

17-year-old with stolen gun arrested in Holly

■ Student allegedly took four weapons from his home and failed to show up Tuesday for school

By Sharon Stone

Area schools were placed on secure mode Tuesday morning, March 12, while several police departments investigated a

report of an unaccounted Linden teen and four stolen weapons.


A 17-year-old Linden male was taken into custody and arrested several hours later in Holly.

Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter said the teen's parents called police early Tuesday

See **ARRESTED on 10**

The Genesee County Sheriff's Office increased its presence at all buildings in the Lake Fenton Community Schools district Tuesday, March 12. A student who has shown signs of instability failed to show up for school Tuesday. He was located by noon. Photo: Tim Jagielo





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Accused shooter: 'I'm not here for you'

■ Witnesses describe what they saw and heard the day employees were gunned down

By Paula K. Schmidt

Flint — Despite months of treatment at a psychiatric facility in Ypsilanti, accused murderer Jacquelyne Tyson, 56, appeared in court Wednesday, Feb. 27, where she pleaded guilty but mentally ill or insane to the murders of Tamara Johnson and Lyric Work. The two women were gunned down at the Grand Oaks Apartments in the city of Grand Blanc in July 2016.

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Tamara Johnson

Lyric Work

Dive in the fast lane



Fenton's Alec Maddock (top) dives into the pool during the 200-yard freestyle prelims at the Division 2 State Swimming and Diving Championships held at Eastern Michigan University Friday, March 8. The Tigers' relay squad finished in 26th place. Fenton ended the meet in 17th place and had second-day swims in three events. See story on page 12. Photo: David Troppens

Proposed gas tax increase receives pushback

■ The 45-cent increase would raise approximately \$2.1 billion

By Hannah Ball

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer proposed a 45-cent per gallon increase on the gas tax in Michigan to raise more than \$2 billion to fix the roads.

The increase would be phased in over

See **GAS TAX on 2**



Robert Dietrich of Argentine Township pumps gasoline at the Fenton Silver Parkway VG's. Times file photo

Fenton officials approve purchases

■ Total cost of new utility trailer and 2019 pursuit-rated Tahoe is \$50,179

By Vera Hogan

At its Monday, March 11 meeting, the Fenton City Council voted unanimously to approve a few essential purchases.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) will be getting a new utility trailer from

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“Instead of finding ways to deal with daylight saving time, maybe someone could explain why we go through this nonsensical time change twice every year.”



“I agree with King about the gas tax. We legalized pot. Cut the red tape and tax dispensaries, licenses and growers and fix the damn roads without taxing us out of being able to afford gas for work and commerce.”



COMMENT OF THE WEEK

“What does the billboard mean on southbound U.S. 23 with a person in black, with hands up mean? It's creepy.”

Two local Toastmasters earn awards

■ Sharon Howell advances to Division Contest set for April 9

Compiled by Sharon Stone

On Saturday, March 9, local Toastmasters competed in the International Speech and Evaluation Speech Contest. Fenton Area Toastmasters is proud to announce that two members earned awards.

Scott Farnell placed third in the International Speech Contest. This contest features speeches that are five to seven minutes long. Farnell serves as the club's vice president of education.

Sharon Howell placed second in the Evaluation Speech Contest. All participants analyzed and offered feedback on the speech of a single speaker. As a second-place winner, Howell moves on to the Division Contest on April 9. Howell is the club's treasurer.

Fenton Area Toastmasters meet Fri-



day mornings, from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. at the offices of Brown & Brown Insurance, 1190 Torrey Rd., Fenton. Visitors are always welcome.

For more information, visit toastmastersclubs.org/.

Toastmasters International is a global non-profit educational organization specializing in developing speaking, presentation, and leadership skills. There are more than 310,000 members in 14,500 clubs in 116 countries. Membership in a local Toastmasters club is open to anyone over 18 years of age.

Local Toastmasters Scott Farnell placed third in the International Speech Contest and Sharon Howell placed second in the Evaluation Speech Contest during the International Speech and Evaluation Speech Contest on March 9.

Submitted photo

GAS TAX

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one year. The first 15-cent increase would take effect Oct. 1, followed by the second 15-cent hike on April 1, 2020, and the third on Oct. 1, 2020.

The Detroit Free Press estimates the change would increase the cost of a 15-gallon fill-up by \$6.75.

The Senate Fiscal Agency estimates \$46 million annually would be raised for each 1 cent increase on the fuel tax. The 45-cent increase would raise approximately \$2.1 billion.

The state's fuel tax is currently 26.3 cents per gallon for regular and diesel fuel. Michigan also charges a 6-percent sales tax on gasoline in addition to state fuel taxes, but the sales revenue isn't dedicated to the roads.

Last fall, the Michigan Department of Transportation said 79 percent of Michigan's state-maintained roads were in good or fair condition in 2017, which is down from its goal of 90 percent. Poor road conditions are costly for drivers. According to a report by TRIP, a transportation research group, drivers pay an estimated \$686 per year on average in extra costs on tires, vehicle repairs and more.

Former Gov. Rick Snyder's 21st Century Infrastructure Commission said Michigan needs an additional \$2 billion for roads every year.

Whitmer campaigned on fixing "the damn roads." Her plan to accomplish this goal was met with controversy and will face a Republican-controlled legislature.

State Rep. Mike Mueller (R- Dist. 51) said in a statement, "While I appreciate the governor's overall policy objectives, I am troubled by her plan to further burden families and small businesses with excessive taxes. The cost of driving in Michigan is already far too high with our current auto no-fault system, and under the governor's budget proposal, we would pay the highest fuel taxes in the nation."

Mueller said, "Those are not things we want to be first in, and it's not the direction we should be taking our state. With that being said, I am looking forward to working with my colleagues in the House to find solutions to our roads that do not break the backs of Michiganders."

Laura Cox, chairwoman of the Michigan Republican Party and former chair of the House Appropriations Committee, called the proposal "a \$2-billion tax increase that will break many Michiganders' budgets," according to the Detroit Free Press.

Whitmer's announcement comes after a group of bipartisan lawmakers said they have a plan to raise more than \$2.5 billion for Michigan roads by implementing a nearly 50-cent gas tax increase spread out over nine years.

What happened to the 2015 fuel tax?

Lawmakers passed a \$1.2-billion-a-year plan in 2015 under former Gov. Rick Snyder, which raised the fuel tax and registration fees to generate money for roads. The plan won't be fully implemented until 2021. It's expected to raise approximately \$880 million this year. Officials from the Michigan Department of Transportation said the 2015 plan was not going to be sufficient to solve the state's road problem.

The most recent increase in fuel taxes due to the 2015 plan was on Jan. 1, 2017. Taxes on regular fuel increased 7.3 cents per gallon and tax on diesel fuel increased 11.3 cents per gallon.

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Most schools don't offer woodshop class, home economics

■ Life skill classes get left behind with requirements set by Michigan Merit Curriculum

By Hannah Ball

Home economics. Shop class. Sewing. Auto mechanics.

These classes used to be taught in K-12 schools across the country years ago so teenagers could learn life skills. However, it's now rare to find these classes in middle or high schools.

Lake Fenton

Superintendent Julie Williams said they do not offer these types of classes, and that it's "unfortunate" that many school districts are unable to offer these courses.

"Fortunately, Genesee Career Institute offers courses in most of these areas and our students can participate in those programs," she said.

Williams said the requirements in the Michigan Merit Curriculum do not include these classes, and that it's difficult to find teachers who are certified.

