

Mark Farner handed legal victory with 'American Band'

■Original guitarist, singer for Grand Funk Railroad in legal battle with former band

By Tim Jagielo

Mark and Lesia Farner's son Jesse died the evening of July 4, 2018, from complications

of a previous injury.

Two days later, on July 6, 2018, Mark Farner, 70, said they received the lawsuit from his former band, Grand Funk Railroad. "Being in a place of grieving, it was especially bad timing," he said. "We weren't even ready for anything, let alone this."

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Grand Funk Railroad was one of more than two dozen bands to perform at the "Byron Pop Festival" in 1970 in Georgia.

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Linden teen faces more charges

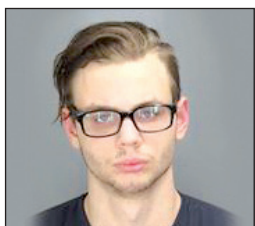
■Police learn a fifth gun allegedly stolen from parents' home

By Sharon Stone

The Genesee County Prosecutor's Office authorized a five-count felony arrest warrant Friday, March 15 against David Christopher Rollins, 17, of Linden. He is expected to be arraigned on five counts of larceny of firearms as soon as his related court case in Oakland County permits.

Rollins was arraigned Thursday, March 14 in Oakland County 52-2 District Court on one count of carrying a concealed weapon and other weapons charges. Bond was set at \$10,000. He remains lodged at the Oakland County Jail.

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David Rollins

Small businesses oppose new tax



Nathan Valade, a Fenton Winery and Brewery brewer, transfers "Staggering Bull Imperial Nut Brown" beer from the fermentation vessel to one that carbonates it, while management watches. Vessels like these cost more than \$6,000 each. With increased taxes, small business owners may have to choose between sponsoring community events and investing in equipment and staff. Photo: Tim Jagielo

Gov. Whitmer's proposed 2020 budget repeals pension tax but raises taxes on small businesses

By Tim Jagielo

On March 5, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer released her proposed 2020 budget. This proposed budget contains a number of controversial items, such as an increase in the gas tax and an increase for taxes on small businesses.

It calls for a tax increase on many S-corporations to replace money

lost through her proposed repeal of the so-called "pension tax" of 2011. According to a news release, it "creates tax parity with traditional corporations."

According to the Detroit News, the increase would affect about 150,000 businesses. It essentially removes an exemption for S-corporations, partnerships and

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"This would take us a step backward to policies of the past that did not serve Michigan well."

Brian Calley
Small Business Association of Michigan president

'Porch pirates' bills advance in legislature

■Would make mail theft punishable by up to year in prison and/or \$500 fine

By Hannah Ball

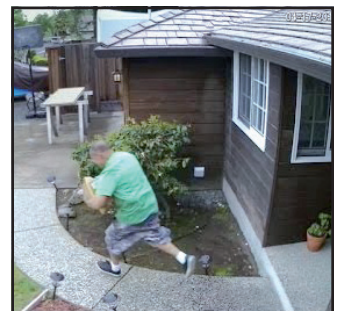
Stealing someone's packages off a front lawn or porch could land the offender in jail on state charges.

On Feb. 28, the Michigan Senate overwhelming passed Senate Bills 23 and 24, which would prohibit taking someone else's mail and authorize penalties. The offense would be a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for up to one year or a fine up to \$500, or both. Subsequent offenses incur harsher penalties.

The bills are currently in the House.

Stealing mail is already a federal crime. While federal postal offices don't release data on how much mail is stolen every year, Shorr

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Videos from home security cameras will show homeowners who stole their delivered package.

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"Gov. Whitmer, please take notice of what's going on in France right now: massive riots against the government for raising gas taxes. We already pay some of the highest gas taxes in the nation and you still want to raise it? Riot or move are the only two options you're giving us."



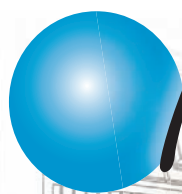
"Ask your grandchildren a few basic questions, such as 'who did we fight in WWII' or 'what is the Constitution of the United States' and you will quickly realize how pathetic the American school experience is today. If they are our future, we are in big, big trouble."



