Police teach residents how to administer Narcan

■Opioid overdose epidemic prompts life-saving training

By Hannah Ball

Holly — Sgt. Dennis Sano of the Holly Police Department checks the dummy for a pulse. He unsurprisingly doesn't find one. He uncaps the small white bottle of Naloxone, also known as Narcan, and inserts it into the dummy's nostril.

"There will be projectile vomit," he tells the class of approximately 40 people, who are learning how to administer Narcan to someone who has overdosed on opioids. Roll the person on their side facing away from you, he said, adding, "They can't get violent with me because their back is to me."

The training was administered by the Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities

See NARCAN on 11A

Sgt. Dennis Sano
of the Holly Police
Department
demonstrates
how to administer
Narcan, the lifesaving drug, on
a dummy. Photo:
Hannah Ball





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How we are affected by the longest shutdown in history

■ Tax refunds may not be sent; longer TSA lines and closed national parks

By Hannah Ball

Saturday, Jan. 19 was the 29th day of the government shutdown, the longest in U.S. history.

Approximately 800,000 federal workers are without pay while the government is shut down, and Congress and President Donald Trump don't seem to be any closer to reaching a deal on a border wall.

Programs, such as most branches of the military, Medicare and Social Security, are not affected by the See SHUTDOWN on 17A



SLIPPERY SLOPE — Craig Lamble of Grand Blanc Township chats with his daughter, Nora, 7, before her third week of ski lessons on Thursday, Jan. 17, at Mt. Holly Ski and Snowboard Resort in Groveland Township. "She's progressing real fast," Lamble said. Nora is going for her brown ski patch, the third she can earn. **See story on Page 3 and more photos at myfenton.com. Photo by Tim Jagielo**

Technology can now kill most robocalls

■ 'Nomorobo' has blocked one billion spam calls since 2013

By Tim Jagielo

Nomorobo, as in "no more robo-calls," is a monthly subscription service that blocks automated scam or telemarketing phone calls.

It allows useful notices, such as school closings and prescription reminders through, and obviously, regular phone calls.

See ROBOCALLS on 14A

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Aaron Foss



Have you seen this car?

■Former MSU students seeking fate of their school race car from 1969

By Tim Jagielo

It was a 350-cubic-inch, four-speed, student-engineered racecar from an unlikely source — Oldsmobile.

In 1969, a group of Michigan State University (MSU) engineering students were gifted a 1969 Oldsmobile Cutlass

See RACE CAR on 15A



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Republicans owned the House and Senate the last two years, and could have done anything they wanted to. Now that the

Democrats have the majority in the House, Trump tries to get his wall. Why did he wait?"

6 Thank you Fenton

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restraint that is the hallmark of great community policing. As always, 'We Stand with Blue.'"

Let's think apolitically

respect other persons and their



feelings. As others have written: 'I am my brother's keeper;' 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you;' 'The Lord requires that

you act justly, love mercy and walk humbly;' 'With malice toward none, and charity for all.'"



the coming population bomb, global cooling, food supply crisis, the ozone hole that's going to kill us all, acid rain and global warming. Now the same sales people are trying to sell me 'climate change.'"

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Local nurse describes a typical shift in the ER

By Sally Rummel

She has been vomited on, urinated upon and has treated a patient with his head split wide open.

For Jami Skinner, 37, an emergency room registered nurse, it's all part of her everyday work.

Skinner hits the ground running three days a week at 7 a.m. at McLaren-Flint's Trauma and Emergency Center, where she begins her long shift early enough to go over patient stats with the night staff just ending their shifts.

For the next 12 hours, she'll be going "full throttle," treating patients with possible heart attacks and strokes, respiratory distress, abdominal pain, etc., plus a few broken bones, stitches and other less severe injuries.

Skinner is usually in charge of four patient rooms in the main area of the ER.

"I like to multi-task," said Skinner of Fenton. "I love the high-pace environment and the critical thinking that's required. The ER brings in different people each day with their own set of problems."

What she is adjusting to are the smells and "stickiness" of the ER, including phlegm and vomit. "When people throw up, I try to stand back so I don't get hit," she said. As the mother of five, she is already accustomed to some of these aspects of ER nursing.

In a typical 24-hour period, McLaren-Flint will see between 160 and 190 patients through the doors of the ER. Of that number, between 40 and 60 patients

will be admitted for further treatment.

"We're the 'stroke hospital," Skinner said. "So we see a lot of people with chest pain, stroke symptoms and sepsis." In life-threatening cases like these, she said, patients are seen right away. "Every minute amounts to loss of heart muscle," she said.

See ER on 16A



Registered Nurse Jami Skinner of Fenton works in the Emergency Room at McLaren Flint. She's been a nurse for more than a year, and said her busiest days are Monday, Thursday and Friday. **Photo: Tim Jagielo**



Mt. Holly Ski and Snowboard Resort had approximately 49 students in their ski school on Thursday, Jan. 17. Photo: Tim Jagielo

Is learning to ski on your bucket list?

■ Take advantage of 'Discover Michigan Skiing' program in January at Mt. Holly and other statewide ski resorts

By Sally Rummel

The tri-county area was buried under a half-foot of snow in November, thawed out in December and was rained out and sleeted upon in January.

Not exactly the perfect weather for Mt. Holly Ski & Snowboard Resort in Groveland Township, but then again, it doesn't have to be. Mt. Holly has been making snow and is 100 percent open on all of its ski hills, said Mark Tibbitts, general manager.

In spite of this winter's erratic weather, Mt. Holly has only been closed three times since opening in November, Tibbitts said. He's optimistic for the rest of January and remaining winter.

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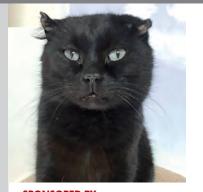
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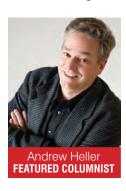
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Come *Heller* high water...

- One true thing: If you want to start a heated debate, tell people you like or hate traffic circles. They're all over Michigan now and there's no middle ground on them. Personally, I like them. That's your cue to write me an angry email.
- John Engler resigned from MSU this week after people were ticked off by his comment that some of Larry Nassar's victims were "enjoying" the spotlight. I'm glad for it, but why was this the breaking point for MSU? Engler's been saying stupid, hurtful stuff since he got there. I also wonder



why some people seem to have such trouble viewing the victims as victims. The attitude I detect from some is the victims should just "shake it off" or "get over it already." This baffles me.

- Maybe it shouldn't. A lot of people seem to struggle with empathy. Until, God forbid, something bad happens to them or someone they love. Then suddenly they "get it."
- A new survey says millennials are supposedly mystified by the yellow warning light in newer cars that looks like a turkey wishbone with an exclamation point between the bones. So? So am I. The symbol I see doesn't say "hey, dummy, one of your tires is low on air." It says, "Make a wish." Whoever designed that thing needs to go back to drawing school. All that's needed is a side view of a tire with a flat at the bottom. How hard is this?
- **Roku the company** that makes the little stick thing you plug into dumb TVs to make them "smart" — backed off plans to add Alex Jones' hatefilled InfoWars show after customers revolted. I was one of them. I'd have dropped Roku in two hot seconds if they allowed that show. Voting with your wallet is the only power consumers have these days.
- In that last blurb, I was going to use the term "pocketbook." Then

I realized I don't really know what a pocketbook is. I've never owned one, as far as I know.

• A new government report says we're not making enough babies to replace ourselves. I suspect it's because kids are expensive and real wages haven't increased since the '70s, according to Pew Research, meaning your purchasing power today is about the same as your parents and grandparents nearly 50 years ago. Let that sink in. One of the few states where the birth rate exceeds the U.S. average is South Dakota. Because, honestly, what else is there to do in South Dakota? 44I'd have

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- There's a documentary coming up about the last remaining Blockbuster store, which is in Oregon. they allowed I'd watch it but I don't do Netflix and, well, there's no Blockbuster near me. Duh.
- OK, I was teasing about Netflix. I have it and love it. But I actually miss video days. 77 stores. Netflix and

Hulu have some movies but usually not that many. I usually want to see movies that I missed when they were in the theater but they seldom have those. Come back, Blockbuster!