"Lake Fenton had an engineering program a few years ago, but our teacher retired and after multiple postings and attempts to reach out to people in the field, we were not able to find a teacher for the program," she said. "I do think these courses could prove to be valuable for many students."

Holly

At Holly High School, students can take classes in the Family and Consumer Science (FCS) department, which include nutrition, advanced nutrition, parenting, family development, interior design, health and life management and the Teacher Cadet program.

Superintendent Scott Roper said,

“In Holly, we are finding ways to bring back the focus in all areas of career preparation, including the professional trades.”

Scott Roper
Holly Area Schools
superintendent



Malorie Parker, 17, (right) and Chloe Bowren, 18, both seniors at Holly High School, work on their interior design projects Monday, March 11. Photo: Hannah Ball

"These courses incorporate some traditional home economics instruction, such as cooking and sewing, as well as more specific content areas. We offer the Teacher Cadet program to students interested in careers in early-childhood education or elementary education. Our Personal Finance course is often used as a fourth-year math course to help students meet Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements."

Oakland County passed a countywide Career and Technical Education millage, which created four technical campuses where Holly High School students can enroll in a wide range of skilled trades courses.

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Andrea Ruiz, 15, a sophomore at Holly High School, is creating this tiny room as part of her dollhouse in her interior design class. Students learn about appraising, building inspections, real estate and more. Photo: Hannah Ball

AN ONGOING SERIES DESCRIBING MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND THE IMPORTANT WORK THEIR MEMBERS ACCOMPLISH



In April 2018, Gerych's grower Doug Doemer hangs a basket of petunias in a greenhouse building, which primarily houses city of Fenton planters that were hung downtown last spring. Times file photo

Beautification commission is more than just flowers

By Vera Hogan

This is the sixth in a series of articles aimed at defining the city of Fenton's boards and commissions, learning the names of their hard-working volunteers, their major past accomplishments and what they have planned for the near future.

Nearly everyone visiting downtown Fenton says, "Wow, it's so beautiful down here." Well, there are two words that can explain that — Beautification Commission.

According to Dawn Overmyer, chair of the city of Fenton's Beautification Commission, "Beautification is charged with all flower plantings throughout the city, the hanging baskets, bridge boxes (LeRoy Street and Silver Lake Road), all flowers

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If I Were King...

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Wacky world of words

Like most people, I see and read lots of words every day on computer screens, in newspapers, on TV, signs, menus, billboards, semis, bumper stickers, bills, commercial vehicles — pretty much everywhere you look you will see words.

Most of the words I see affect me in differing ways. Some, like “willowy,” are pleasant and conjure up a vision of a graceful, long-legged colt. Some, like “bloated,” are disgusting and remind me of painful episodes of ... um, intestinal distress.

Some, like “burp,” “cuckoo,” “croak,” “hiccup,” “meow,” “ping-pong,” “zip” and “sizzle” sound exactly like the event or activity they describe. Some, like “bimonthly,” are ambiguous as to their meaning (twice a month or every other month — hmmm)?

Some words are virtually unknown, like “sororal,” which is the opposite of fraternal, or “cloward,” the term for a group of cats.

Other words are notable for odd reasons — such as words that exist only in plural form, like “binoculars,” “forceps,” “gallows,” “glasses,” “pliers,” “scissors,” “shears,” “tongs,” etc.

Some words are unique, such as “dreamt,” which is the only English word to end in “mt.”

There are a few words that I simply cannot tolerate, and so, avoid them whenever possible. A perfect example of a word that should be replaced because nearly everyone is disgusted by it is “crotch.” And the names of the parts that generally exist in each human’s ... um, crotch is just as bad. That whole collection is titled oddly enough without labeling the aggregate as “crotch.” I am proud to say that I have never uttered the word “crotch” in public — not even in reference to a tree.

Another disgusting word is “bulbous.” Many people (me not among them) think that bulbous is a noun.

Example: “I regret to inform you Mr. Childs that you have a large, stage three, phlegmatic bulbous attached to your sarcophagus, which will now have to be removed — the bulbous, not the sarcophagus.”

Truth be told, bulbous is an adjective. Example: “The enormous pores in Grampa’s bulbous nose could hold enough mustard to supply a New York City deli for a month.”

I don’t mind “bulb.” I can tolerate the versatile and handy “ous.”

It’s only when you couple them that the result resembles the genetically unfortunate child of two beautiful parents who each inexplicably (one of my favorite words) provided their worst physical features and traits to their butt-ugly spawn.

But, I digress.

Another awful word is “jowls.” Webster’s repugnantly defines “jowls” as 1) a fold of flesh hanging from the jaw, as of a very fat person, or 2) the meat of the cheek of a hog, or 3) the dewlap of cattle, or 4) the wattle of fowls. “Jowls” is also unique in the sense that the facial contortions required to pronounce it actually produce jowls on the unfortunate speaker — a phenomenon known as “Nixonitis.”

Even “word” is weird. Shouldn’t it be pronounced like “lord,” “cord” or “ford,” not like turd?

And who came up with philtrum (space between nose and upper lip), glabella (flat space above the nose, between the eyebrows) and tragus (the little bump in your ear, above the lobe).

If I were King, all body part names would be royally restricted to one syllable. If “brain” and “heart” can be one syllable, so can any other part.

And what the hell is a dewlap? Never mind. I don’t want to know. And that’s my final word.

Opinions offered in If I Were King are the author’s alone and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Tri-County Times or its staff. Email the King at king@tctimes.com. Some content adapted from the internet.



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DEMOCRATIC NEW YORK Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and her chief of staff were controlling a PAC at the same time the PAC was working to get her elected. I’m pretty sure that is illegal.

THE SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES are not Socialist. They have a market economy and up to recently have had the money to have socialized medical care. They tax the heck out of their citizens to pay for it. The Swedes also have all the toilet paper they need not like the Communist countries.

I AM A proud climate realist. I have reviewed data by many doctors who have their PhDs in Astrophysics, Geology, Climatology and others who have studied geological formations. They all agree that while CO2 levels are rising and temperatures are changing, there is nothing man can do about it.

IT’S A GOOD thing Gretchen Whitmer didn’t tell us she was going to impose a 45-cent gas tax on us as her plan to fix the damn roads. What happened to all the tax increases Rick Snyder put on us to fix the roads? Where is that money? Same place the Lotto money for schools went?

MICHIGAN’S GRAY WOLVES could lose their protection. The federal proposal could mean hunting would be allowed.

U.S. WILDLIFE OFFICIALS plan to lift protections for gray wolves across the lower 48 states, a move that will almost certainly re-ignite Michigan’s fierce, long-running debate over wolf hunting in the Upper Peninsula.

RESTORE OBAMA-ERA ‘net neutrality’ rules that seek to bar internet service providers such as AT&T and Comcast from playing favorites with websites and services.

IF THESE WASHINGTON committees would have investigated Hillary as much as they are Trump, she would be locked up by now.

WITH THE NEW increases in license and registration fees and the previous increases in these and gas taxes supposedly going to the roads, maybe Gretchen could explain where these monies have gone before she asks for more.

YOU DON’T LIKE the governor’s gas tax plan? What’s yours? John Engler is the start of our road problems.

EVEN THE VERY liberal PBS has had documentaries saying that over millions of years, the Earth has cycles of warming and cooling. We are now in a warming phase that has nothing to do with human action.

HEY GOVERNOR, HOW about using all those projected tax earnings from marijuana for the roads before it magically disappears?

THANK YOU TO the nice people who bought our breakfast Sunday morning in Holly. We will pay it forward.

