesee County Board of Commissioners voted 7-1 to use \$50,000 in taxpayer dollars to support golf tourney.

Area man hopes to improve school safety

Education on constitutional rights and gun safety is key focus

By Hannah Ball

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In the wake of school shootings and national debates on gun control, one Gaines Township man is trying to help make schools safer.

Chad Peck, 32, defense instructor and golden eagle of the National Rifle Association (NRA), created the group Students Standing for Gun Rights. He plans to attend school board meetings to talk with board members about how safe their school district is. Then, he would help develop a plan to make the school safer.

"We'll talk about what kind of safety protocols they have in place," he said. This includes safety features getting inside the school, school resource officers, safety protocols if there's a situation, and more.

"We'll see what they have in place and how we can make that system better," he said.

The goal is to make schools safer with-

out stepping on anyone's constitutional rights. The group will offer its services for free.

"Each school safety program is going to be unique to each school," he said. "Each school has different things that need to be done."

Peck plans to involve parents, students and people with different political beliefs in gathering input. He's spoken with veterans who are on board with providing extra protection at schools for free. Students Standing for Gun Rights will visit districts in Genesee and Shiawassee counties first, with plans to expand.

"We want to have a very vast amount of opinions on each school. We want to make sure it's the best scenario possible," he said. "You're never going to make a school 100-percent safe. It's impossible. But you can make the protocols better."

He also hopes to bring more awareness

to schools and students about gun rights, what's allowed under the Constitution, what to do if you find a gun or see someone who has one on school grounds and more.

"These kids are more afraid than knowledgeable about guns," he said. "These are things that are overlooked and they can definitely be addressed and be a lot better."

The group will encourage students to tell a teacher or counselor when someone is being bullied. Peck is currently forming the board for Students Standing for Gun Rights. He is the president of the group

and his wife, Stephanie, is the secretary. The group is holding a rally June 2 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Michigan State Capitol to raise awareness about its cause. Speakers include a few pro-gun candidates and NRA guest speakers. The Trump Unity Bridge will also be there.

“You’re never going to make a school 100 percent safe. It’s impossible. But you can make the protocols better.”

Chad Peck

Gaines Township resident

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News briefs

Lane closure on U.S. 23 announced

Beginning at 7 p.m., Monday, April 9, the left lane of northbound U.S. 23 between Owen and Silver Lake roads in Fenton will be closed for the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to perform utility work. The lane will be closed from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. each day through Friday, April 13.

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Police&Fire report

PONEMAH DRIVE HOME BROKEN INTO

Genesee County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the 3000 block of Ponemah Drive in Fenton Township for a breaking and entering complaint on March 12. Several items of jewelry were taken. The incident remains under investigation.

THEFT OF GASOLINE

On March 20, Genesee County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to 3000 block of Thompson Road in Fenton Township to investigate a larceny of gasoline complaint. The incident remains under investigation.



CAUGHT DUMPING DEBRIS

Do you recognize this man? Surveillance video footage at a local business recorded this man dumping debris in its parking lot. Anyone with information about this incident is to call Fenton police at (810) 629-5311.

Joel 'Joe' Florida (a.k.a. Santa Claus) dies at 74

■ Well known for his dedication to the needs and wants of children throughout the county

By Vera Hogan

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Although the memory of his passion for the needs and wants of children will never die, Joel "Joe" Florida has taken his last breath. He died at his home on Wednesday, April 4.

Known to many in Fenton and all of Genesee County for his jolly portrayals of Santa Claus and Kris Kringle, Florida was a member of the Old Newsboys of Flint, an organization dedicated to raising funds for needy families and children, for more than 50 years, since he was 21 years of age.

His dedication to the Old Newsboys of Flint began when Florida, a long-time Fenton resident, was a child and a recipient of their good works.

Florida's father, a detective sergeant with the Flint Police Department, died at a young age of a heart attack. His death left his 34-year-old wife to support 10 children on her own. She had no job and no experience at the time. She was able to get a job at a restaurant for \$3 a night, but it wasn't enough to support her large family. The family, who lived in a three-bedroom home in Flint, often

went without the basics, such as food, heat, electricity and running water.

Florida said during a 2015 interview that he used to think that people who lived in homes with curbs and sidewalks, and running water and electricity, were rich.