- And by the way, don't you sometimes wonder why theaters carry such a small percentage of the movies that come out? Every Oscar season, I look at the films nominated for Best Picture and have never heard of them because theaters don't show them. What the heck?
- I also wish there were theaters that showed the documentaries, shorts, and animated films that win awards, too. Where do people see these things?
- "Go placidly amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence." — Max Ehrmann

Opinions offered in Come Heller High Water are the author's alone and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Tri-County Times or its staff. Email the Andrew at andrewheller@lctimes.com.

WHEN I GREW up in Fenton, we all smiled and waved at each other. I wonder what happened.

INDUSTRY EXPERTS SAY that employment in the steel industry will continue to decline because of automation. As the conservative think tank AEI points out, 'Mr. Trump's tariffs are trying to revive a world of steel production that no longer exists.'

FOOD BANKS AROUND the country near military bases or in cities with a lot of federal government employees have been stepping up to help the furloughed or unpaid workers during the government shutdown. Over the weekend in Washington, a local food bank said 2,200 furloughed federal employees received produce and other items at pop-up locations.

BUILD THE WALL and fix the damn roads.

DID YOU KNOW that a portion of your Genesee County property taxes help pay for the operation of senior centers in the county. If you use the Loose Center in Linden and do not live in Genesee County, your yearly membership fee is greatly appreciated and it makes it fair to those of us who live in Genesee County that use the center.

FOUND IT. THE original Hot line claim-

ing, 'teenagers are smarter than you' is in the Dec. 30, 2018 edition of the TCTimes. By using the pronoun 'you' to address a large audience (i.e. all Hot line readers), author did in fact claim teenagers are smarter than all

WOW, SOCIALISM EXPERT believes military, FBI, CIA, Medicare, Social Security, schools, highways, and elected officials are examples of socialism. Sounds like someone needs to learn what socialism is before talking about it.

FOR THE RECORD, President Trump has yet to veto a budget bill fully funding the government. Until such time, Congress owns the government shut down.

WOULDN'T IT BE great to get a couple of your liberal Hot-liners together with a couple of your conservative Hot-liners. Wonder how they would act toward each other once they found out they were neighbors.

TO THE HOT-LINER advocating for increased taxes so 'rich people to pay their fair share.' You have it wrong. The only fair tax is a flat tax. With a flat tax, everyone, rich, poor and middle class all pay the same rate.

THE MILITARY, FBI, CIA, Social Security, schools, highways, and elected officials are all examples of public goods provided by government, all governments. These items are not

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"My husband told me that he had something in his pocket for me. I thought it was a Reese's Peanut Butter Cup, because I love those, but it was actually a ring."

Trish Heslinga



"It was in Key West when we were on vacation. He had big plans on what he was going to say, but he ended up just blurting it out and asking me."



Compiled by Gracie Warda, intern

"It was a random Tuesday while we were doing laundry. She didn't want a big show, she just wanted to be surprised, so that's what I did."

> **Derek Kirchner** Tyrone Township



street talk

"She actually proposed to me. We were at a friend's wedding, and she was asking me when I was going to ask her to marry me. She ended up doing it herself."

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Owen Road traffic slows after traffic lights damaged

■Witnesses say landscape truck struck two separate lights

By Sharon Stone

Traffic on Owen Road turned chaotic Thursday morning after a landscape truck hit the traffic light at the Target driveway and then struck the traffic light at Donaldson Drive at approximately 10:15 a.m.

The circumstances as to why the landscape truck struck the traffic lights are under investigation.

Traffic lights were left dangling and the Fenton Fire Department was dispatched to sweep up debris covering the road.

Eastbound traffic on the overpass over U.S. 23 slowed to a near standstill as the traffic light for those vehicles was damaged.

The Genesee County Road Commission was advised of the crashes and a crew arrived at the Target entrance at 10:56 a.m. to begin replacing the lights.

At 11 a.m. Fenton police were visible at Donaldson Drive to assist school buses pulling out onto Owen Road. The traffic light was reportedly operational, however, traffic was heavy.

Lt. Jeff Cross of the Fenton Police Department said the driver of the landscape hauling truck was equipped with a metal roll bar used to cover the load they are hauling with a tarp. This equipment malfunctioned and was sticking straight up in the air, causing the roll bar to be too tall to pass under the traffic light.



The left traffic light for eastbound traffic on Owen Road at the Target intersection was broken and dangling the morning of Thursday, Jan. 17. Photo: Hannah Ball

Not realizing his truck struck the bottom of the light at Target, the driver continued eastbound on Owen Road, eventually striking the bottom of the traffic light at Donaldson Drive. A witness flagged down the truck and informed the driver of what had happened.

Cross said an accident report was completed and will be turned in to the state. He added that the company the driver is employed at would be responsible for the repair costs.

Call immediately if short on funds for utility bills

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Brian Wheeler

Consumers Energy spokesperson

■Consumers/DTE can help with programs for struggling customers

By Tim Jagielo

Brian Wheeler, spokesperson for Consumers Energy (CE) said that on average, 1 percent, or less than 30,000 of the 3 million customers are given shut-off notices during the winter months.

Of these, he said fewer than half of those actually have power disrupted.

These numbers vary from year to year, as does the length of a service interruption.

According to the Michigan Public Service Commission Act 3 of 1939, utilities may shut down power for non-payment. However, in the winter, or "heating season," utility providers will postpone shut-off "if a customer is an eligible low-income customer that enters into a winter protection payment plan with the provider and the customer provides documentation

that the customer is actively seeking emergency assistance from an energy assistance program."

Wheeler said that adults over age 65 cannot be disconnected during winter months, providing they prove they are older than 65.

Despite some misconceptions, utility companies can shut off your power in the winter — even with shut-off protection, for those under 65.

Wheeler said that even with shut-off protection, there's an expectation that customers have to pay.

"A customer can see their service disconnected for not paying over time," he said. "We encourage customers to reach out to us as soon as they know they may have difficulty paying their energy bills because we have programs that can help.

"We want everyone to have power, to stay warm," he said. "These are friends, these are neighbors. We'd rather work with people to understand

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their options."

If payment will become difficult, Wheeler said the client should contact CE right away to set up a payment plan. He said dialing 211 can link them to aid agencies.

"Any payment plan gets you on the road to being fully caught up. That's the goal," he said.

Utilities, such as Consumers Energy, will split up unpaid balances to be handled over time.

DTE Energy also offers shut-off protection and payment plans for struggling customers. Both utility giants have donated \$10 million in the

> previous year to local outreach agencies, such as the CARE program.

> Wheeler said the CARE program allows customers to get on a path of self-sufficiency by providing an affordable payment plan with monthly energy bill credits, as well as gradual forgiveness of past-due balances as a reward for on-time payments.

Average heating bills

Wheeler said overall, the rough average bill for natural gas is \$75/month over the course of a year. Most of that cost, two-thirds, is concentrated in the winter months.

Averages can change year to year. In 2018 residential customers spent 10 percent less on natural gas during the months of November and December than in 2017.

He's expecting it to get colder during the rest of the month so that average could change. Basically, utility bills are "as predictable as the weather in a Michigan winter," Wheeler said.

This is why there are plans for easing the burden of high utility costs in the winter, such as budget plans, which take an average over the course of the year. This means a resident would pay more than they normally would in the summer, but less in the winter.

Crank up the furnace or use space heaters?

As a rule, Wheeler said turning up your furnace is less expensive than using small space heaters to make up the difference in a home. "(Heaters) tend to be more expensive, degree for degree," he said.

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Many reasons why women experience serious hair loss

■Including stress, intense illness and dramatic weight loss among others

Compiled By Vera Hogan

The best way to think of the way hair grows is to picture a garden. How well it grows is completely a result of what is happening "underground."

"Like a garden, a normal hair cycle should lead to a product, which is the hair," Wendy Roberts, MD, a dermatologist at a private practice in Rancho Mirage, California reported to WebMD.

"Growth cycles are important because sis. Prelimentary when they go awry, that is one of the reasons we have hair loss," she said.

Things that interfere with Although hair

Things that interfere with the growth cycle can include medication, illness, infection, or chemicals. These things have the potential to stop hair from being formed properly.

"It's a very dynamic place and anything that can get the cycle off can cause hair loss," Roberts said.

Although hair loss may seem like a more prominent problem in men, women are nearly as likely to lose, or

have thinning, hair. Most women notice it in their 50s or 60s, but it can happen at any age and for a variety of reasons.