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Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter and Gracie Warda, intern

What do you want to see come to this community?

street talk



“More events like the car show and farmers market. More events with police officers. Involving more young people with city officials, seeing more involvement.”

Herm Ferguson
Tyrone Township



“More really good reporters like you guys. More downtown parking. We already have so many good restaurants.”

Ron Morey
Fenton Township



“We’ve got a lot here now, but I would like to see a Whole Foods or Trader Joe’s.”

Melinda Weber
Fenton



“A place where you can go and eat dinner and dance.”

Ginny Roche
Fenton



“I would like to have more men’s clothing stores.”

Bob Cooper
Fenton



Don't fall for the latest phone scam. The Livingston County Sheriff is warning residents that no one from the sheriff's office is calling and demanding they use pre-paid gift cards to pay off "warrants." **LCSO**

Sheriff warns of newest phone scam

■ Suspects claiming to be with sheriff's office tell residents to use pre-paid gift cards to pay off warrants

Compiled by Sharon Stone

On Tuesday, March 5, the Livingston County Sheriff's Office received a report of a phone scam. The scammers were calling local residents claiming to be members of the Livingston County Sheriff's Office (LCSO).

The scammers identified themselves as "Lt. David Miller" and "Chief Dep. David Aungst."

Sheriff Michael Murphy said these individuals are not employees of the LCSO. The scammers advised the victim that he had outstanding warrants for his arrest. The victim was directed by the offenders to purchase prepaid gift cards of a given amount to "take care" of the warrants and call them back with the card information.

The LCSO would like to remind the public how to avoid becoming a victim of such scams.

- Never send money to anyone who you do not know and trust using Money Gram, Green Dot, Western Union or pre-paid gift cards. Most legitimate agencies or organizations would not request or accept such forms of payment.

- Never provide personal identification information such as name, address, birth date, Social Security number, financial information, or driver's license information to anyone over the phone or via the internet unless you are on a trusted secure website with an organization you know to be legitimate.

- If you receive a suspicious call, locate a trusted published number for that organization or agency, which the caller

claims to be affiliated with and call the known published phone number to confirm whether they are who they claim to be. Never return the call on a number they provide you. Scammers often work together using phone numbers that appear to be local to create the appearance of legitimacy.

- If you believe the call is fraudulent, simply hang up and block the number they called you from or do not accept their future calls.

- Be aware that elderly individuals are often the primary targets of such scams.

- Scammers often use consistent themes such as having warrants for your arrest, or that a loved one is in legal or criminal trouble and needs bond money or attorney fees. Other popular scams include claiming to be from the IRS, claiming that you have won a prize, claiming you have been awarded a "government grant" or claiming you have fines for not reporting to jury duty.

If you suspect that you are a target of a scam, report it immediately to the LCSO at (517) 546-2440 or, if you live outside Livingston County, contact your local law enforcement agency.

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Times

Boats, boats and more boats

■ 2019 Novi Boat Show brings 100 exhibitors under one roof Thursday through Sunday

By Sally Rummel

Whether you're a boater, a boat lover or just enjoy the boating lifestyle, you'll find lots to see and do at the 2019 Novi Boat Show.

The show begins this Thursday, March 14 and continues through Sunday, March 17 at the Suburban Collection Showplace.

Friday, March 15, is Ladies Day, with all women and teens 13 and older admitted for free. Each will be given a Harborside Marketplace Silipint Wine Glass.

More than 100 exhibitors, including many local boat and marine dealers, will be on hand at the show, taking advantage of Michigan's strong boating industry. Exhibitors will feature new 2019 and new non-current ski boats, fishing boats, pontoon boats, small to mid-size runabouts, personal watercraft, kayaks, inflatables, plus motors, trailers, dockage, accessories, services and more.

“Nearly six out of 10 people surveyed attended a boat show in the 12 months before they bought their most recent boat.”

Michigan Boat Industries Association
Sponsor of the Novi Boat Show

Even landlubbers will find lots to love. A brand new feature, the Harborside Market, will feature the nautical lifestyle through apparel and footwear, décor and artwork, indoor/outdoor furniture/paddle sports and cocktails and food — all from premium vendors.

DIY Seminars will include:

Paint A Paddle Workshop — Free paddle decorating. Free paddles to the first 100 crafters. Or if you have a paddle laying around waiting to be painted into a masterpiece, bring it to the show and bring it to life.

Creating a Welcome Entry — 11:30 a.m.

DIY Serving Station/Bar Cart — 12:30 p.m.

Bringing Boat Life Indoors — 1:30 and 4:30 p.m.

A Grand Expansion Giveaway will include a two-year truck lease, boat and camper.

Boat show hours are Thursday and Friday, from 2 to 9 p.m., Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dis-

count tickets are available in advance at \$11 per adult ticket (13 and older). Children 12 and under are admitted free.

For more information, visit Novi-boatshow.com.

MT. HOLLY EVENTS

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

OAKLAND COUNTY HAS just become the first county in Michigan to launch a universal breakfast program across the entire county. In 'Better With Breakfast,' no student will be singled out by others. Studies repeatedly show students who go hungry do suffer academically.

SO, YOU CAN cavalierly murder a full term baby with no ramifications, but you can go to jail for harming a puppy. Have we all gone insane? Why do we allow this to happen? What have we become when we brutally slaughter living babies as if they were fish?

SO THE KING is not happy with the new governor and her plan for the roads. The Republicans who controlled everything for eight years did such a fine job with the roads we should probably just stay the course. Not. I would have gone for income tax increase, and a tax on services.

THE REPUBLICAN TAX plan for funding road repairs — increase gas tax and double the yearly vehicle registration fee. Where did that money go?

BRAVO KING! PLEASE run for governor. (In response to March 6, 2019 column, 'No more damn taxes.')

ADVOCACY GROUPS ARE lobbying Congress to pump more money into programs to protect Great Lakes water quality. More than 100 representatives are in Washington, D.C., this week for an annual gathering in support of funding for Great Lakes priorities such as toxic pollution cleanups and fighting invasive species.

I THINK YOU'RE right about generalizing about liberals. There's a big difference between liberals and the left. There are still some good liberals out there. Can't say the same about the left.

GUNNED DOWN

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Johnson, 45, was from Mt. Morris. Work, 20, formerly from Linden was pregnant with her first child. Doctors were able to save the baby.

The prosecuting attorney, Matt Smith, said in his opening statements that the state of Tyson's sanity is up to her defense to prove. He said he intends to show that she is, at the very least, criminally liable for the two murders. Tyson rejected a plea deal late last year.

Tyson's attorney, Michael Ewing, was quiet throughout the proceedings, which included testimony by people who were in the vicinity of the crime the day of the killings, and police officers who initially responded to the 911 call.

Ewing paid particular attention to witness testimony that Tyson had been known to wear a medical or respiratory type mask, that her apartment was covered in hundreds of sticky notes, that she was never aggressive to the staff at Grand Oaks, and that she appeared calm and emotionless during testimony of more than one witness.

Officer John Graver of the Grand Blanc City police was first on scene, and testified that he immediately saw Tyson appear to throw something into the bushes outside the leasing office, in an area of the office known as the clubhouse, which overlooks the swimming pool in the back.

Graver said Tyson then put her hands up and got down on the ground at which time he approached her, placed her in handcuffs and asked her who she was and what she was doing there. He also searched her and found a holster. He asked her where the gun was and she said it was in the bush. He testified that he could see it from where they were.

Sarah Marshall, an employee who lived at the apartment complex, said she was at work that day to cover in the absence of the regular manager. She was in an office next to Johnson. She said Work and Frances Holmes, a potential new tenant, were discussing a possible lease when she heard the door chime, indicating the entrance of who she believed was Tyson.