For children like Florida, getting a new outfit and a toy for Christmas thanks to the Old Newsboys of Flint, was like a breath of fresh air. It was more than just material items for Florida and his family.

It gave them hope, he said. It meant that someone cared about them. It meant that their lives mattered in the world.

"Those gifts are not elaborate, but the message is," said Florida in his 2015 interview.

After graduating from Flint Southwestern in 1962, Florida worked briefly as a sheriff's deputy before joining the Flint Police Department in 1965. He retired from the department in 1991.

On April 10, 1982, he married Susan Rebecca Horvath. He was a Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain Emeritus, a Shrine Clown Unit "Holey Joe." Joel was president of Old Newsboys of Flint, receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award. He was an "Official Santa" of the city of Flint. Florida was a member of Fenton United Methodist Church where he was an usher and a member of United Methodist Men. He was also a member of Masonic Lodge #23 Fellow-



Joel "Joe"
Florida



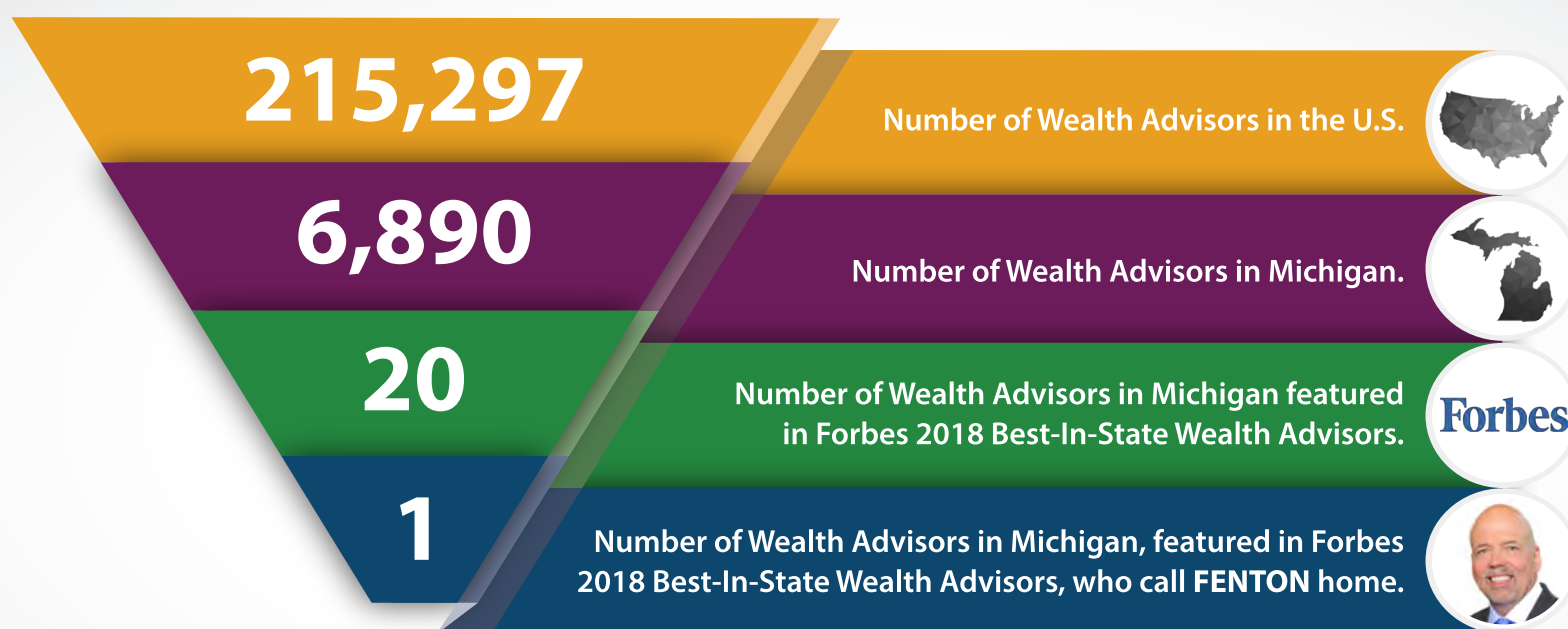
Joel "Joe" Florida was a frequent Christmas-time visitor to the Tri-County Times. He is shown here in 2015 with Associate Editor Vera Hogan, following an interview about the Old Newsboys of Flint.

ship #490 and #174.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 9 at the Swartz Funeral Home, 1225 West Hill Road, Flint with Rev. Jeff Jagers officiating. Cremation will take place following the service.