How hair grows

Hair grows in three different cycles: anagen, catagen, and telogen, according to WebMD. About 90 percent of the hair on the head is in the anagen, or growth phase, which lasts anywhere from two to eight years. The catagen, or transition phase, typically lasts two to three weeks, during which the hair follicle shrinks. During the telogen cycle, which lasts around two to four months, the hair rests.

An overwhelming majority of the time the hair is on the scalp, it is growing. Only about 10 percent of the strands are in transition or resting at any one time. Hair grows about 6 inches a year for most people.

Losing hair

Most people lose anywhere from 50 to 100 strands of hair each day, according to the American Academy of Dermatology. On the days when hair is washed, people can lose up to 250 strands, Roberts said. But don't avoid washing in an attempt to keep the hair, because it will fall out eventually, anyway.

For those who don't plan on counting their hair every day, there are ways to know when hair is thinning or being lost at a higher rate. Roberts told WebMD that women will see a difference. When waking up in the morning, there may be an unusually large amount on your pillow. When you comb your hair (especially without tugging, which can pull the hair out), more than normal will be left in the comb.

There are also other visual cues that women can look for over time. Although men's hair tends to recede from the forehead or the crown of the head, women tend to notice thinning on the top third to one half of the scalp.

When women seek medical advice over concerns about hair loss, there is a combination of ways to make a diagnosis. Preliminary blood work is usually taken to make sure the thyroid gland

or an autoimmune disease isn't the culprit, according to WebMD.

Another way to diagnose what the problem is just by looking and listening. What does a patient's mother, aunts, or grandmothers look like? Do they have similar, or greater amounts, of hair loss? Using magnification on the scalp can show if a woman's follicles vary in size — with some thick and others thin. These are two telltale signs of female pattern hair loss, also called

androgenetic alopecia.

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This is a hereditary condition that affects about 30 million American women, according to the America Academy of Dermatology, and is the most common kind of hair loss. It happens to approximately 50 percent of women. Although it mostly occurs in the late 50s or 60s, it can happen at any time, even during teenage years.

Typically, each time a normal hair follicle is shed, it is replaced by hair that is equal in size. But in women with female-pattern hair loss, the new hair is finer and thinner — a more miniaturized version of itself, Rogers says. The hair follicles are shrinking and eventually they quit growing altogether.

Causes of hair loss

There are a wide range of conditions that can bring on hair loss, with some of the most common being pregnancy, thyroid disorders, and anemia. Others include autoimmune diseases, polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS), and skin conditions such as psoriasis and seborrheic dermatitis.

Though there has been a link between menopause and hair loss, it could be that menopause and hair loss just occur at the same age.

Other reasons for hair loss include extreme stress; physical trauma like surgery or intense illness; dramatic weight loss over a short period of time; and taking too much Vitamin A. Hair loss can occur



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a couple of weeks to six months after any of these experiences.

Take it easy

One other way to thin hair is self-inflicted — hairstyles like cornrows or too-tight braids can cause hair loss called traction alopecia.

All of the things women do to manipulate their hair — dyes, chemical treatments, bad brushes, blow dryers, and flat irons — can result in damage and breakage. This includes brushing too much and towel drying aggressively when the hair is wet.

For most of these issues, the hair grows back or the loss can be reversed with medical treatments. But it is important to see a dermatologist if there seems to be something wrong, because the sooner treatment is started, the better the chances are for improving the growing season.

Source: Webmd.com

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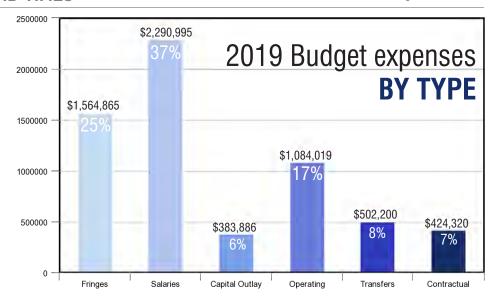






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REVENUE vs. EXPENSES How our tax dollars are dispensed

■ Tax revenue at a 10-year low and 17 years of lost revenue make future projects difficult

By Vera Hogan

Maintaining a household budget, making sure the bills are paid and everyone's needs are met with the funds available can be a daunting task. Imagine then the monumental task of maintaining the budget for an entire city.

The city of Fenton has a population of 11,756 as of 2017-2018, according to suburbanstats.org. It takes nearly 10 departments to run the city. Those departments include administration, the clerk, treasurer, assessor, building, public works, police, fire and more. Each of those departments is charged with budgeting its needs to provide specific services to city residents for each fiscal year, which runs from July 1 to the following June 30.

The accompanying charts (see sidebars) are from the city's fiscal year 2019 budget.

"As demonstrated in the charts, the Taxable Value and Property Tax Revenues are still below the FY 2009 numbers," said City Manager Lynn Markland. "Our property tax revenue is still approximately \$800,000 per year less than 2009. Our revenue has not recovered from the recession."

According to the U.S. National Bureau of Economic Research (the official arbiter of U.S. recessions) the recession began in December 2007 and ended in June 2009, and thus extended over 18 months. Recovery has taken significantly longer, years longer.

"In addition to property tax revenue being down, the state of Michigan has with-

2019 Budget major Revenue Sources

Grarges for Service/%	
Intergovernmental18%	
Fines & Forfeits1%	
Misc Revenue2%	
Licenses & Permits7%	
Interest0%	
Refunds & Reimbursements0%	
Taxes66%	

held the full Revenue Sharing amount for several years," Markland said. "The cumulative amount is over \$4.5 million."

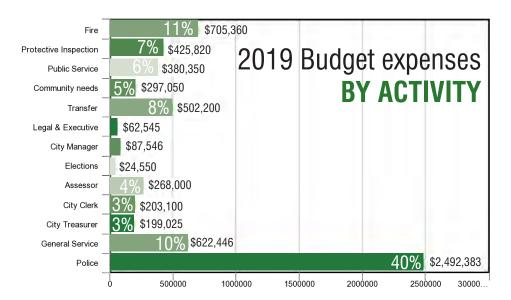
According to SaveMICity (savemicity.org), the link to which was provided by Markland, the city of Fenton has lost \$4,580,458 in revenue sharing since 2002.

What is the reason for the loss?

Michigan's cities and villages are the centers of our economy, according to the Michigan Municipal League (MML). They maintain the infrastructure and services that support the vast majority of state jobs. The revenue sharing distribution formula was designed to appropriately compensate the communities that support everyone and the higher costs they bear. Therefore, when that formula is underfunded, Michigan's entire economy suffers.

A 2014 MML survey found cuts in revenue sharing have negatively impacted basic community services across Michigan. Capital projects such as street

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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, Jan. 16, Midweek Times. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

Tragedy one year ago today

Rose Township mobile fire claims the lives of two adults, two children, on Jan. 16, 2018.

Baker College of Flint will close in 2020

Will move operations to Owosso campus.

Garbage collector fifth most dangerous job

Sanitation worker, 42, recovering from life-threatening injuries.

Seizing citizen assets without conviction could change

Michigan civil forfeiture law is controversial, but can help police departments, communities.

Last year to see wintertime Detroit auto show

Popular annual auto reveal will be held in the summer starting on June 8, 2020.



Boards and commissions are critical to success of communities

This week, the Fenton Library Board and Museum Board were highlighted.

The Generation Gap

This week, Carl Gabrielson, 69, and Kathy Byers, 29, answer the question: How many hours a day do you spend on social media?

Our Future

Meet Kyle Miller, 18, a senior at Linden High School.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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HOUSE UNDER REPUBLICAN control for the last two years — no wall, no problem. Dems take House, it's a national emergency. Trump playing politics and holding America hostage.

A MARINE VETERAN with post-traumatic stress disorder was held for three days for possible deportation before federal authorities learned that he was a U.S. citizen born in Michigan.

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Charles Nelson









Catch the 'blood moon' this Sunday

■Total lunar eclipse will begin Sunday at 9:30 p.m. and end at 2:30 a.m.

By Tim Jagielo

If you train your eyes on the moon starting at about 10:30 p.m. Sunday, you'll see something a little different — a blood moon.

A blood moon is essentially a more interesting way to describe a colorful total lunar eclipse, said Buddy Stark, manager of the Longway Planetarium in Flint.