Marshall said the person walked into Johnson's office. She testified that she could for the most part hear the conversation between the newcomer and Johnson, and in particular heard something to the effect of "no one has access to your keys." She said she then heard a popping sound.

"I instinctively jumped up... I thought it was firecrackers... something stupid," Marshall testified. She went to the doorway of her office and said she saw a plume

of smoke. But there was no one there and she assumed Johnson had run out of the office to possibly investigate the noise. She then heard another pop and realized that something wasn't right and that it may have been a gunshot.

Marshall said that in an instant panic, she shut the door and locked herself in. She then realized she needed to see where everyone was and reopened the door just seconds later. In the clubhouse area she saw Work lying on the floor.

Marshall testified that it didn't register to her right away that it was Work. She ran out the front door looking for the shooter, but returned when she didn't see anyone and ran back in and heard a woman screaming "She's been shot, call 911." Upon entering the office to call 911 from the office phone she saw Johnson lying on the floor.

Moments later the maintenance superintendent, John Jacobson, arrived and she handed the phone to him so she could try to help Johnson.

Both women had been shot in the head. Holmes testified she was in the clubhouse area when she heard a noise she described as a pop and wondered what it was. She then turned to see Tyson walking toward her

and Work.

Holmes claimed she put her hands up and fell to the ground. She then heard another pop and saw Work fall to the ground near her. Another witness, Lawana Roman, testified that she often frequented the clubhouse and was there that day. Both Roman and Holmes testified that Tyson spoke to Roman, who was hysterical following the shooting, and told her "I'm not here for you." Holmes then lost track of the suspect and both she and Roman left the building.

Another witness explained the reason she was there that day and described what she saw and heard.

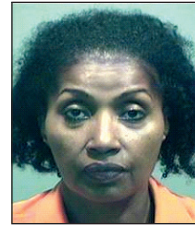
Due to scheduling issues for expert witnesses and physicians, as well as Ewing himself, the trial will likely not resume until the end of March, according to Judge Joseph Farah.

Judge could make change

John Potbury, Genesee County deputy chief assistant prosecutor, said Judge Joseph Farah Farah could decide to change the charge against Jacquelyne Tyson to:

- Guilty of first degree murder, which would result in prison, but no treatment;
- Guilty but mentally ill, which would result in prison including mental health treatment, or,
- Guilty but insane, which would remand her to a psychiatric facility as a prisoner until such time she is declared to be sane.

Paula K. Schmidt is a staff writer for The Grand Blanc View



Jacquelyne Tyson

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Alcohol use monitoring

It is an unfortunate fact of life that some people consume alcohol and then drive their motor vehicles when intoxicated.

If they are caught and a drunk driving conviction results, the judge has a variety of available options that can be used to prevent this type of behavior in the future including various forms of alcohol monitoring.

The dangers of drinking and driving are well known.

What might not be as well known is the connection between alcohol and other crimes. For example, studies have shown that 86 percent of homicides and 37 percent of rapes and sexual assaults involve offenders under the influence.

Alcohol is also involved in a number of other crimes, and overall about 40 percent of all violent crimes are alcohol related.

If a defendant is not incarcerated for an alcohol related conviction, the sentencing judge typically wants to have a way to monitor the defendant's possible alcohol use during the period of any probation. This includes remote monitoring.

Over the years, various ways to remotely monitor alcohol use have been developed. Here are brief descriptions of four of the most common.

• Interlock Devices

Interlock devices were first developed in 1969 and various improvements have been made since then.

The device is installed in the defendant's car with a video camera to confirm the defendant's identity. Before the car can be started, he or she must blow into the machine to show that they haven't been drinking alcohol. If they have, the car won't start.

• SCRAM Technology

Available since 2003, SCRAM is short for "Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitoring." This is an ankle bracelet or tether device, which measures sweat for the presence of alcohol every 30 minutes.

• In Home Alcohol Monitoring

This is a fairly recent option and requires a defendant to blow into an in-home Breathalyzer device. The device also includes a video camera.

• EtG Test

Introduced in 2001, this is a type of urine test, which can detect a byproduct of alcohol (Ethyl Glucuronide) for up to three days after it has been consumed.

Another statistic — there are approximately 88,000 alcohol related deaths annually in the United States.

This is serious business and technology has unquestionably helped to make things better and safer for all concerned.

Holly Fire Department awaits new station

■ Centrally located facility will be 7,500 square feet and house all equipment and staff

By Tim Jagielo

Holly — Today, paramedics and EMTs with the village of Holly sleep on a cot in the Holly Police Department conference room, and in a motorhome out back. They provide advanced life support (ALS) and need to be available overnight.

The Holly Fire Department currently operates out of the 3,000-square-foot headquarters next to the police station on East Broad Street.

Holly Fire Chief Steve McGee said fire equipment, such as the ladder truck and extrication equipment, are stored in three different facilities, which means that in an emergency, each of the three locations are visited to get the equipment firefighters need.

This will all change when the new Holly Fire Hall at 414 N. Saginaw St. opens this spring. The new location will be 7,500 square feet, with an additional 6,000-square-foot storage facility in the back and proper quarters for their EMTs.

The village has two engines, a ladder truck, a rescue truck with extra equipment, two ambulances and a pickup truck. These vehicles will all be under one roof for the first time in recent history.

As a foreclosure, the former Midwest Diesel property cost approximately \$200,000. McGee said the renovation will cost approximately \$300,000. The parking lot has not been priced yet.

McGee is also the building official for the village and is essentially serving as the manager of the project, with the village as the official general contractor for the project. "We're doing as much as we can for as little money as possible," he said.

Work began in early September 2018. This week subcontractors will work on carpet, siding, paint and plumbing. The crew will be moving into the building in a couple weeks. He guesses there could

“We’re doing as much as we can for as little money as possible ... we tried to keep everyone local.”

Steve McGee
Holly fire chief



Dwayne Odden of Kustom Painting rolls more paint onto his brush inside the new Holly Fire Department headquarters. Photo: Tim Jagielo



Carpenters Frank Satkowiak (right) and Mike Grajcar measure and cut cement siding for the new Holly Fire Department headquarters Friday, March 8. The building will be occupied within a few weeks. Photo: Tim Jagielo

be a dedication event in July.

The building can't be completely finished without the driveway, which will be poured during warmer weather.

It's a much larger facility and is more centralized in the village. Train tracks will no longer impede their runs. McGee said most of their runs come from north and west of that location.

"This puts us in closer proximity to our

high volume area," he said.

A better fire department location can also reduce residents' insurance rating, and their insurance premiums.

McGee said they're in the process of splitting the current fire department headquarters on Broad Street from the police department. It will most likely be listed for sale. He said they've already received interest from potential buyers.

The new building will emulate classic 1890s fire halls with large wooden beams and arched doorways. They looked at other fire halls for inspiration.

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sleep because of daylight saving time. The majority of you don't even work on Sunday so you have all day to sleep. If that doesn't work, please seek mental help. It's only one hour.

THERE HAVE ALREADY been 2,444 Americans killed by guns in 2019.

GOV. GRETCHEN WHITMER said this week she'll work to overturn a 2016 law that requires students to repeat third grade if they aren't deemed proficient in state testing. 'I think (the law) is destructive. That doesn't fix the problem,' the governor said. 'A child who can't read isn't going to get better because you told him he was bad. Parents aren't going to get more engaged.'