Florida is survived by his wife, five children, four siblings and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Old Newsboys.

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ROADS

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in 2015, the \$1.2 billion generated from the increase in taxes and fees won't be fully devoted to transportation until 2021. While the added gas taxes and higher registration fees are being collected now, the general fund revenue earmarked for the roads won't go to the roads until the 2019 fiscal year. In that first year, roads will receive \$150 million and will increase to \$325 million in 2020. The full \$600 billion won't go to the roads until the 2021 fiscal year.

State Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township), who voted for the road package, said, "For the final two years of the (John) Engler Administration and the entire eight years of the (Jennifer) Granholm Administration, zero dollars were spent on infrastructure from the General Fund. The Snyder Administration has committed \$400 to \$600 million from the General Fund since 2012. This means we are in the catch up mode after 10 years of neglect."

Graves said companies left Michigan because of the drought of infrastructure. "We are now getting equipment and companies back to our state, so this year we brought forward an additional \$175 million slated for next year and the state and the private sector continue to invest in additional infrastructure improvements as well as manpower and equipment. This will continue until we are at 100 percent in 2021," he said.

Current taxes
Michigan drivers pay 26.3 cents per gallon in state gas tax, 18.4 cents per gallon in federal fuel tax, and Michigan 6-percent sales tax. With those three taxes combined, Michigan is one of the top five states for high gas tax rates.

The bill
In 2015, Gov. Rick Snyder signed a \$1.2-billion road-funding package that increased registration fees and fuel taxes in order to pay for failing roads. The package called for \$600 million per year from the state's general fund to fix and maintain the state's road and bridges.

Under the package, the fuel tax increased 7.3 cents per gallon, requiring motorists to pay 26.3 cents per gallon tax. Vehicle registration fees increased 20 percent starting Jan. 1, 2017 as part of the bill.

The bill also increases the Homestead Property Tax Credit so more homeowners and renters are eligible for credits of up to \$1,500 per year.

SUMMARY
■ The \$1.2-billion road-funding package signed into law in 2015, which included a raise in gas tax, won't fully benefit roads until 2021.

NOW WHAT?

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financially than their peers who chose careers and majors in the arts, of which there are many including journalism, photography, music, graphic design, interior design, fashion design and many more.

The reality is that many new college grads earn hourly wages in entry level office or retail jobs. Those without degrees usually earn even less.

Teaching provides a good example. According to michigan.gov, a first-year teacher with a bachelor's degree can earn anywhere from \$30,122 per year (42-week schedule) to \$37,438 per year (52-week schedule).

Assuming a 42-week schedule (summers off), 15 percent of taxes from \$30,122 leaves \$25,603, which is \$2,134 per month to live on.

Once you factor in bills like rent and utilities, student loan repayment, car payment, insurances (health and vehicle), utilities, cell phones, gas for the car, food, clothing and more, there isn't much left. Factor in a couple of credit cards and the accompanying temptation and Mom and Dad's basement it is.

Eventually something needs to give somewhere because a scary trend has been developing. Young adults are not getting married as often as they did in the past because they can't afford it. If they do get married, they're not having children right away, or at all, because they can't afford it.

Our school districts will see declining enrollment numbers in the future and it all goes downhill from there. A community without good schools becomes a place where no one wants to live, which negatively affects the local economy, starting with real estate.

If they don't get married and have children anyway, that creates a whole new set of problems that often involves public assistance.

Part II in the series will address declining enrollments.

Young adults are not getting married as often as they did in the past because they can't afford it.

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Fenton	\$650
Flint Metro	\$551
Michigan.....	\$623
United States.....	\$825
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Fenton	\$840
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Source: bestplaces.net

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AVERAGE MONTHLY CAR PAYMENT

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AVERAGE MONTHLY STUDENT LOAN PAYMENT

The monthly payment on a \$25,000 student loan is approximately \$280 (6.8-percent interest and 10-year repayment.