Stark is in charge of educating the public on what's going on in the night sky and keeps up with celestial events such as bright planets and eclipses. He said that depending on Earth's atmosphere, the color of the moon will appear anywhere from orange to deep red in color.

He said that dust from a desert storm, or a large volcanic eruption affects the color of the moon during the eclipse. He believes that due to no large eruptions that he's aware of, the eclipse won't be deep red, but orange.

He said that before humans knew what was going on with the atmosphere,

an unexplainable "blood moon" was "pretty terrifying," and was interpreted as a bad omen.

He said today, a small subset of people try to derive more meaning from lunar patterns, but added that there's no science to back up a change in behavior for occurrences, such as blood moons.

These eclipses are fairly rare, happening only every year or so. This is not only a lunar eclipse,

but also a "super moon," meaning the moon will be as close as it can get to Earth in its orbit, though it may not look much closer to the naked eye.

According to Bloomberg.com, this is the last lunar eclipse until March 2021, in an "unusual lull" of lunar eclipses.

Celestial phenomena tends to bring people together. "It's kind of a special thing that we only get here on earth," Stark said. If they were seeing life forms on other planets in our solar system, they wouldn't be able to view eclipses



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as we do because of the make-up of our atmosphere, and the optical effect it has on occurrences, such as eclipses.

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Buddy Stark

Longway Planetarium manager

Other planets would simply block the object from the sun's light and it would disappear.

Also, eclipses are free, and in this case, anyone on this side of the planet can look at it, without eye protection, unlike a solar eclipse. "For the size of our planet, our moon is gigantic," he said.

"We're always, as a society, interested in space and what is out there, and what they can see," Stark

said. "That's been true for millennia."

January 20, 2019 Blood Moon schedule

9:30 p.m. — Eclipse begins. We will see a subtle difference in the moon.

10:30 p.m. — Moon will start to change color.

11:30 p.m. — "Totality" will start, meaning the entire moon will look red or orange. It will stay in totality until about 1:30 a.m.

1:30 a.m. — The moon leaves totality.

2:30 a.m. — Moon will be back to normal.

Source: Buddy Stark, Longway Planetarium

The Blood Moon in cinema

There are at least four movies named "Blood Moon" or "Bloodmoon."

"Blood Moon" (2014) is a horror/ western about a group of stagecoach travelers, riding under the red blood moon, arriving at a deserted town, only to have to fight off werewolves.

"Bloodmoon" (1997) is a martial arts action film that "finds a retired detective returning to action to stop a martial arts master with steel fingers who is killing champions from all sports," according to IMDB.com.

What is an eclipse?

According to space.com, "Lunar eclipses occur when Earth's shadow blocks the sun's light, which otherwise reflects off the moon. There are three types — total, partial and penumbral with the most dramatic being a total lunar eclipse, in which Earth's shadow completely covers the moon. The next lunar eclipse will be a total lunar eclipse on Jan. 20-21 and will be visible from North and South America, Europe and Africa.



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BRIEFS

The State Bank promotes officer

The State Bank announced the promotion of Jessica Slieff as an officer in the company's retail management division for the Fenton market. Slieff will be responsible for managing and expanding the retail



Jessica Slieff

portfolio in the Fenton region, interacting with multiple departments to expand relationships with our existing personal and commercial customers, and nurturing new

relationships as well. Jessica began her career at The State Bank as a community office supervisor in 2014. Most recently, she is the community office manager of both the Silver Parkway branch, as well as the branch located inside VG's.

"I take pride in working at a company that recognizes employee dedication. I also enjoy working for a company that makes the customer's experience and community involvement a top priority," Slieff said. Stacey Webb, senior vice president at The State Bank, said, "We are pleased to recognize Jessica with the promotion to retail banking officer. Jessica's experience and proven ability to lead and mentor staff make her a natural candidate for this advancement."

The State Bank promotes assistant vice president

The State Bank announced the promotion of Chris O'Connor as the company's newest assistant vice president for the retail operations



Chris O'Connor

division. O'Connor will continue to be responsible for overseeing retail operations and project management. O'Connor has worked for The State Bank since 2000, starting as a part-time teller.

She became a full-time financial service representative in 2001, working her way to community office manager by 2013, and most recently the retail operations officer. "I have been fortunate to have held several different positions in my time with The State Bank. These opportunities have allowed me to develop not only professionally, but also contribute to the community in which I reside," O'Connor said. Stacey Webb, senior vice president, said, "We are excited to recognize Chris with the promotion to assistant vice president overseeing retail operations and project implementation. She has been instrumental in completing several strategic initiatives and as a seasoned banker, brings her experienced skill set and technical abilities to the position."

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Taser laws are too strict

■Getting a stun gun should be as easy as getting a gun

By Hannah Ball

An 18-year-old who wants to buy a long gun or rifle can walk into a store, fill out the proper forms, go through a background check and buy the weapon

that day. At 18, you can vote, fight for your country, take out student loans and do "adult" type things.

But you can't buy a Taser.

In order to legally obtain a Taser, also called a "stun gun," you need a



Hannah Ball

concealed pistol license (CPL), which you have to be 21 to apply for. Michigan has more roadblocks to obtaining a nonlethal weapon compared to a lethal one. This makes no sense.

Our state is one of four that requires permit for ownership for stun guns. Approximately 35 states have little to no restrictions on Tasers, according to buy.taser.com.

I asked a few police officers about this. One police chief told me that, depending on the model, you might have only one shot with Tasers, and your aim has to be true. You can always "drive stun" someone by pressing the stun gun to the person. Another officer said they're great self-defense weapons and a deterrent.

Not only can you get a gun at a younger age in Michigan, the laws are also stricter with Tasers.

You need a CPL in order to conceal carry a gun, but you can always open carry. This is not so for stun guns. CPLs come with a slew of rules, meaning Tasers are subject to tighter laws than guns, including mandatory training.

I have no issue with the age at which you can buy guns. What I have an issue with is how much harder it is to get a Taser.

Past 18-year-old me and current 25-year-old me would feel much better carrying around a Taser than a lethal weapon. What if I was carrying a gun and an attacker wrestles it away from me? I could die. If they grab my Taser, I could get electrocuted and experience the pain that the aforementioned officers described to me.

I'm 100 percent for self defense, but guns don't have to be the first tool you turn to, nor should they be promoted as such.

Michigan needs to get in line with the majority of America and make it easier for young people, young women especially, to have a means of selfdefense that isn't lethal. Yes, there's pepper spray, but that requires a closer proximity to the attacker, and a gust of wind could ruin those plans.

Also, it'd be incredibly satisfying to stun a would-be attacker and watch him writhe on the ground with 50,000 volts running through his body.

My solution? Don't require a permit in order for people to buy a Taser. I'll be emailing my legislators about this, and I encourage others to do the same.

NARCAN

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(ACHC) and hosted by the Holly Area Community Coalition Tuesday, Jan. 15.

Those who attended the class went home with a Narcan kit, funded by the Oakland County Health Network. The village police and fire departments, along with a firefighter from North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA), gave brief presentations on opioid use in Oakland County, addiction and how Narcan has affected first responders' jobs.

"There's a good chance you could save a life with these Naloxone kits," said Angela Spino-Bogota, community and school program coordinator at the ACHC.

Administering the Narcan

Included in the Narcan kit are gloves, a facemask, informational brochures on support services and Hope not Handcuffs, instructions on how to use Narcan, and two 4 mg doses of the drug. Narcan reverses the effects of the opioids and puts that person into withdrawal. Narcan is not addictive.

Village of Holly Fire Chief Steve Mc-Gee told the class that someone who's overdosing is going to appear dead, but stressed the importance of calling 911 and using the Narcan anyway.

Sano went through the motions of administering the drug. First, check their breathing and look for a pulse. If they won't wake, lay the person on their back, uncap the Narcan, put the nozzle in one nostril, and firmly press the plunger. Then, put the person on their side to avoid vomit.

If they don't wake, administer another dose. McGee recommends doing chest compressions until help arrives.

"You just ruined their high," said Donald Dewey, firefighter from NOCFA. The person will be angry.

It's important still to call 911 if you've used the Narcan on someone and the person is awake. There's a good possibility that person will still seek more opioids because their high was ruined.