OUR FORMER GOVERNOR, Rick Snyder, put tax increase through to fix the roads. It's there in state coffers. Now, Gov. Whitmer wants to put through a 45-cent-per-gallon tax supposedly to fix the roads. What will this do to the sale of the GM Silverado pickup trucks produced here in Flint Township? The most sold and profitable trucks in America, lost jobs to come.

WHITMER'S PROPOSED GAS tax is highly unlikely to happen, but I welcome it. It will help get most of your obnoxious, oversized trucks and SUVs off the roads.

Our Future



Meet

Cambria Tiemann

- Fenton High School senior
- Cross country runner
- Wakeboarder

By Vera Hogan

Cambria Tiemann, 17, is a senior at Fenton High School. In addition to running cross country and track, she likes wakeboarding and visiting with her friends and family.

Should all 18- to 22-year-old Americans serve a two-year stint in our military to learn the value of the freedom we enjoy?

No; I believe that part of the freedom we enjoy in America is the freedom of choice. The freedom to choose whether or not to join the military. By forcing young adults into the military who would otherwise not enlist, you are only building their resentment toward the country instead of their appreciation of the freedoms we do value.

What accomplishment are you most proud?

I am most proud of my accomplishments through running. My sophomore year, I was able to accomplish something that I had never thought possible. One of them was when I placed 16th at the D1 Cross Country state meet. I had ran at the state meet the year before but unfortunately was sick and did not perform my best. So going into the state meet my sophomore year, I wasn't sure what to expect. After I crossed the finish line and saw my results, I was overcome with disbelief. I was the first girl in Fenton history to receive All State honors. It was an unbelievable feeling, but it made me realize I could accomplish more than I ever would have thought possible.

If you could time travel, where would you go?

I would go back in time to the 1990s when my parents were teenagers. I would want to really see what life was like for them and how it compared to my life as a teenager in the 2010s.

Do you want to attend college and where?

I plan on attending Grand Valley State University (GVSU). My cousin is a sophomore there and has nothing but positive things to say about it. After touring there, I knew it was the college for me. The size is perfect for me as it is not too big or too small and I love the modern and inviting feel the campus gives off.

Do you want to stay in Michigan? If not where would you like to live?

Ideally, after college I would like to travel around the world and then move to a big city like Chicago for a couple of years. After that, though, I want to move back to Michigan to be near my family.

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MOTT NEXT Alternate Spring Break March 27-29 for students in seventh through ninth grade

MOTT NEXT will host an Alternate Spring Break for students in seventh through ninth grade March 27, 28 and 29 on the Mott Community College (MCC) main campus in Flint, at the MCC Workforce Development Wagner Building at 709 N. Saginaw St., and at the Southern Lakes Branch Center in Fenton Township. MOTT NEXT Alternate Spring Break will run from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day and feature activities related to occupational and physical therapy, team building, law enforcement, physical fitness and the FabLab, a digital fabrication laboratory. "This Alternate Spring Break experience is a great way for young people to explore what they are interested in on a deeper level than just reading about it or watching a video about it," said Carla Clark, Academic Outreach coordinator, "They will have a chance to experience it first-hand." Register online at mcc.edu or contact Carla Clark at (810) 232-4530 or carla.clark@mcc.edu. MOTT NEXT is programming for the next generation and is a part of MCC's Academic Outreach activities, designed to let students, parents, and the community experience what MCC has to offer.

TAHOE

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Michigan Caterpillar in Novi for \$6,045. According to Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki in a memo to City Manager Lynn Markland, the utility trailer will replace two aging trailers — one that has a rotting floor making the transport of the asphalt roller and other heavy equipment unsafe.

“DPW is planning an in-house asphalt maintenance program this summer where transporting the asphalt roller will be required on a daily basis,” Czarnecki said.

The money used to purchase this trailer was earmarked for a replacement parking lot line painting machine for which \$15,000 was budgeted. The machine still works, however, so the funds were requested for the utility trailer instead.

The police department will be getting a new patrol vehicle — a 2019 Chevrolet, four-wheel drive, pursuit-rated Tahoe.

According to Police Chief Jason Slater in a memo to Markland, “Our current vehicle will have over 100,000 miles when it is replaced. Purchasing a four-wheel drive option allows us to use the vehicle for everyday patrol and also provide transportation capabilities in all hazardous weather conditions.”

Slater obtained two quotes and has recommended the lower of the two,

\$36,834, from Berger Chevrolet through the state of Michigan and Oakland County contract.

The new vehicle will also be equipped by Advanced Wireless Telecom for \$6,900. “Advanced Wireless was recommended to me by colleagues who have been having Advanced Wireless outfit their vehicles for several years,” Slater said. “The cost to equip this vehicle was mitigated by the transfer of several pieces of equipment from the old patrol vehicle to the new one. Some items must be replaced as they are model specific and are unable to be utilized.

Lettering for the new patrol vehicle will cost \$400.

Because council members have often said they prefer to have city dollars spent locally whenever possible, Slater did say that last year he spoke with a sales representative at Vic Canever Chevrolet and learned that if the purchase were made through the local dealership, they would actually lose money. Their vehicles are quoted at cost but there are still expenses that would have to be covered, such as sales person’s commission. Also, Vic Canever’s costs are higher as they do not get the same incentives from General Motors as Berger Chevrolet, as Berger holds the state of Michigan and Oakland County contract for fleet purchases.

Dale Keipert of 3Sixty Interactive receives AAF award



On Friday, Feb. 22, during the annual American Advertising Federation (AAF) awards ceremony in Flint, the 2019 AAF Silver Medal Award was presented to Dale Keipert of 3Sixty Interactive. The AAF’s Silver Medal Award was established in 1959 to recognize those who have made outstanding contributions to advertising, have been active in furthering the industry’s standards and creative excellence, and have supported local community interests. Since 2004, AAF-Greater Flint has bestowed this national honor upon an outstanding member of the local advertising community. The Silver Medal is the highest award given by the AAF Greater Flint to a member of ad club. Photographed with Keipert are past winners (from left) Karl Olmsted, Chris McDonald, Lueida Grady, 2019 winner Keipert, Tom Reynolds, John Tracy and Dave Perry. **Submitted photo**



The new fire department facility at 414 N.Saginaw St. is the former Midwest Diesel shop. **Photo: Tim Jagiello**

NEW STATION

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McGee said the goal was to handle the project with as many local subcontractors as possible, with staff doing work on the project themselves. He said it won’t “be boring” but it wasn’t expensive either to achieve this look.

He said he appreciates the support from the village council and village administration for making this possible.

While the project is being paid for through the village general fund, the sale of the old village offices covered the purchase of the building and some money to start renovations. “The sale of our current station will fund most, if not all of the improvements,” McGee said. “While the general fund is paying for the project, the sale will reimburse and no new taxes or bonds will be utilized.”

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"The technical campuses offer programs that provide hands-on learning using cutting-edge technology, and in some cases provide certifications that allow students to enter the workforce right after graduation," Roper said.

When asked why many life skill classes have disappeared from high schools, Roper pointed to the Michigan Merit Curriculum and graduation requirements that our state legislature passed in 2007. The increased focus on college preparatory classes changed what courses were available.

"As a result, many elective programs were reduced or eliminated altogether. In Holly, we are finding ways to bring back the focus in all areas of career preparation, including the professional trades," he said.

Linden

At Linden, students can take a class on home economics and personal finance. The district does not have woodshop class, welding, sewing or an auto mechanics class, said Superintendent Russ Ciesielski.

"We do have students who attend Genesee Career Institute for these particular

classes — shop class, welding, sewing and auto class," he said. "We are fortunate to have GCI that allows Linden students the opportunity to get involved and explore these types of classes."