Sources: Cicmoney101.org, bankrate.com, valuepenguin.com



YOUR SMILE MATTERS!

By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

ROOT CANALS AND CROWNS

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

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News briefs

CHRISTMAS IN ACTION (CIA)

The 2018 Christmas in Action volunteer meeting (Fenton, Linden, Tyrone and Argentine Township) is Thursday, April 19, at 6 p.m., at Shiawassee Shores Retirement

Park Clubhouse, 1515 W. Rolston Rd., Linden. Phone (810) 714-3986. For more information, go to www.ciageneseeco.org/index.html. The "2018 Workday" is Saturday, April 28.

EDUCATORS

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Williams graduated from Fenton High School in 1988 and attended Michigan State University, where she earned a B.A. in Elementary Education. She completed her student teaching at West Shore Elementary. In 1995, she began working for the Lake Fenton Community Schools as a third-grade Title One paraprofessional before becoming a full-time fourth-grade teacher at West Shore Elementary.

Williams completed her M.A. in Education at Marygrove College. She has held a variety of leadership roles including NCA/Advance-Ed chair, Multi-Tier System of Support Team (MTSS) co-chair, 3-5 Social Studies curriculum coordinator, and fourth-grade Mackinac trip teacher-coordinator.

Most recently, Williams has accepted the role of math curriculum coordinator and receiving advanced certification in K-2 Math Recovery. She is committed to the process of improving student achievement in mathematics

at Torrey Hill. She has adopted the Growth Mindset philosophy within her classroom. Her students embrace the mantra, "Mistakes help our brains grow," and can explain that math is not about speed, but rather deep thinking about concepts, productive struggle, and perseverance toward accuracy.

Williams and her husband, Brent, reside in the Lake Fenton school district. She has been a proud Blue Devil for the past 25 years and says she is grateful each day for the opportunity to work with so many dedicated colleagues and supportive families within the Lake Fenton community.

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LOOKING BACK

at this week in

NATIONAL HISTORY

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

APRIL 8

2005: Eric Rudolph agrees to plead guilty to a series of bombings, including the fatal bombing at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, in order to avoid the death penalty. He later cited his anti-abortion and anti-homosexual views as motivation for the bombings.

APRIL 9

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

APRIL 10

1953: The horror film *The House of Wax*, starring Vincent Price, opens at New York's Paramount Theater. Released by Warner Brothers, it was the first movie from a major motion-picture studio to be shot using the three-dimensional, or stereoscopic, film process and one of the first horror films to be shot in color. Directed by Andre De Toth, *The House of Wax* was a remake of 1933's *Mystery in the Wax Museum*. The film told the story of Henry Jarrod (Price), a sculptor who goes insane after his partner burns their wax museum to the ground in order to collect the insurance payout. Jarrod survives the fire and later opens his own wax museum, featuring an exhibit immortalizing crimes past and present, including the murder of his ex-partner by a mysterious disfigured killer.

APRIL 11

1977: President Jimmy Carter, along with first lady Rosalynn Carter, hosts local children at the traditional White House "Easter egg roll." The curious tradition of egg-rolling on the White House lawn originated in the mid-to-late 19th century. First lady Dolley Madison is sometimes credited with proposing the idea of a public egg roll around 1810, and several first families may have held similar events privately prior to 1872. Newspaper articles described the first public egg-rolling event as having occurred on the congressional grounds in 1872. In 1876, foot traffic from hordes of children and their families during an egg roll caused so much damage to the Congressional grounds that legislators were forced to pass the Turf Protection Law to prevent further damage.

APRIL 12

1945: While on a vacation in Warm Springs, Georgia, President Franklin D. Roosevelt suffers a stroke and dies. His death marked a critical turning point in U.S. relations with the Soviet Union, as his successor, Harry S. Truman, decided to take a tougher stance with the Russians.

APRIL 13

1964: Sydney Poitier becomes the first African American to win the Academy Award for Best Actor, for his role as a construction worker who helps build a chapel in *Lilies of the Field* (1963).

APRIL 14

1865: John Wilkes Booth, an actor and Confederate sympathizer, fatally shoots President Abraham Lincoln at a play at Ford's Theater in Washington, D.C. The attack came only five days after Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered his massive army at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, effectively ending the American Civil War.