Spino-Bogota said Narcan costs approximately \$130-150 at Walgreens or CVS, but if you contact the ACHC, they will refill the kit. **Don't clean up after people**

Spino-Bogota said not to clean up after a person who overdosed if pill bottles or heroin are around them.

"Whoever it is that's coming to the scene really needs to understand what that person has taken," she said. "Continuous doses of Narcan aren't going to help that person if they are overdosed on benzodiazepines."

You can find more information on the classes and get the kits refilled by calling the ACHC at (248) 221-7101.

Good Samaritan Law and Hope not Handcuffs

Police Chief Michael Story spoke about Michigan's Good Samaritan Law, which gives some legal protection to those calling for assistance with someone else's overdose. It prevents drug possession charges against people who call for medical assistance for an overdose in certain circumstances.

The village of Holly Police Department is a Hope not Handcuffs organization. If someone is fighting an addiction, they can go to the police department, or sign up online, and request help. The person will not be arrested, unless they have outstanding warrants, and are placed into a rehab facility.



We've had instances where we've administered Narcan to the same house three times in one evening. 77

Michael Story Holly Village police chief



Opioid use in Oakland County

Michigan is 16th in the nation for overdose deaths.

"Many people start with prescriptions," said Fire Chief Steve McGee. "You become very dependent on it very quickly, within a week."

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In the cycle of addiction, as people use more and more opioids, their tolerance builds up and they need more to feel that same effect. The most common overdose fatalities occur after someone has a dry period, maybe in jail or a rehab facility, and then they use again. Their tolerance has gone down and they can't handle as much as they used to, so they overdose.

In Oakland County, 165 people died from opioid-related deaths in 2016, according to accessoakland.oakgov. com. In that same year, approximately 750,000 opioid prescriptions were filled in the county, which is the equivalent to 6,035 prescriptions per every 10,000 residents, including children.

DRUG-RELATED DEATHS

2017	 312
2018	 224

"We had 100 fewer deaths last year than the previous year," said Police Chief Michael Story, adding that it's due to Narcan. "We've had instances where we've administered Narcan to the same house three times in one evening."

The average age of someone who overdosed and died in Oakland County in 2018 is 42. Of those deaths, 115 were male and 55 were female. Approximately 80 percent were white.

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He encourages adults and kids who have an interest in learning to ski or snowboard to take advantage of Discover Michigan Skiing. This statewide program partners with McDonald's restaurants to provide an affordable ski learning experience.

Sponsored by the Michigan Snowsports Industries Association, "Discover Michigan Skiing" offers a huge discounted package price of \$35 for a beginner lift ticket, equipment rental and lesson for novice skiers of any age. Twenty-six Michigan ski resorts are participating in the program. For more details, visit GoSkiMichigan.com.

Kurt Payne, director of Mt. Holly's Ski School, believes that anyone of any age can learn to ski. "Nobody's too old to come try," he said. "We start lessons for kids as young as 3 years old. Skiing is such a fun family sport that every age is an optimum age."

Tibbitts admits that this winter season has been a challenge

so far, but that the biggest challenge is getting the word out that there is snow

44 Skiing is such a fun family sport that every age is an

age. 77 **Kurt Payne** Mt. Holly Ski

School director

optimum

on Mt. Holly.

"If it's not in your backyard, you're not inspired to get out," he said. "People can't even imagine that we've got snow, but we do. The entire mountain is open, 100 percent. We're averaging two to three feet of snow. The conditions have remained very good the entire time. The grooming machinery fluffs the snow back up."

In recapping the ski sea-

"but December was a disappointment, especially after we got going early like we did," Tibbitts said. "There were three Fridays in December that were taken down by either rain that day or the day prior. It even rained on New Year's Eve."

Tibbitts admits he's an eternal optimist and well-seasoned by Michigan's unpredictable winter weather. "We still have the rest of the winter," Tibbitts said.

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son so far this winter, it began with a bang in November with lots of snow,







Hungry for Restaurant Week?

■ Fenton restaurants entice winter diners with special menus for Jan. 20-26

By Sally Rummel

Restaurant Week in Fenton has become a special tradition for local eateries and diners who'll enjoy unique menu items Sunday through Saturday, Jan. 20-26.

This is the fourth annual event and Mark Hamel, who has organized it every year, is pleased to have 14 restaurants on board. "For so many years, I wanted for Fenton to have enough restaurants to do a Restaurant Week, and we definitely do now," Hamel said. "I'm really excited about this year's event."

He said the whole idea of Restaurant Week is to get people off the couch in

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Nick Sorise

The Fenton Hotel owner

the winter, and see what Fenton has to offer in the way of dining experiences. "The restaurants that participate really like it because it brings people out during a slow time of year for us," he added.

Matt Sherrow, who owns Fenton Winery &

Brewery with his wife, Ginny, said he has done all four Restaurant Week events since they started.

"This year Restaurant Week coincides with our Anniversary Week and Appreciation Party," Sherrow said. "This is our



More than a dozen local restaurants, including Beale Street Smokehouse BBQ, will be showcasing their menus during Restaurant Week in Fenton on Sunday, Jan. 20 through Saturday, Jan. 26. Times file photo

11th year, we've got a lot to celebrate."

He and Ginny chose to feature their best-selling pizza, the Golden Ticket, and take \$5 off the menu price and \$1

off the Swinging Berry's Draught. "They pair really well," he said.

Beale Street Smokehouse BBQ is another local restaurant that has participated every year. Beale St. will be offering \$6 off its Memphis-style St. Louis Rib Dinner, a full

rack of slow-smoked portribs, served with sides and specially priced for Restaurant Week.

Nick Sorise, owner of The Fenton Hotel, is very pleased with the response he gets during Restaurant Week. "People like it, it generates business and it's a nice deal," he said. "We kicked around the menu a bit and decided on our three-course menu with lots of choices for people. We kept it priced under \$20."

Participating restaurants include

- Beale Street Smokehouse BBQ
- Boston's Restaurant & Sports Bar
- Ciao Italian Bistro & Wine Bar
- CRUST
- El Topo
- Fenton Firehall
- Fenton Hotel
- Fenton House
- Fenton Winery & Brewery
- Mega Coney Island
- Sagebrush Cantina
- The Laundry
- The Relief & Resource Co.
- Tropical Smoothie Cafe

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and sidewalk repairs and sewer and water improvements have been post-poned; recreation and library programs have been curtailed or eliminated. According to the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards, there are nearly 2,315 fewer police officers and 1,800 fewer firefighters on the streets of Michigan since the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001.

In the city of Fenton, police activity represents the majority of 2019 budget expenses at 40 percent (\$2,492,383). Fire services comes in second at 11 percent (\$705,360. General services is next at 10 percent (\$622,446).



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ROBOCALLS

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But it's still not able to block "neighbor spoofing" calls, unless it is allowed access to your smartphone contacts to block almost everything but those on your contact list and global white lsit. Nomorobo creator Aaron Foss said it blocks anything with your area code, and the same first numbers of your cell phone to limit spam calls.

"Neighbor spoofing" is when you receive a call from a number that is very similar to your own, and can look familiar or legitimate. When you answer the call, it's either silence or an automated message. The call was generated randomly by someone using a web-based system, and is probably a legitimate number used by someone else.

A return call to this number will likely lead you to a confused, innocent party at

Nomorobo was created by Foss, whose idea won the 2013 Robocall Challenge ran by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to shut down robocalls.

His system is a cloud-based solution that uses "simultaneous ringing," which allows incoming calls to be routed to a second telephone line, reported the FTC in April 2013. In the Nomorobo solution, this second line would identify and hang up on illegal robocalls before they could ring through to the user.

Foss testified to a U.S. House of Representatives subcommittee on combating robocalls in April 2018. He said that his system has stopped 650 million unwanted robocalls in the U.S., and is stopping 30 million every month. He said that the more people use the system, the more effective the system is overall.

"Who would have thought that a crazy contest entry in the FTC Robocall Challenge would lead to such an impact on society? Whenever I think about that, I'm incredibly happy and proud," he said via email.

Today, the website boasts more than 1 billion calls stopped. The system is utilized by wireless providers, such as Xfinity, to block robocalls.

While the system blocks most robocalls from a database of 1.3 million known spam numbers, he reported that these "neighbor spoofing" calls have increased 10 times in one year.