COMMENT OF THE WEEK

"Thank you to the parents of the teen who stole their guns and they reported it to the police instead of trying to hide their child. They took everyone else's safety into consideration and stopped a potential bad situation. That takes guts."

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Spring means severe weather could be just around the corner

■Be prepared for dangerous storms and tornadoes

By Vera Hogan

Today is the first day of spring, a reason for everyone to be elated after a long cold winter. But springtime is not all sunshine and warmer temperatures — the potential for severe weather exists.

Some of our unfortunate neighbors in Shiawassee County braved four tornadoes that touched down last Thursday, March 14, destroying at least 50 properties near the village of Vernon. There were no reported injuries.

A statewide tornado drill will take place at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27.

This latest bout with Mother Nature is the reason why Michiganders plan ahead for severe weather. This year, the week of March 24 to 30 has been declared by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to be “Severe Weather Awareness Week.”

A statewide tornado drill will take place at 1 p.m., Wednesday, March 27.

According to the declaration: severe weather, in the form of thunderstorms, wind storms, floods, and tornadoes, is a threat to the health and safety of all Michigan residents, causing three fatalities in 2018.

Each year, more than 1,000 tornadoes strike the United States, including an average of 15 in Michigan.

Since 1950, 1,049 tornadoes have been reported in the state of Michigan, resulting in substantial loss of life and property. **Planning ahead for severe weather**

Use the guidelines offered by the National Weather Service (weather.gov) to develop a personal tornado safety plan for you and your family. You



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(Top) In the Aug. 24, 2007 tornado, downtown Fenton lost thousands of trees, some of which were replaced through numerous fundraisers by residents and businesses. (Bottom) People old enough to remember the June 8, 1953 Beecher tornado still shudder when they think about the devastation that resulted in 116 deaths and 844 injuries.



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need to have a plan for wherever you may be when a tornado strikes — at home, at school, at work, on the road or in a public building.

Know what the threats are. Because severe thunderstorms, wind, hail, lightning are not out of the question in addition to tornadoes, you must be able to get to your safe shelter area quickly — you may only have seconds to act.

Developing a tornado safety kit

These items would be extremely useful to have in your storm shelter, or to take with you to your storm shelter, when severe weather strikes. Your disaster supply kit should include:

Battery-operated weather radio

You will want to be able to monitor the latest information directly from your National Weather Service.

A map to track storms

You will need to be able to track the progress of the storm. Since warning texts include county names, a county outline map of your area is a great thing to keep handy. You might also keep a state highway map, which includes most of the cities and towns referred to in NWS warnings and statements.

Battery-operated TV and/or radio

This will allow you to monitor news and severe weather information.

Radios that offer TV audio can be helpful. Also, many TV stations simulcast their broadcasts on AM or FM radio stations.

Shoes

This will be very important if your home is damaged and you must walk across broken glass or other debris.

Identification

You may need identification to move around in the area should significant damage occur.

Your car keys

If your car is drivable, you will need the keys to be able to use it. It's a good idea to keep an extra set in your shelter area.

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If I Were King...

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Random Royal Thoughts ...

• **You have to** have ID to buy alcohol, you have to have ID to get a job, you have to have ID to open a bank account or buy a gun. So, will someone please tell me again how voter ID is racist?

• **Cost to America** to build the wall: \$10 billion. Cost to America each year from illegal immigrants: over \$50 billion. Why is this a debate?

• **I'm going to** change my last name to Acula, then become a doctor.

• **Government logic:** illegal immigrants who are unable to prove they are a citizen receive free health care paid for by those of us who are forced to buy health insurance because we are citizens.

• **Why do illegal** immigrants get free premium health care while our veterans wait months, or even years, for medical care after fighting for our safety and freedom?

• **Have you ever wondered** why the Democrats always start out in the lead early in the elections? The Republicans aren't home from work yet.

• **Will someone please** tell me why, when an American citizen is convicted of a crime and sentenced to prison and is separated from his children, no one gives a crap. But when an illegal alien is caught and convicted of a crime and separated from their kids, it is a horrible tragedy?

• **Gun Control:** I do not understand the logic that says being a defenseless murder victim is morally superior to defending yourself and your family.