Source: history.com

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Meet TED GOUPIL

- Retired principal
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By Sally Rummel

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Ted Goupil, 83, has been retired since 1989 after 10 years as principal at West Shore Elementary School in Lake Fenton Community Schools, and 17 years as a teacher/administrator in the Flint school system prior to that. He and his wife, Pat, a retired Realtor, reside in Fenton Township and are the parents of three grown children, Stefanie, 53, Mark, 51, and Eric, 49, plus eight grandchildren — four boys and four girls.

How do you spend your time in retirement?

My all-time favorite thing to do is watching our grandkids play sports. All seasons are covered with baseball, football, soccer, volleyball and bowling, within 30 minutes of our home. We also like to travel with friends, going on day trips to casinos and thrift stores, looking for nothing but always coming home with something. Our favorite place to travel is up north, especially Petoskey. I also love to read. John Grisham is my favorite author. I love his style and topics — they're all courtroom. I'm kind of a military and political junkie.

If you hadn't had your career in education, what would have been your dream job?

I always wanted to be a state police trooper. I went through all the tests, but when the post commander did a background check, I had gotten a ticket years before for a burned out tail light that I didn't even know I had. That's all it took to end that career before it started. Pat also reminded me that I had wanted to be a lawyer. I wished I had worked harder at pursuing that.

Michigan State or U of M?

U of M! That's where I finished my undergrad and master's degrees. I did one year at MSU, starting out as a broadcasting major, until I found out you had to work for minimum wage starting out, until you got into the big city networks. I changed my major to education.

Where did you grow up?

Whittemore, near Tawas, a town of about 400. K-12 was all in one building and there were 16 graduates in my class. I always say, "I graduated fourth from the top, which is also 12th from the bottom." I had two brothers and four sisters. My sisters are all gone and all three of us brothers are still here, even though we all have health issues.

What would you like to see happen in Fenton Township?

I was on the Fenton Township Board for 20 years, 10 of them as clerk. I'd like to have seen the development of the Thompson Road/Torrey Road corridor as a commercial district instead of manufacturing. I doubt that will happen now. I'm also hoping for road improvements. The

"I'm into trivia, too. I've got two sons who love the same things I do. We go to trivia at sports bars and we win."

Ted Goupil
Fenton Township resident

TRI-COUNTY TIMES
TIM JAGIELO

Ted Goupil, 83, and his wife, Pat, enjoy watching their grandchildren play sports all year long.

dog park is a nice feature.

How did you and Pat meet?

We've been married 58 years. Believe it or not, we met at an auction sale in Gaines. My dad had asked me to go with him to help and Pat's parents had made her go. Neither one of us was all that excited to be there. She approached me first, asking, "How's Janet?" She had worked with my sister as a telephone operator in Swartz Creek. That started our relationship. We dated for one-and-a-half years, and I went into the Army in November 1959. We got married on New Year's Eve.

You're always making a joke. Where'd you get your sense of humor?

I like comedies and documentaries. I like Chevy Chase movies, even Monty Python and Blazing Saddles. I'm into trivia, too. I've got two sons who love the same things I do. We go to trivia at sports bars and we win.

How's your health?

I had a heart attack in 1995 and ended up with a quadruple bypass. I have an implanted defibrillator and a pacemaker. I've had it go off four or five times and it literally knocks me right down. Once, I was giving a eulogy at a funeral for my brother-in-law and it happened. I stood there, grabbed the podium to keep me from falling down. Some people thought I was praying and some thought I was dead.

What is something most people don't know about you?

I grew up around the oldest stock car racing track in Michigan, at Whittemore. It was started in 1949. My dad was president and the announcer. I was there every weekend until I got out of school.