This isn't a concern for landline users but it's irritating for smartphone users. With the Nomorobo app, these calls come across as "Robocaller (unblockable),' which according to the Nomorobo website, tricks most call blockers.

If you allow the Nomorobo app to use your contacts, it can block such calls, without blocking family and friends.

In the beginning, it was a landline protection plan, but today a mobile service is offered. Landlines are protected for free, while mobile phones are \$1.99 per device, per month or \$19.99 annually.

"It's been amazing to have stopped one billion robocalls from scamming and annoying people," Foss said. "We protect millions of people each and every day."

How it works:

Nomorobo for landlines uses a feature known as "Simultaneous Ring." When simultaneous ring is enabled, your phone will ring on more than one number at the same time. The first device to pick it up gets the call and the other phones stop ringing.

So, when the Nomorobo number is enabled as a simultaneous ring number it is the first number to screen the call. If it's a legitimate call, the call goes through to your number. If the call is an illegal robocaller, Nomorobo intercepts the call and hangs up for you. Your phone will ring once letting you know that the robocall has been answered and stopped.

It will also work on smartphones, such as the iPhone 5s and newer, running iOS10 and up. It will also work on Android devices 4.1 and newer.

Source nomorobo.com

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I DON'T KNOW what 'scientists' you are reading but I can find a list of 31,000 that saying CO2 is rising but it doesn't mean much. These include NASA, IPCC, MIT, former Greenpeace founder, Dr. Roy Spenser and a former Weather Channel founder, and on and on.

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RACE CAR

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W-31, with the intention of shaking a stodgy image and appeal to the youth of the times in a semi-secret project.

The MSU student chapter of the Society of Automotive Engineers used the car. They outfitted it with aftermarket performance parts to make it into a super stock drag racer. They raced it until graduating in 1974, following many races that included a blown transmission and engine and other mishaps.

The team of young racers went on to become successful engineers in the adult world, but they never forgot about the race car they worked on for four years.

One such engineer is Dennis Kline of Troy. "We had fun doing this and the experience proved to be very valuable in securing employment within the automotive industry," he said. "Virtually all of us became life-long 'car nuts' and fondly recall this unique opportunity."

Kline is a former Chrysler designer, who drives a Dodge Challenger hot rod. Other team members went on to drag race professionally.

He attended a reunion meeting of the engineers in January 2018, where he learned that somehow, the vehicle had survived the decades, and had been seen on public streets in Michigan as recently as 2013. "This has triggered a year-long search to figure out what happened to the car and how could it possibly still exist after almost a half of a century later," said Kline, while reaching out to the Times.

Their story was picked up by the Lansing State Journal and Muscle Car



This 1969 Oldsmobile Cutlass W-31 was a 325 horsepower, ram-air, special engineering project by a small group of MSU students, from 1969 to 1974. Only 913 were built. Following tips that the car might still be around, the former students are looking for leads on its whereabouts. **Times submitted photo**

Review magazine. An in-depth television story is in the works by WZZM 13 (ABC Grand Rapids) for their show "Our Michigan Life" to be broadcast in February.

In late December, Kline placed a local Craigslist ad seeking information about the car—a long shot. To his surprise, someone reported that they'd seen it in Fenton at the former Fenton Auto Salvage (now Scrap Dogs.) "The sighting was about six years ago...and as you might imagine, we were extremely excited," Kline said.

He came to Fenton seeking information, but came up empty-handed. "The management at Scrap Dogs explained that they simply recycle cars and crush anything that comes in. Since our racecar had no title, they had no idea if it was there when the yard was purchased. And because the car did not have a title or VIN, they would have no way of looking up its history," he said.

While the lead was exciting, former scrap yard owner John Abee said he would have remembered such a car, and therefore it's unlikely it ever made it to his former business.

"Special cars like Project W-31 bring fond memories to people, and it's a way to relieve their youth," Kline said. "The broad interest in this story has been nothing short of amazing."

Tips have come out of the woodwork for their unique story, and he's still no closer to finding the car. He said it was last seen with MSU decals still intact. He said he doesn't want to get the car back, he simply wants to know what happened to it.





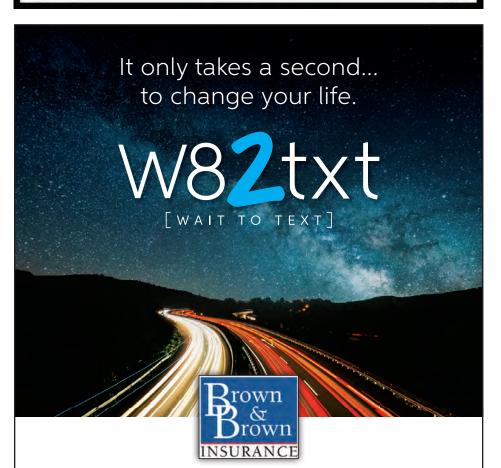
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Jami Skinner stands in the triage room near the ER "short stop" room, on Thursday, Jan. 17. Photo by Tim Jagielo

ER

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But the most common reason for an ER visit, in Skinner's experience, is abdominal pain. It could be a kidney stone, gastroenteritis, a bladder infection, even a pregnancy.

Deciding the best place for treatment within the ER is the job of the triage nurse, who determines the treatment priority of incoming patients, based on an initial assessment and monitoring. Critically ill or injured patients are always given top priority.

The Fast Track area is for non-lifethreatening illnesses or injuries, to quickly treat patients with mild ailments like cuts and colds, broken bones, etc.,

without interfering with the treatment of seriously ill patients.

The Short Stop area is for patients with abdominal pain and similar issues, who may need additional testing. The main ER is for patients with chest pain, stroke symptoms, trauma or older patients with abdominal issues.

If you find yourself or a family member in need of emergency care, Skin-

ner said people should know that it's not always going to be fast. "People think they'll get in and out. But you might have to wait on labs or X-rays. Be patient."

Many ERs, including McLaren, do have online ER check-in so you can register into the ER system, yet wait at home.

Sometimes the reason for long wait times in any ER is that people often use the ER as their doctor's office, especially if they don't have health insurance. "Other people have to wait longer then," Skinner said.

She added that time-management is an especially important tool for ER nursing. "It's super crucial," she said. "It's all on you. You're going to be behind if you don't learn it."

She feels especially suited to ER nursing compared to being an ICU (Intensive Care Unit) or floor nurse because of the personality traits she has for the ER. "I love it," she said. "It's crazy down there and I wouldn't trade it for anything."



Local emergency rooms include:

Ascension Genesys Hospital in Grand Blanc Township

Level II Trauma Center (able to initiate definitive care for all injured patients)

Hurley Medical Center in FlintLevel I Adult Trauma Center (comprehensive regional source capable of providing total care for every aspect of injury,

from prevention through rehabilitation). **Level II** Pediatric Trauma Center

McLaren-Flint

Level III Trauma Center (able to provide prompt assessment, resuscitation, surgery, intensive care and stabilization of injured patients and emergency operations)

task. I love the high-pace environment and the critical thinking that's

Jami Skinner, R.N. Emergency room nurse

required. 77

Should I go to the ER or Urgent Care?

• Urgent care can fill in for your regular doctor on evenings and weekends, for routine injury treatment and acute medical care that a primary physician would typically perform in their office. For example, this means colds and flu, earaches, sprained ankles, minor cuts that require stitches.

Some may offer routine X-rays and simple labs.

• ERs are for emergencies, the "bigger stuff" that require immediate care through surgery, labs, CAT scans and MRIs, ultrasounds and access to doctors' expertise across a variety of disciplines. If you're experiencing chest pain or weakness on one side of your body, definitely go to an ER via ambulance.

Which hospital ER should you go to in an emergency?

- Understand your insurance policy before an emergency actually happens. Know your co-pay and co-insurance and what your plan will cover if you're not admitted to the hospital. Your insurer can also tell you which area hospitals take your insurance. Ask the billing department at your hospital of choice whether the ER doctors participate in your insurance plan.
- **Know how your** insurer covers medically necessary ambulance rides and how your plan defines that term.
- If you call 911 and request an ambulance, it's the ambulance staff's call for where they will take you and it's usually the closest hospital properly equipped to treat you.

Sources: verywellhealth.org, justcareusa.org, amtrauma.org, consumerreports.org



LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, nonpartisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, Jan. 11.