Ciesielski also mentioned the Michigan Merit Curriculum and state standards as a reason for what courses they offer.

"Resources and properly certified educators are just a couple of reasons that schools may not offer these types of courses," he said. "Giving students opportunities to develop skills in these areas is valuable."

Fenton

Fenton Area Public Schools offers these courses through the Genesee Career Institute. Superintendent Adam Hartley said they offer programs through

Virtual Enterprises International, which allows students to pursue areas within business.

"We have over 100 students taking advantage of the GCI courses. Many districts utilize career and technical centers as opposed to offering them district by district. It allows districts and counties to utilize resources together as opposed to funding these types of programs on an individual basis," Hartley said, adding that it's also more cost effective.

“Giving students opportunities to develop skills in these areas is valuable.”

Russ Ciesielski
Linden superintendent

BEAUTIFICATION

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and flower beds around city hall, the police station, fire station and Freedom Park.

"I think our biggest accomplishment has been the hanging baskets," she said. "We get so many compliments from everyone who visits our community."

Overmyer said the Streetscape project was a blessing for not only her commission, but the whole town. "Fenton has become the go to place and our 65-plus hanging baskets are a huge part of it," she said. "Because of the project the city was able to install water to the poles that our flowers hang from."

"Our goals are not just flowers but we also put up the cornstalks in the fall, the winter greens in the baskets and other places throughout the city during the holidays," she said. Arranging for the banners along Silver Lake Road also was one of the commission's goals.

The Fenton Beautification Commission is charged with public education on a variety of outdoor issues.

"In the past two years we have instituted arranging free programs for the public," she said. "Last year we sponsored a planting program that Gerych's put on for us, and a butterfly program, and a pond water life class for kids put on by For-Mar. Already this year, we have had a snowshoeing class with plans for at least two more."

Beautification is also very active with Arbor Day. "Over the past four years we have given away 150 spruce saplings each year on Arbor Day at city hall. This year is special because

we will be working with the Fenton schools' STEM program to distribute another 350 trees on Arbor Day, April 26," Overmyer said. "We will be doing a short program at each school to the third grades, with each student taking home a spruce sapling. We also will be giving away free trees at city hall on Arbor Day, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m."

Other things that the Beautification Commission is involved in is the Fourth of July Freedom Festival, and Jinglefest, where they give out cookies and cider after the lighting of the Christmas tree and while children have their pictures taken with Santa.

"Our next big project is teaming with Parks and Recreation on the upcoming Freedom Park project. This will be a big undertaking, which should be completed in the next few years," Overmyer said.

This project, aimed at creating a memorial park to honor veterans is still in the planning stages.

"Every year we take a look at what we would like to accomplish and how we can best contribute to our community," she said.

In addition to Overmyer,

members of the Beautification Commission include Karen Piacentini, cochair/acting secretary; Helena Krzeminski, Denise Penwell, Courtney Prout, Karey Sage and Christina Farello. Councilwoman Pat Lockwood is the City Council representative, Assistant City Manager Michael Hart is the administration representative and Sarah Angus is the Department of Public Works representative.

The Beautification Commission meets the third Wednesday of each month at city hall.

“Every year we take a look at what we would like to accomplish and how we can best contribute to our community.”

Dawn Overmyer
Fenton's Beautification Commission Chair

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ARRESTED

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morning after learning that their son had taken four guns from their home. Two handguns and two rifles were missing. The teen failed to show up for class at Lake Fenton High School.

Not knowing what the teen's intentions were, area law enforcement agencies were contacted and the local school districts were advised to go into secure mode.

Lake Fenton Superintendent Julie Williams sent out an all-call voicemail to parents in the district Tuesday morning announcing the decision to go into secure mode. She said the district had received information from the Genesee County Sheriff's Office regarding a "person of interest" in the area and a "potential threat."

In secure mode, each school will limit hallway activity between classes, there will be indoor recess and there will be police presence at each building.

"There is no threat, but we are taking extra precautions," Williams said in the voicemail. "Students are safe."

Genesee County Undersheriff Chris Swanson said a Lake Fenton student from Linden, who has shown signs of instability, did not show up for school. "Because of that, we increased our presence until he is located."

At 11:45 a.m. the schools lifted their secure modes after learning that the student was in police custody.

Sutter said Linden police and the Gen-

eesee County Sheriff's Office investigated the situation and interviewed students at Lake Fenton High School. Police followed leads to Holly, at which time the Holly Police Department became involved.

The chief said that because the teen might be in possession of weapons, the secure mode at schools was issued.

Holly police were dispatched to an apartment where the teen was said to be visiting a friend. Linden police officers went to Holly to assist. While Linden police were en route, Holly police observed the teen walk out of an apartment and arrested him.

Sutter said the teen reportedly had a handgun in his waistband. That handgun was recovered, as well as another handgun found in the apartment.

Upon further investigation, Argentine Township police were dispatched to a home on Lahring Road in Argentine Township where a friend of the teen suspect lives. The two stolen rifles were recovered from the home.

Sutter said all four guns reported stolen from the Linden City home have been recovered.

"The Genesee County Sheriff's Office did a great job interviewing the kids, which led to Holly and the home on Lahring Road," Sutter said. "There was never any threat made to any of the schools."

The teen faces larceny of weapons in Linden and carrying a concealed weapon in Holly. The case remains under investigation and additional charges are possible.

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LFLF gymnasts finish seventh at team state meet

By David Troppens

It was a busy weekend for the LFLF gymnastics team.

The LFLF squad competed at the team state meet, Friday, and also had many members compete at the individual event, Saturday.

The program started out strong at the team state meet, by taking seventh out of 13 squads, Friday.

The squad struggled a tad during Saturday's individual state meet, but still had plenty of quality representation at

that event.

"I was extremely proud of the girls for our team competition on Friday," LFLF gymnastics team coach Nancy Holden said. "Although we suffered some falls on beam that hurt our team, I couldn't have asked for better performances on the other three events. They certainly hit their best routines."

Individuals could have done better. A couple of girls had falls that knocked them

out of placing in the top 10 on events that could have been their chance. They were disappointed they didn't hit their best routine but are motivated to work on perfecting that for next season."

The squad had many strong performances at the team event with Apryl Smith leading the way. Smith posted an all-around score of 35.175, leading the squad. She had a career-best score of 8.725 on the bars and also posted a 9.175 on the floor. Her other event scores were an 8.900 on the vault and an 8.375 on the beam.

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Sabra Robinson was one of the members who competed at state competitions for the LFLF gymnastics team.

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Sports Times

Tigers cap season with strong state performances

■Bartow, Diccion lead Fenton to three second-day swims

By David Troppens

Ypsilanti — It was a weekend of personal bests, school records and a lot of fun for the Fenton varsity boys swimming and diving team at the Division 2 state meet held at Eastern Michigan University, Friday and Saturday.

Led by a strong senior class, the Tigers had plenty of best times at the event while earning three second-day swims. The Tigers capped the event in 25th place with 17 points.

"I think we did really good," Fenton senior swimmer Evan Bartow said. "I'm really happy with how our season came to an end."

"I think the overall atmosphere was great. To be there with all of my teammates, it went really well."