• **Give a man a fish** and he eats for a day. Give a man a welfare check, a cell phone, food stamps and Section 8 housing and he will vote Democratic the rest of his life.

• **All of the following people** were exempted from Obamacare: Barack Obama and his family, Congress and their families, Justice Department and their families, Supreme Court members and their families, Federal



judges and their families and more than 1,200 corporations and unions. Guess who Obama didn't exempt? You. And me.

• **Maybe it's just** me, but I get annoyed that every time Ivanka Trump is interviewed she is asked what she thinks of the way her dad treats women, but not one single reporter has ever asked Chelsea Clinton the same question.

• **Nancy Pelosi logic (quote):** "Just because someone is here illegally doesn't mean they broke any of our laws."

• **It was "Give me liberty** or give me death," not "Give me free housing, free food, free condoms, free health care and free cell phones" and forcing the people who actually work for a living to pay for it all.

• **So, let me get this straight:** We are a nation that hates pornography but allows XXX filth to be available to our children 24/7. We are a nation that doesn't believe in genders, but fights for women's rights. We are a nation that believes 'no child should be left behind' but have cavalierly slaughtered over 60 million babies. Aren't these all Democratic policies?

• **"He sees you when** you're sleeping..." Isn't that really creepy? Not to mention illegal?

• **So, let me get this straight:** The left completely controls our education system. The media is totally controlled by leftist reporters and owners. And the anti-conservative entertainment industry that inundates our children with massive violent movies is 100 percent controlled by radical liberals. And yet, they still don't understand why kids are shooting up the schools?

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I'M SO GLAD we have a Republican majority in the state senate to reel-in this tax-and-spend leftist now in the governor's mansion. Lots of cuts can be made, funds tapped before new taxes are needed.

PAUL RYAN — TAX cuts for the wealthy, cuts in programs that provide core public services, and cuts to the safety net that are assisting the most vulnerable.

EXEMPLIFYING THE BEHAVIOR of socialists everywhere, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez immediately denounces prayers for New Zealand shooting victims. There is no room for religion under socialism.

THE HOUSE TODAY voted that the Mueller report, when it is released, will be released to the public. The final vote count was 420 in favor, with no one voting no. Four lawmakers voted 'present.'

EVER NOTICE HOW Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez only speaks on platforms where she is not asked questions.

IT IS TOO bad that baby boomers refused to fix the roads for decades and now they are destroyed.

YOU CAN'T LEGALLY kill a baby after it is born.

INTERESTING — THE RIGHT trusts science when it concludes that the tilt of

the earth causes climate change, but doesn't trust science when it concludes that pollution also is a factor. Convenient, but very short-sighted.

PUT UP OR shut up. I am willing to bet my next paycheck against yours that the average earth temperature will be higher five years from now. I like my chances since you seem to believe that tomorrow's forecast is an indicator of climate change.

TO ALL THESE ignorant younger people complaining about the real grown-ups in this world. We don't hate AOC; she just doesn't have it at all together even though you think she is great.

TO THE YOUNGER person disparaging 'old people.' Please be cognizant of the 'science' you are listening to.

I AGREE THAT taxing the (voted in) legalized pot with taxes only going to roads and schools. But, with every city, town and township prohibiting the selling and growing in its district, the government isn't allowing us to have that very intelligent choice.

TO 'MAD THAT AOC is half your age and, unlike you, was actually smart enough to go to college.' My SAT scores were high enough to get into a dozen different colleges, but life threw me/us curveballs that did not allow me/us to attend. Instead, I/we worked in other fields that didn't require a college diploma. That's called growing up.

THE PRESIDENT WITH his veto has cut Nancy Pelosi's head off and that girl doesn't know she is bleeding. A wall; I can't think a better use of earmarked funds.

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Do you have an emergency preparedness plan?



"We have a generator. If we see (a tornado), we take shelter. We have a rope ladder we can throw out of the second floor window."

Tim Brower
Troy



"I do. We gather pets, everyone else, and we go down to the basement and we bring a radio to be sure. It's me and my roommates."

Evan Kissel
Argentine Township



"During the last storm, we went to the basement for 45 minutes. Both my kids were sick so I took medicine, juice and snacks for them."

Kristina Coulton
Mundy Township



"We meet at the mailbox in case of a fire. For storms we all meet in the basement 'kitchen.'"