The 100th Michigan Legislature met for the first time Wednesday, Jan. 9. New officers were selected for the House, which has 46 new members, and for the Senate, which has 31 new members. Both bodies have Republican majorities: 58-52 in the 110 member House, and 22-16 in the 38 member Senate.

This report includes the votes on selecting the new House Speaker and officers of the Senate. By tradition, these votes are unanimous as a matter of inter-party "comity." The votes are provided so that readers can see the names of their own state Representative and Senator for the coming term (and in some cases those in nearby districts).

In the coming weeks, there will be a mass of new bill introductions but few if any votes as the bodies get organized. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's first State of the State address will be Tuesday, Feb. 5, at which time the pace of legislative activity will increase.

Senate Resolution Leadership, unanimous Senate officer votes:

To elect officers of the Senate.

Sen. Ruth Johnson (R-Dist. 14)

Sen. Jim Runestad (R-Dist. 15)

Sen. Lana Theis (R-Dist. 22)

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)

Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)

YES

House Resolution Leadership, unanimous vote for new House

Speaker: To elect Rep. Lee Chatfield, R-Levering, to be the Speaker of the House.

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)

X YES

Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Dist. 51)

X YES

SHUTDOWN

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shut down because they're considered mandatory spending.

Missing paychecks and affected departments

Furloughed federal employees shared photos of their paychecks with a bottom line of \$0 last week. This includes the Coast Guard, food safety inspectors, the Environmental Protection Agency, staffing at national parks and more.

Nine out of 15 federal departments and additional agencies are affected, including the EPA, IRS, the departments of State, Treasury, Agriculture, Interior, Justice, Housing and Urban Development, Commerce, and Homeland Security.

Departments that remain open are Labor, Education, Health and Human Services and Veterans Affairs.

Many of these employees, such as the Coast Guard and food inspectors can be deemed "essential" employees, meaning they have to work without pay. Not all of the workers comply.

This affects not only federal workers, but the companies they do business with. The shutdown is halting projects by contractors hired by the federal government. This includes researchers, machine operators, chefs in government buildings, health aides, computer programmers and more.

However, Trump signed a law guaranteeing back pay for these federal workers when the government reopens. Our legislators and members of the executive branch are still paid during a shutdown.

TSA

The Transportation Security Administration asked its agents to work

without pay, but many are electing not to come to work, causing longer wait times at airports. Michael Bilello, TSA's assistant administrator for public affairs, told The Washington Post, "The number of people calling out because of financial concerns is increasing."



Transportation Security Administration (TSA) agents work through early morning travelers at Flint Bishop International Airport in this file photo. Today, TSA agents aren't being paid, due to the government shut down. Times file photo

major airports, Atlanta, Houston and Miami, are currently operating under contingency plans.

Bishop International Airport in Flint released a statement on its Facebook page about the shutdown, which states, "We want to let all of our passengers know that wait times are normal at Flint Bishop. We do appreciate the concern for our amazing TSA staff. They are working hard to make

sure there is minimal impact to travel in our region. Rest assured things are running smoothly at FNT. We will update you if anything changes! Just join us in thanking our TSA agents when given the opportunity."

Taxes

With the IRS shut down, many are questioning how tax returns

and refunds will be handled. The Trump administration announced it will still send out tax refunds. However, a few experts and financial websites are questioning whether this is possible.

According to Barron's, a financial website, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin ordered some IRS workers back to work to process returns. Within the first week of the 2018 filing season, more than 18 million taxpayers filed returns, amounting to approximately \$12.6 billion in refunds.

However, without an approved budget or funding for the Treasury Department, the IRS may not legally be allowed to issue return checks.

Government assistance

Trump has promised aid to farmers affected by tariffs, but there are delays due to the shutdown. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, the department that handles food stamps, announced that food assistance is funded through February.

Other effects

The shutdown is also affecting the beer industry. Because beer brewing requires approval for labels, beer names, distribution and packaging, many companies are delaying new beers.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Approximately one out of every 16 TSA agents isn't going to work. Three YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REGULAR PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD THURSDAY, FEBRURARY 7th, 2019 AT 7:00 PM BY THE FENTON TOWNSHIP

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

SUP19-002 Randy Butler, 3022 Ponemah Drive:

Requesting an accessory building on a separate lot from a principal building at 3022 Ponemah Drive, parcel 06-22-576-005.

SUP19-003 Shepherd of the Lakes, 16214 Linden Road:

Requesting a special use permit for a religious institution at 16214 Linden Rd. parcels 06-31-400-037 and 06-31-400-038.

YOUR OPINION MAY BE EXPRESSED VERBALLY AT THIS HEARING OR IN WRITING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION PRIOR TO THIS HEARING. THE PLANNING COMMISSION ENCOURAGES YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS MATTER.

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ROBERT E. KRUG FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

PUBLIC NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON SPECIAL BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS JANUARY 14, 2019

The Fenton Township Board held a special meeting on Monday January 14, 2019 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2. Recessed the open meeting at 6:04 p.m. to convene a closed session to discuss pending litigation.
- 3. Reconvened the open meeting at 6:40 p.m.
- 4. Authorized counsel representing the Township in the Polidan/Stephens vs. Fenton Township litigation to proceed as discussed in closed session.
- 5. Appointed Christine Reid to the position of Trustee on the Fenton Township Board for the term ending November 20, 2020.
- 6. Adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

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Lake Fenton's Ethan Dunckel attempts a shot in a recent game. Lake Fenton defeated Madison Academy 56-48, Tuesday. **Photo: Mark Bolen**

Blue Devils earn third win of season, defeat Madison

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team knew something had to change in the second half.

Lake Fenton led 12-9 after one quarter but Madison Academy dominated the second quarter, taking a 29-21 lead into the break, so a change was inevitable. The Blue Devils changed their defense and it helped them eventually take the lead in the second half. Once they had it, the Blue Devils were able to hold it, earning a 56-48 victory.

"We got into a gap control press in the third quarter to slow them down and it made them turn the ball over," Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Brian McInerney said. "We came out, got in our zone, extended it out, forced a rebound game and won our fair share (of rebounds)."

The Blue Devils also did a solid job at the free-throw line during the second half, particularly Matt Turgeon. Turgeon made 5-of-6 free throws in the second half, helping lead the Blue Devils to the win. Cody Hunter also made both of his free throws while Hunter Schramm made two. Conner Steffey also made a free throw.

Hunter Schramm had nine second-half points while Cody had eight.

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Griffins win thriller vs. Alliance, 2-1

By David Troppens

The Fenton/Linden varsity hockey team is proving they can win any type of game.

Earlier this season, the Griffins were winning high scoring games, providing five or more goals in most of their wins.

On Wednesday, the Griffins won a defensive-minded game

against the Alliance Hockey team.

Trailing 1-0 entering the final

Trailing 1-0 entering the final period, Zach Eakes scored his 14th and 15th goals of the season, leading the Griffins to the 2-1 conference victory.

The win keeps the Griffins (4-1-0) in first place in league play.

The teams played to a scoreless first period and the Alliance eventually took the lead when Jonny Kippe scored an even-strength goal with 3:48 left in the second period. That lead held until Eakes scored his first goal with 11:22 left in the period.

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Sports Times

Eagles proving they are a Metro contender

By David Troppens

Flint — With each week the Linden varsity wrestling team grows in confidence.

Maybe at the start of the Metro League season, the Eagles thought they were contenders for the league crown. After all, they had worked hard during the offseason to be considered one of the contenders. But now, four duals into the season, the Eagles realize that they are legitimate contenders who could possibly finish the season on top.

The Eagles improved their Metro dual record to 4-0 by beating Brandon 59-23 and by beating Kearsley 48-27, Wednesday at the Hornets' home gym. The wins leave Linden as one of the only two undefeated teams in the Metro. Holly also remains 4-0 in dual play. The Eagles are a confident group.

"We have guys in the room working hard," senior tri-captain Colton Powell said. "Our coaches are pushing us. We've been doing this year round, so this is nothing new. We are ready to take the Metro.

"We've come a long way (since the start of the season). We have a lot of young and new guys on the team that have come a long way that are buying into the program, buying into the coaching and pushing themselves."

"Everyone is learning what we learned in practice. They are coming out on the mat, hearing what the coaches are saying and that's what they are doing," senior tricaptain Caleb White said. "They are going out and wrestling hard. People with losing records are getting winning records. People who don't know us, are about to know us."