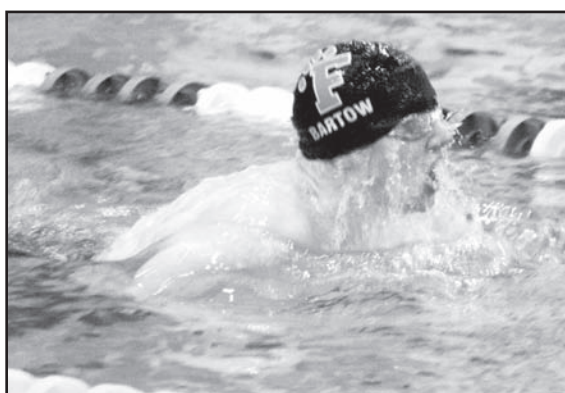
"It was the most swimmers we've ever taken with 12 (participants) and it was a real successful year," Fenton varsity boys swim coach Brad Jones said. "The group of seniors, it was a treat to see that group come in together four years ago and see seven of them go out at the state finals."

The Tigers had two performers earn second-day swims at the state meet — Bartow and junior Joel Diccion. The pair qualified for the second day in an individual event and also were members of Fenton's 200-yard medley relay team that qualified for Saturday's second day.

The Tigers started Friday's preliminary round with a strong start in the medley relay when the team of Diccion, Noah Maier, Bartow and Gavin Crews qualified for the second day by taking 14th in the preliminary rounds, earning a spot in the consolation final. The Tigers entered the meet as the 17th seed, and improved to 14th with a season-best time of 1:40.60. On Saturday, they did even better, coming close to a school record when they finished with a 12th-place time of 1:39.96.

"I feel it was pretty important for the team's morale to start the meet with the 200," Diccion said. "Physically it was also important as it warmed Evan and me

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Three of Fenton's competitors at the Division 2 state swim meet were Joel Diccion (top), Evan Bartow (left) and Noah Maier (below). Diccion placed 14th in the 100-yard backstroke at the meet, while Bartow took 13th in the 500 freestyle and 17th in the individual medley. Maier was a member of Fenton's 200 medley relay team.

Photos: David Troppens



David's Dabblings

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



PISTONS' LOSS BRINGS BACK SOME OLD FANDOM HABITS

Usually when the conversation comes up about frustrations with local professional sports teams, I have a basic opinion I live by.

It goes like this — no matter what the Pistons, the Red Wings or the Tigers do the rest of my lifetime, it's hard for me to be terribly upset. All three have won championships in my lifetime, and each has made other trips to their championship series during other seasons. So, no matter what, I can't get too upset. I've witnessed greatness and have had outstanding memories with those teams.

Lately, the Pistons have been testing the theory. About a season after Ben Wallace left the Pistons for Chicago, the squad has been pretty lousy. The Pistons have won less than 40 games 10 or the last 11 seasons, and have made the playoffs twice during that span. Still, for the most part, I've taken this run of mediocrity pretty well in stride. I've seen the Pistons win three NBA titles, so it's hard for me to get too upset.

That's changed a little bit Monday night. For the first time in a long time, the Pistons are a reasonably decent team. They have a record over .500, and if they can get the sixth seed in the NBA playoffs, I'll even give them a chance of winning at least one playoff series this spring. On Monday, for the first time in a very long time it seemed the Pistons were playing a regular season game of consequence. They were playing the Brooklyn Nets, with the winner jumping to the sixth seed in the Eastern Conference with about a month left in the regular season. For the first time in at least a decade, I chased to my television to watch a game thinking it had significant playoff ramifications and it made me feel something I haven't in a long time — real enthusiasm for the Pistons.

However, that didn't last long. By halftime the Pistons trailed 61-35 and for the first time in a long time I was heated, feeling a little duped about this team, and pretty much enraged about the 10-plus seasons of insignificant Pistons basketball I've watched over the last decade.

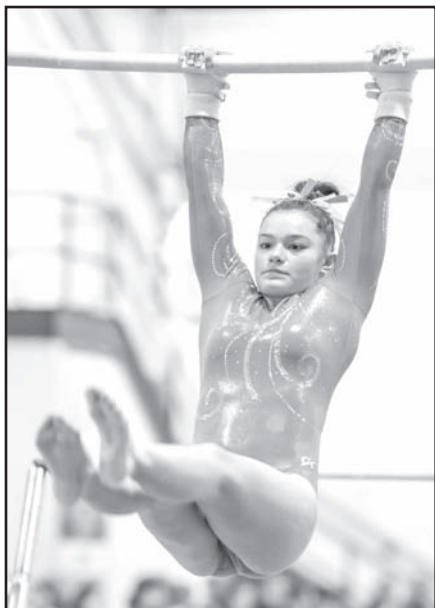
The game really wasn't that important. The Pistons can still make up the loss, but it certainly brought up emotions I thought I had in check. I guess there's still a little irrational Detroit sports fan in me after all.

Fan mentality I don't get

I know there is a large group of Pistons' fans that don't want to see them make the playoffs. The theory goes making the playoffs ruins their chances of getting a top draft pick only to watch a team with very few pieces to a promising future lose in the playoffs right away.

I don't get this mentality. Yes, even if I kind of agree with the theory as a fan, how can anyone ever 'pull' for their

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Lauren Hayden placed 13th in the all-around during Saturday's individual state gymnastics meet. She also competed in the team competition, Friday.
Photo: Mark Bolen

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Teammate Sabra Robinson was the team's next top performer. She posted an all-around score of 34.150 with her top score coming on the vault (8.900). She also had an 8.750 on the floor and an 8.575 on the beam.

Lauren Hayden also had some strong scores, posting an all-around mark of 33.850. She had an 8.975 on the floor and an 8.900 on the vault. She also had an 8.350 on the bars.

Ella Cox had a strong showing with two nines. She had a 9.175 on the floor and a 9.025 on the beam while Emily Allor scored an 8.825 in her only event, the vault. Maty Temrowski had an 8.850 on the vault while Emma Jump's top performance was an 8.225 on the bars.

"We were all super excited to once again be one of the top 13 teams in the state," Holden said. "There are some very talented gymnasts and teams in the state and we were proud ot be part of that group."

The LFLF squad was unable to get any All-State performers during the individual event. The athlete coming the closest to doing that was Allor who took 11th on the vault (8.925) in Division I action.

The rest of the LFLF gymnasts competed in D2 action with two competing in the all-around. Hayden took 13th in the all-around with a score of 34.650. She placed in a tie for 20th in the vault (8.800) and the bars (8.325) while placing 23rd on the floor (8.950). She also tied for 25th on the beam (8.575).

Smith took 23rd overall with a 33.125 all-around score.

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team to lose? I can't. And what good does that do? If I pull for the Pistons to lose, does that really encourage them to lose? Of course not, just as much as me encouraging them to win doesn't really impact their chances of winning.

So, as a fan, why would you ever 'pull' for your team to lose for any reason? I'd rather be happy with a victory and when the season ends just let the chips fall

Molzahn has record-breaking effort at state meet

■Holly junior posts personal-best time in backstroke at event

By David Troppens

Ypsilanti — Logan Molzahn had a few goals during the varsity boys swim season at Eastern Michigan University's pool.

Some goals he accomplished. A couple of others he fell short. But when the Holly junior swimmer left Eastern's Michael H. Jones Natatorium after his event at the Division 2 State Swimming and Diving Championships, he had every reason to be proud.

After all, he was leaving as Holly's only competitor at the meet, and Holly's first competitor since his older brother, Peyton, made it to the state swim meet as a senior at the same Eastern Michigan University pool in 2014. Let's not forget, he also posted a personal best time while doing so.

Molzahn qualified to compete in the 100 yard backstroke, posting a time of 55.93 seconds. It earned him 25th place during Friday's preliminary round. Earlier during the season he broke the school record in the event at the MISCA meet with a state-qualifying time of 56.65 seconds.