Amanda Ketchum
Mundy Township



"Just go to the basement or the bathtub. Haven't had to do that much. The weather around here is mild enough."

Sean Coulter
Fenton

| street talk



The new Tyrone Township hall will be located at 8420 Runyan Lake Rd. The property was purchased from the Baptist Convention of Michigan.

Photo: Google Maps

Tyrone Township pays \$1 million cash for new municipal complex

■ Officials saved for years to avert millage increase or special assessment

By Vera Hogan

Tyrone Township has purchased a building and property that will serve as the new township municipal offices.

The address is 8420 Runyan Lake Rd. and is currently occupied by a church that is renting the building from the owners, the Baptist Convention of Michigan. The church, Shepherd of the Lakes, is planning a new building at Linden and Owen roads in Fenton Township.

According to Tyrone Township Supervisor Mike Cunningham, the property was purchased for \$1 million in cash.

"We have funds in the bank to buy the property. We will not be asking our residents for a millage, special assessment, or raising the current millage rate to pay for the new building," he said in a previous Times article. "We have the money in our building and revolving funds. We will still continue to contribute to the maintenance of our roads and will be

See **TYRONE** on 11

Area's largest grass fire took place 50 years ago

■ Blaze covered 1,200 acres at Hartland and White Lake roads

By Vera Hogan

Ask any firefighter what causes a grass fire and chances are the answer will be "mice with matches."

Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said, "It is usually just a funny or sarcastic answer, meant to be humorous. Sometimes people ask how a fire started before we are able to answer the question. We may not have the answer yet or we can't release the information."

One of the biggest grass fires locally took place 50 years ago, in the spring of 1969, according to Bruce Dorland, the city of Fenton's first full-time fire chief.

Dorland, 89, was with the fire department from 1963 to 1989 when he retired. He became the full-time chief in 1967.

This fire took place near Hartland and White Lake roads in Tyrone Township. Dorland said more than 1,200 acres of land burned. "It went all the way to Tip-sico Lake Road," he said.

Only that time the fire wasn't caused by mice with matches. "It was a kid burning leaves, trying to help his dad out," Dorland said.

Dorland said they got the call at about 10 or 11 a.m. and that the fire was contained at about 7 p.m. the same night. Fenton was assisted by the Holly and Linden fire departments.

No one was injured in the fire and no buildings, other than a couple of small sheds, were destroyed. The biggest casualty was a 1950 Peter Pirsch fire truck.

"You have to understand how fire works to appreciate this, but the truck was pulled up between two buildings, with the truck facing the fire," said Dorland.

As a result of the fire taking oxygen away from the engine, the engine stopped and it could not pump water to offer protection. The tires and paint were burnt off the truck.

Did the kid get into trouble? "I don't know," Dorland said. "We left that up to his dad."

Spring grass fire season coming, still a danger

In Michigan, firefighters respond to 10,000 to 12,000 wildfires each year. According to michigan.gov/michiganprepares, "We use the name wildfire to describe any unplanned or unwanted natural or human-caused free burning fire, which is resistant to being put out. Wildfires can cost millions of dollars because there are huge losses of property and a great deal of resources are used to fight them.

The main cause (47 percent) of wildfires in Michigan is burning yard debris, such as grass clippings, leaves, and trash. Most wildfires occur in the spring here in Michigan when days are dry and windy with abundant dead vegetation left after the snow melts. These conditions can spread a wildfire quickly because there is less moisture in the air and the wind carries burning debris to other areas. The dead vegetation makes for good wildfire fuel.

Fires in rural areas are hard to control. Homes are usually not close to fire stations, and tend to be far apart and hard to reach. Because there are fewer firefighters than in cities, when some are sent to protect homes and families from wildfire, the wildfire may spread more quickly.



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Times file photo

How to stay safe

Because most wildfires are caused by people, the solution is up to you. As a resident, you have to know the hazards and the risks and learn what you have to do to protect yourself and your property. Ask for help from your local fire agency.