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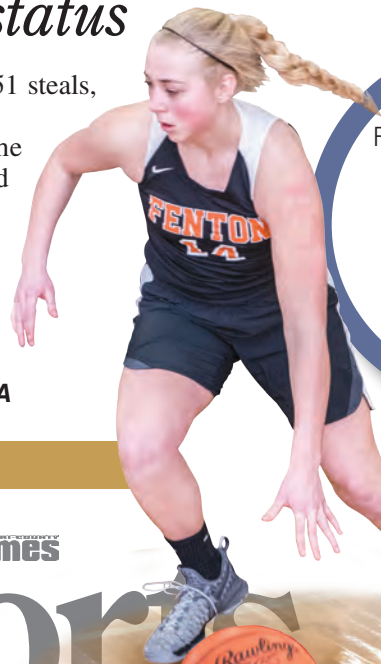
Fenton's Idoni, Holly's Fugate earn HM All-state status

Both stars led their teams in scoring during girls basketball season

By David Troppens
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One was our Tri-County Girls Basketball Player in 2017.
The other was our player of the year this season.

Both recently ended up as Associated Press Honorable Mention All-State selections.
Fenton's Chloe Idoni and Holly's Rebecca Fugate each earned the honor after leading their squads to strong seasons.
Idoni, a junior post player who was our 2017 MVP, led the Tigers with 337 points, averaging 16.0 points a game. She also led the team with 177 re-

bounds, while collecting 51 steals, 44 steals and 39 blocks.
Idoni helped lead the Tigers to a 14-7 record overall, and a second-place finish in the Flint Metro League with a 15-3 record.
In one of Fenton's season-defining victories, she
See BASKETBALL on 19A



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Times Sports

Linden's fantastic freshman Lund leads our 2018 Tri-County Boys Basketball Team

By David Troppens
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Linden varsity boys basketball coach Chris Root got his first look at Blake Lund in the eighth grade.
"He'd come to the game. He and his brother (who was on the Eagles) would come and play during Christmas break with us, and this past summer leading into the year he was around," Root said. "He's a very humble and quiet kid, but you could definitely tell he was talent. It was very apparent watching him play."
He was so good, Lund became the first freshman in the 50-year history of the Flint Metro League to earn first-team All-League honors. He was so good, he led the Linden Eagles in scoring average, netting 16 points a game. He was good enough to do something else. He's the 2018 Tri-

County Boys Basketball Player of the Year.
"I expected to do my role, learn from some of the older players and it was fun," Lund said. "I learned a lot from my coaches and teammates."
Lund immediately became one of the Metro League's best players as soon as he put a Linden jersey on. He not only averaged 16 points a game, but he did it by shooting 44 percent from the field, including 43 percent from three-point land. He tied a school record by making seven treys in a contest at Swartz Creek as well. But he's not just a scorer. He also averaged three rebounds, three steals and 2.5 assists a contest. In fact, he had a 10-steal game in a contest against Clio. His season also helped the Eagles have the best year among the tri-county boys hoops teams, going 12-4 in the Metro League, one game short of a league title. The Eagles also fin-

ished with a 13-7 overall record.
"He has a great attitude," Root said. "He works hard. He's poised and mature beyond his years. He's a special kid."
Lund said his older teammates embraced him immediately.
"They welcomed me very well," Lund said. "They accepted me, helped me get better and taught me what they knew."
"I thought his freshman year was very good. I was very impressed," Root said. "I thought he'd be good, but sometimes I had to remind myself he was a freshman. The level of comfort from him was pretty high. He just understands the game, is coachable and plays hard. He defended very well."
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Our 2018 Tri-County Boys Basketball Player of the Year is Linden freshman Blake Lund. Lund averaged 16 points, three steals, three rebounds and 2.5 assists a game.

photo by Mark Bolen

ALL TRI-COUNTY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM			
Player of the Year Blake Lund	Rest of first team	Grade	School
Class Freshman • Team Linden	Noah Baylis	Soph	Holly
Comment: Lund had an outstanding freshman season, leading the Eagles' offense by averaging 16 points a game while shooting at 44 percent from the field. He also averaged three steals, three rebounds and 2.5 assists a contest.	David Pietryga	Senior	Fenton
Note: The players on the team and the Player of the Year were selected by the sports staff.	Addison McIntosh	Soph	Fenton
	Garrett Strang	Senior	Linden
	Nick Koan	Senior	Linden
	Hunter Jackson	Soph	Holly
	Luke Tomczyk	Senior	Lk. Fenton
	Noah Giacomantonio	Senior	Linden

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Lake Fenton football duo headed to different D3 campuses

By David Troppens

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The Lake Fenton varsity football team captured back-to-back Genesee Area Conference Red Division championships with undefeated records the last two seasons.