"I came here to swim in MISCA and I broke the record which was the plan," Molzahn said. "I broke the record at MISCA and then at the FMLs when I went 56.11 which is another PR. I was trying to make top 16 and



Zac Jump competed in the 500-yard freestyle and also was a member of Fenton's 400 freestyle relay squad at the D2 state meet.
Photo: David Troppens

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up for the later races. It was a shame we missed the (school) record, but overall it was a boost in the team atmosphere."

Bartow finished with the team's best placing while Diccion broke the team's only school record. Bartow capped his individual event career by qualifying for the consolation finals in the 500 freestyle. He entered the meet with a 13th-place seeding of 4:50.90.

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where they may. Like previously mentioned, it's not like cheering the team changed the season's final outcome.

You hear these idiotic theories on sports radio frequently. From my viewpoint, if I find myself in a position where I routinely want the Tigers, Pistons, Red Wings and even the Lions to lose while I'm watching them play, it's probably time for me to get a new hobby. If a fan can't enjoy a victory by their team, what's the point of being a fan? There really isn't any.



Holly's Logan Molzahn competed in the 100-yard backstroke at the Division 2 State Swimming and Diving Championships held at Eastern Michigan University, Friday and Saturday. He finished 25th in the event with a time of 55.93 seconds.
Photo: David Troppens

try to get back tomorrow, but I didn't go fast enough. But it was still a really good race, and I had a lot of fun."

Molzahn said his race started out well, but he may have tired after the final turn.

"My first 50 was fantastic," Molzahn said. "In the backstroke, your walls are an important thing and my first two walls were fantastic. My flip turns were right on. ... But when coming back I did my last flip turn and my legs were gone. They were kicking so hard during the first 75, but I still tried to get a top 16. I'm still really happy with the time."

The top eight qualified for Saturday's

championship heat while the next eight places earned a spot in the consolation finals. Molzahn missed qualifying for the consolation finals by a little more than a second. A time of 54.81 seconds earned the 16th-place spot.

Molzahn still has another year left and is excited about the future. He hopes he's not the only Broncho making a state trip next year.

"I think next year we can probably take a 200 medley relay team," Molzahn said. "That would be fun if we could do that. The last person to come to states was my older brother. We need some other people. That would be fun."

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Richard Stephen Putz

1941-2019

Richard Stephen Putz - age 77, of Holly, died Sunday, March 10, 2019. He was born on August 11, 1941 in Sandusky, MI. He served in the U.S. Air Force and was a member of the Holly VFW. He was also a member of the Planning Commission and the Historic District Commission for the Village of Holly. Surviving are his daughter, Elizabeth Putz; two step-children Starla Zehr (Duane Koehler) and Kelson Zehr; sister, Ruth Shank; and niece, Dawn Bradley. He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen; and sister, Mary Bradley. Funeral services will be held at 12:30 PM Thursday, March 14, 2019 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. Military honors and burial will be at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Visitation will be from 10:30 AM Thursday until the time of the service. Memorial donations may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.



Clara Sophie Wenta

1924-2019

Clara Sophie Wenta - age 94, of Fenton, passed away Friday, March 8, 2019. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton with Fr. David Harvey celebrant. Interment will follow at St. John Cemetery. Visitation will be 2-8 PM Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. A rosary service will be at 7 PM and a VFW Ladies Auxiliary Service will be held at 7:30 PM Tuesday at the funeral home. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Clara was born August 7, 1924 in Caro, Michigan, the daughter of Bert and Kunegunda (Chrobak) Rusk. She married Stanley William Wenta on May 6, 1944 in Caro. She was a homemaker and devoted to her family. Clara was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton, the VFW Auxiliary of Fenton, the Knights of Columbus Auxiliary, and the St. Margaret Mary Prayer Group. Survivors include six children, Stanley W. (Mary Kay) Wenta, Jr. of Columbia City, IN, Gerald M. (Linda) Wenta of Swartz Creek, MI, Marian L. Furey of Simi Valley, CA, Thomas A. Wenta of Flint, MI, Dr. Robert G. (Tena) Wenta of Boone, NC, and Carol A. (Steve) Rhoades of North Manchester, IN; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Stanley William Wenta, Sr.; four sisters, Monica, Josephine, Bernida, and Theresa; three brothers, Louis, John, and Frank; and an infant grandson, Robert Furey. Online tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Patricia Ann (Gundry) Neuville

1936-2019

Patricia Ann (Gundry) Neuville - age 82, passed on March 11, 2019, in the most peaceful of ways, at her home surrounded by her family and in the arms of Don and the Lord, her faith was strong to the end. Born March 13, 1936 in Birmingham, MI, the daughter of Ruth (Groves) and Donald Gundry. She attended Linden Community Schools in the class of "54". On September 7, 1957 she married Don Neuville and accompanied Don during five years active duty with the U.S. Army. She and Don raised their family in Linden where she served as pastor's wife at Linden Presbyterian Church from 1965-1997. Patricia worked at Grant's Department Store (Mt. Pleasant), General Motors, the Village of Linden's Clerk, and finally the Secretary of State offices in Flint until her retirement in 1998. She had an extraordinary love for all children. Pat cherished worshipping and serving the Lord here and looked forward to life with Him and loved ones in Heaven. She is survived by: husband, Donald; children, Jeff (Sue), Cary, Rod (Tammy), Mark (Loretta), Steve, Jane (Dave); brother Don, 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents. She leaves her family with grateful hearts, aware of the countless blessings and many answered prayers. Funeral service will be held 11 AM Thursday, March 14, 2019 at Linden Presbyterian Church, 119 W. Broad St., Linden. Pastor Dawn Russell officiating. Visitation will be held at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden Tuesday, March 12, 2019 from 5-8 PM, Wednesday, March 13, 2019 from 1-4 and 6-8 PM and at Church Thursday from 10 AM until the time of the service. Those desiring may make contributions to Linden Presbyterian Church or Tyrone Community Presbyterian Church. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Mar 21/Apr 20
Your thoughts and actions may be spurred on by your emotions this week, Aries. It may be better to wait a few days to make decisions until things quiet down.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you could be in for a roller coaster ride this week, especially as it pertains to spending. Money could fly out of your wallet faster than you can earn it. Exercise caution.

GEMINI
May 22/June 21
Gemini, as long as you have a solid team in your corner, you can adapt well to the changing environment. However, even a superhero needs a break from time to time.

CANCER
June 22/July 22
Overcome your resistance and listen to another person's side of the story, Cancer. Embrace letting this person take the lead on something at work or in your home life.

LEO
July 23/Aug 23
Friends are lining up to be helpful over the next few days, Leo. Take advantage of their generosity, especially if you find yourself feeling under the weather.

VIRGO
Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, the personalized touches you put on any project will showcase your personality and passion. Think about embracing a crafty task to really display your talents.

LIBRA
Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, on the surface, it may seem like you have your act all together. But beneath your emotions may be roiling. You may want to let some close people in on your secrets.

SCORPIO
Oct 24/Nov 22
So many things hinge upon balance, Scorpio. Make a concerted effort to balance things in your life. You may have to make some changes and experiment.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 23/Dec 21
Your inclination to meet the needs of others this week is commendable, Sagittarius. Just be sure your generosity does not come at the expense of your own well-being.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, there is nothing wrong with seeing the world through rose-colored glasses from time to time. Such a positive perspective might change your outlook for good.

AQUARIUS
Jan 21/Feb 18
You are adept at staying on track when you need to, Aquarius. This makes you an ideal fitness guru. Try to inspire others to be regimented as well.

PISCES
Feb 19/Mar 20
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