Brandon and Kearsley learned a lot





(Top) Linden's Wyatt
Gocha (right) works on
getting a pin in a match
against Kearsley. (Left
photo) Linden's Adelia
Carr (right) works on
getting a pin in one
of her two victories.
Linden defeated
Kearsley and Brandon
in Metro League duals
Wednesday.
Photo: David Troppens

By Mark

Bolen

about the Eagles on Wednesday. The match with Kearsley was close at the start. In fact, the Eagles trailed 27-24 nine matches into the bout. However, Linden won each of the final five matches, three by pinfall, to earn the victory. Uzziah Delgado (160), Wyatt

Gocha (171) and Johnathon Marme (215) earned pinfall victories while Powell (189) and Preston Parker (285) earned decision victories during the stretch. Parker ended the match with a 9-7 overtime victory.

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Fenton swimmers embracing family atmosphere

By David Troppens

Fenton — Ask Fenton senior captain Josh Kippe to describe the current Fenton varsity boys swim team and he can name off quite a few words mighty fast.

"We are fun, charasmatic, out of the box, sometimes crazy and most of the time just fun and loving," Kippe said.

He could've added another word to the list — talented.

The Tigers proved how talented they are in a dual meet against Owosso on Tuesday. Jal The Tigers posted the top three times in each individual swim at the event, earning a 106-42 victory. The final score would've been an even larger deficit, except Fenton competed in the last few events as an exhibition to keep from piling more points on their team score

"The team is just great," Kippe said. "Every-



Jake Iddings took first place in the 100 butterfly in the Tigers' victory against Owosso, Tuesday. Photo: David Troppens

one is just a team and we all work together. We all love each other and we will work together to do our best in every meet we swim."

No one took part in more firsts than Joel Diccion against Owosso.

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Eagles keep soaring, edge Clio in Metro road victory

By David Troppens

Teams that win league titles have to go through some adversity.

The Linden varsity boys basketball team hopes to capture a league title this winter, but haven't dealt with much adversity in their first six Metro League wins. That changed Tuesday. The Eagles had some Tuesday. Despite being plagued by foul troubles the entire contest, Linden overcame those issues and pulled out a 46-44 victory at Clio High School.

Seeger DeGayner, who was

medically cleared to play last week, hit the game-winning three-pointer with 10 seconds left, earning the Eagles the road victory. DeGayner, who has been sidelined with an ACL injury, also got the final defensive rebound needed to ice the contest as well.

With 2:40 to play, Blake Lund gave Linden a 43-40 lead when he hit a trey. However, Clio answered back with a free throw and a putback, tying the contest at 43-all.

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Tigers get tangled up in another tight game, fall to Flushing

By Dale M. Smith

Fenton — The Fenton varsity boys basketball team has had a habit this season of falling behind early.

What happened again Tuesday night at the Jungle as the visitors from Flushing came out strong in the first minutes of the game, led by three 3-pointers from Raiders' junior Landen Moore-Pierce in the first 3:15 of the game. The Tigers fought back but were not able to overcome that slow start, falling 50-45.

With Moore-Pierce hitting another three late in the first to make it a 16-7 Flushing lead, the Tigers had to get out of their funk on the offensive end and battle back. They did.

Down only two points after the first quarter, Fenton used an early second quarter bucket from junior James McArdle courtesy of a nice long pass from Addison McIntosh to tie the game at 19. The Flint Metro League rivals played each other tough to finish out the first half with the Raiders taking a 29-25 lead in to the locker room.

Fenton forward Jacob Boulay had a really strong first half with four points, seven rebounds and a block.

Fenton's Trent DeGayner got the Tigers going early in the third quarter with a long three only 20 seconds into the second half. A bucket from Parker Brady gave Fenton its first lead of the



Trent DeGavner drives to the bucket in Fenton's 50-45 loss to Flushing, Tuesday. Photo: Mark Bolen

game at 30-29. A McIntosh 3-pointer made the Fenton lead 35-32 heading into the final stanza.

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Blue Devils growing more confident, defeat ND Prep

By David Troppens

For those who haven't noticed, the Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team is having a pretty solid season.

The squad is nearing the halfway point of the season and are 7-2. The Blue Devils earned their seventh win on Tuesday, earning a tight 51-47 victory against Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

Lake Fenton found themselves in a

dogfight with the Irish from the start. Both teams had issues with keeping possession of the ball, turning it over 19 times each, that helped keep the game close throughout.

The Irish took the early lead, establishing a 14-10 lead in the first quarter and leading by as many as eight early on.

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PREP REPORT

BOYS BASKETBALL

▶ Linden JV 58, Clio JV 50: The Eagles trailed by 11 midway through the third quarter, but turned it on from that point to earn the victory. Aiden Miller had 25 points to pace the Eagles. Gavin Wildeman had 16 points while Shane Eberhard had nine points. Lance Barkholz netted six.

► Flushing JV 36, Fenton JV 32: Gavin Shepherd led the Tigers with seven points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

► Linden JV 37, Clio JV 16: The Eagles were paced by Paige Leedle's 10 points while Caty Medici had seven points. Sam Kosofsky scored six points.

GIRLS SKI

Fenton 29, Powers 44: Emma Hiscock was first overall in the Mt. Holly division with a time of 48.58 seconds in the giant slalom (GS). Julia Young took second (49.22) and Rachel Smith was fourth (50.47). Lara Kemp took seventh

In slalom action Hiscock was second (1:04.39) followed by Young in third (1:09.98). Smith took fifth place (1:11.56) and Daisey Horne placed seventh (1:14.68).

BOYS SKI

► Fenton 31, Powers 45: The Tigers earned the win by winning the giant slalom (GS) portion of the meet 13-26 and the slalom portion 18-19.

Braden Lapa took first in the slalom (1:00.41) while Ethan Gibson placed fourth (1:06.03). Devon Cherney took sixth (1:09.13) and Jacob Zink placed seventh (1:11.15). In GS action, Gibson placed first (48.18) while Parker Bundy took third (48.76), Lapa was fourth (49.65) and Zink was fifth (49.86).

GIRLS BOWLING

► Fenton 25, Brandon 5: The Tigers bowled their best series of the year so far, a 1,873. Angela Hanners scored two points with games of 190 and 214 while Avery Logan scored two points with a 127 and a 147. Ashlyn Bristol (166), Bree Soule (129) and Breanna Trecha (129) each scored a team point. The Tigers also won both baker games with pinfall scores of 180 and 169.

BOYS BOWLING

▶ Brandon 29, Fenton 1: Tigers bowled their highest series of the season (1,923) against a quality Brandon team. Jake Durant scored a point with a 171. Max Guerra had a 197 game while Tate Temrowski rolled a 191 game.

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Tigers lose to Flushing, in three-way tie for first

There is a three-way tie for first place Flushing High School Tuesday. in the Flint Metro League's varsity girls basketball race.

Flushing set up the three-way tie by League standings at 6-1. Kearsley dedefeating the Fenton Tigers 53-50 at feated Brandon 53-6 on Tuesday.

Hayden posts career best, leads LFLF to victory

Lauren Hayden had more than a good a first-place finish among three teams at day on the beam Tuesday.

The LFLF gymnast had a career day. Hayden posted a career-best 9.525

Hayden also led LFLF on the bars on the beam, helping lead the squad to with a score of 8.325. Fenton wrestlers split Metro League duals

Fenton's Flint Metro League chances took a turn for the worse when the Tigers split a pair of Metro duals with Flushing and Swartz Creek, Wednesday.

Holly wrestlers improve to 4-0 in Metro duals

The Holly varsity wrestling team is halfway to a perfect Metro League dual

Metro play by crushing Clio 66-12 and Owosso 64-17.

Linden girls basketball falls to Clio Mustangs

Scoring points has been an issue for the Linden varsity girls basketball team for most of this season.

On Tuesday, the Eagles did a pretty solid job offensively, scoring 32 points during the final three quarters.

The Raiders' victory ties Fenton,

Flushing and Kearsley atop the Metro

Hyatt Elementary School. LFLF posted

The Tigers won eight of 14 matches

The Bronchos improved to 4-0 in

against Swartz Creek winning that match

45-30, but suffered six pin losses against

Flushing resulting in a 42-33 defeat.

a team score of 137.5 points.





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