The program was able to accomplish those lofty standards with the help of a great 2017 senior class. And now, some of those seniors are starting to make decisions that will enable them to continue their football careers at the college level.

Luke Tomczyk and Chris Tomczak are the first two of them to make a decision. Tomczak will be playing at Adrian College, while Luke Tomczyk will be going to Trine University.

Both are excited to be continuing at the next level.

"I appreciate it a lot," Tomczyk said. "I didn't think I'd have a chance to do it early in the year. Now that I can do it, I'm excited to continue and want to play longer."

"It's exciting," Tomczak said. "I'm very excited to go on to the next level. I'm excited because we will get a chance to face each other."

The two will get a chance to face each other because both teams are members of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA), a Division 3 league with most of the football schools being located in Michigan.

Tomczak selected Adrian College about a month ago.

"I thought they were the school that was interested in me the most," Tomczak said. "And when I went there, it felt like

home. Everything went well."

Tomczak said he'll probably start as a lineman, but could end up at linebacker or fullback.

While playing at defensive tackle for the Blue Devils, he became a first-team All-GAC competitor. He finished the season with 46 tackles, including 10 tackles for loss. He had five sacks, forced three fumbles and recovered three fumbles. He was a four-year starter for the Blue Devils.

Adrian College finished last season with a 5-5 overall record last fall, finishing in third place in the MIAA with a 4-2 conference record. Adrian College's coach, Jim Deere, has been at Adrian since 2010, earning at least a .500 record every season with the exception of 2016 when the Bulldogs finished with a 4-6 mark. Adrian College won the MIAA title in 2012 and 2014.

Trine University is located in Angola, Indiana. Trine entered the MIAA in 2003, and has won four conference championships. The last one was during the fall when Trine finished 6-0 in the MIAA and was 10-2 overall, competing in the second round of the D3 playoffs.

Tomczyk said he'll probably start at defensive back, the position he thrived at for Lake Fenton last season. He had 82 tackles, including six for loss. He also had eight interceptions, five forced fumbles and two recovered fumbles.

"The Lake Fenton coaches really helped me out," Tomczyk said. "They taught me how to get to the next level because they gave me so many tools and abilities I can take to the next level."



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(Above) Lake Fenton's Luke Tomczyk (left) prepares to hit a ball carrier as his brother Matt Tomczyk wraps him up. Luke Tomczyk is headed to Trine University to continue his football career in the fall. Another Lake Fenton senior headed to the next level is Chris Tomczak (left photo). Tomczak will continue his football career at Adrian College. Both teams are Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) Division 3 athletic programs.

BASKETBALL

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scored 15 points and grabbed six rebounds in the Tigers' 68-50 road victory at Flushing. The contest represented the first Raiders' loss in Metro League play since Flushing joined the conference. Idoni had a season-best 35 points in a 61-17 victory against Linden, breaking the school record for most points scored in a game. She's fourth in all-time scoring in Fenton girls basketball history with 1,065 points.

Fugate had an outstanding season as well, becoming the focus of every single team that played the Bronchos. It didn't seem to matter as Fugate still figured a way to score 451 of Holly's 940 points this season, about 48 per-

cent of the Bronchos' points during the season. She earned those points by attacking the basket, taking treys (netted 62 of Holly's 78 behind the three-point arc) and nailing free throws. She hit on 107-of-141 free throws, making 76 percent of her shots. The sometimes point guard and sometimes shooting guard also had 61 steals, 87 rebounds and 21 assists. Fugate's efforts earned her our publication's 2018 girls basketball MVP honors, slightly defeating Idoni for the award.

Holly finished the season at 16-7 overall, and won two district tournament games before losing to Clarkston in the district title game. The Bronchos finished 11-5 in Metro action. In one of those district games, Fugate outscored Oxford's entire team 24-19 in the Bronchos' 39-17 district semifinal victory. In what may have been the Bronchos' most memorable victory of the season, she scored 33 points in Holly's 55-42 victory against the Fenton Tigers.

Holly's Rebecca Moore scored 452 points, averaging 19.6 points a game. It earned her Associated Press Honorable Mention All-State honors.

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