Preventing grass/wildfires

- Don't throw cigarette or cigar butts on the ground or out of a vehicle. Dispose of them properly and make sure they are completely extinguished.
- Do not burn trash, leaves or brush outdoors. Check with your local fire department or municipality for permitting requirements on burning.
- Keep a 30-foot safety zone surrounding the home clear of brush especially for those living in a woodland area. Grass

should be cut short in this area as well. For homes that sit on a steep slope, the safety zone should be increased accordingly.

• Stack firewood at least 15 feet and uphill from the home.

• Rake leaves, cut off dead limbs and twigs, and mow grass regularly. Cut tree limbs within 15 feet of the ground and remove dead branches that extend over the roof.

• Don't park cars, trucks, or recreational vehicles on dry grass or shrubs. Exhaust systems on vehicles can reach a temperature of more than 1,000 degrees; it only takes about 500 degrees to start a brush fire in the summer.

• Parents should emphasize to their children the dangers of playing with fire. Many grass fires are started by children, who have no idea how quickly flames can grow and spread.

• Homeowners who barbecue should maintain a 10-foot area free of brush and shrubbery around grills and propane tanks. Non-flammable screens should be placed over the grill (with mesh no coarser than 1/4 inch thick). Never leave a grill unattended. After use, place grill ashes in a metal bucket and soak in water.

• Keep a shovel, bucket of water, fire extinguisher, or other fire suppression tools on hand.

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BRIEFS

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Fenton schools receive \$2,000 grant from Community Foundation of Greater Flint

The Community Foundation of Greater Flint's South Lakes Youth Initiative Program Fund awarded a grant of \$2,000 to Fenton Area Public Schools. This grant is to be used — to provide a safe after-school environment in which Fenton High School seniors can celebrate graduation night where students can have a fun night celebrating with their friends without the influence of alcohol/drugs or the worry of drinking and driving.

STORMS

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Cell phone

If there is phone service, you will certainly want your phone. However, remember that cell phone service may be interrupted after a tornado or other disaster.

Other things to consider

If you have a safe room or other shelter area, you might consider storing important papers and other irreplaceable items in the shelter if space permits.

Check and replace batteries in your weather radio, flashlights and other devices in your safety kit often, preferably twice a year. Do this at the same time you set clocks back/ahead in the spring and fall, and when you replace smoke detector batteries. Check your disaster supplies kit often as well to maintain fresh food and water, etc.

Make sure you have something

to cover up with. Pillows, blankets, sleeping bags, and a mattress could help to protect you from falling/flying debris. Above all, protect your head, neck and upper body. Wear a helmet (bicycle, football, baseball, motorcycle, hard hat, etc.) if you have one. If there's room, lie flat and cover up. Otherwise, get as low to the ground as possible and make as small a target as possible.

Unfortunately, there are no safety rules — absolute safety facts that will keep you safe 100 percent of the time.

The good news is that you can survive most tornadoes. The key to survival is planning — knowing what you need to do to be safe before a tornado threatens.

What you need to do AFTER a tornado strikes

• **Help injured** or trapped persons.

• **Give first aid** when appropriate.

Don't try to move the seriously injured

unless they are in immediate danger of further injury. Call for help.

• **Turn on radio** or television to get the latest emergency information.

• **Stay out of** damaged buildings.

Return home only when authorities say it is safe.

• **Report downed wires** but do not touch them.

• **Use the telephone** only for emergency calls.

• **Clean up spilled** medicines, bleaches, or gasoline or other flammable liquids immediately. Leave the buildings if you smell gas or chemical fumes.

• **Take pictures of** the damage — both to the house and its contents — for insurance purposes.

• **Remember to help** your neighbors who may require special assistance— infants, the elderly, and people with disabilities.

Source: weather.gov

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



The Brownfield Redevelopment Authority was able to initiate the cleanup of the former Action Auto site (above) that ultimately led to the construction of the Horizon Building.

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Brownfield Redevelopment Authority promotes revitalization of distressed areas

By Vera Hogan

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

The city of Fenton Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA) was established by the City Council in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Act 381 of the Public Acts of the state of Michigan of 1996. The purpose is to facilitate the implementation of plans relating to the identification and treatment of environmentally distressed areas to promote revitalization in the city of Fenton.

According to the city of Fenton's website (cityoffenton.org), the purpose of the BRA is to encourage and assist developers who want to return property to productive use more quickly and at lower costs than before, while still protecting human resources.

This is done via Brownfield tax increment-financing provisions, which allow reimbursement of costs of baseline environmental assessment, due care activities and cleanup activities at contaminated sites.

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NEWS BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

Fenton Area Toastmasters host open house Friday, March 22

Fenton Area Toastmasters is hosting an open house this Friday, March 22 and the community is invited. Meetings are held at the office of Brown & Brown of Michigan, 1190 Torrey Rd., in Fenton. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. The meeting begins promptly at 7:45 a.m. for one hour. 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.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■
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■■■
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■■■
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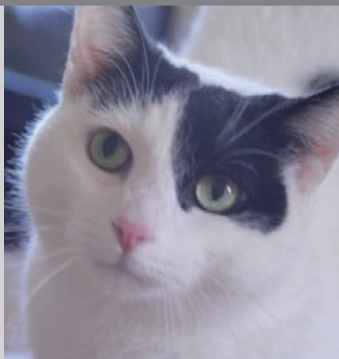
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An update on roadside drug testing

Almost three years ago, I wrote about a 2016 Michigan law, which was intended to give police departments an additional tool to investigate cases involving drivers suspected of operating their motor vehicles after using drugs.

The law is called "The Barbara J. and Thomas J. Swift Law" in honor of the married couple who were killed in a 2013 Gladstone traffic accident by a driver who had been smoking marijuana.

Since there have been some recent developments to this law, a short summary and an update is in order.

The law provides for a one-year pilot program, established by the Michigan State Police in five counties, to allow roadside drug testing of drivers suspected of being under the influence of drugs or having drugs in their bodies using a special handheld testing device called an Oral Fluid Analyzer.

This device detects the presence of six different categories of drugs by analyzing a driver's saliva sample obtained by a specially trained certified drug recognition expert (DRE) police officer using a mouth swab. The swab is then inserted into the device for the test.

If there's a positive result, further testing can be performed, including a blood test.

At the end of the one-year period, the State Police are to make a full report to the state legislature of all the details of the program, including making a recommendation as to whether it should be continued.

Now for the update.

The pilot program started on Nov. 8, 2017 and ended Nov. 7, 2018. The State Police submitted their report in February of this year.

I won't detail the entire report, but statistically it indicates that there were 92 oral fluid roadside tests for the presence of drugs with 89 arrests. Sixty-two of these arrests were for operating under the influence of a controlled substance, with the balance being for impaired driving investigations.

The recommendation is to continue the pilot program statewide for one additional year in all counties which have a law enforcement agency within their boundaries which employs a certified DRE law enforcement officer.

This recommendation was accepted and the program will start again in the fall to determine if this should be a permanent part of Michigan law.

FARNER

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Legally known as Grand Funk Railroad (GFR) LTD., the business entity had issued a preliminary injunction against Farner due to his use of the name "American Band" in his new touring name, "Mark Farner's American Band." He said he attained a federal trademark to use the name.

According to the court summary, GFR LTD. sued Farner over trademark infringement. GFR has the trademark "The American band." GFR also asked that Farner's trademark use of "American Band" be cancelled.

In 2004, Farner was given a permanent injunction against using "Grand Funk" and "Grand Funk Railroad" in his promotional materials. The suit claimed that Farner violated this injunction.

Farner filed an answer and counterclaim.

On Thursday, March 14, the court decided to dismiss Farner's counterclaim, but also denied GFR's motion for summary judgment and preliminary injunction against using the name "American Band."

"After all we've been through ... we hugged each other, we cried, we thanked God," Farner said.

Farner is still a one-third shareholder in GFR LTD., but said he essentially has nothing to do with the band as it tours under "Grand Funk Railroad." He said he has previously offered to "bury the hatchet" and tour again. Two original members, Mel Schacher and Don Brewer, still perform with the band.

The rocker said he's had to cancel shows because of the injunctions against him. With this decision, he may have some breathing room. He said he intends to use the term "formerly" when mentioning GFR on promotional materials, but can't always control how promoters advertise him. This became an issue related to this lawsuit.

Farner will continue to use the name "Mark Farner's American Band." He said the name fits him. "It's where my heart is," he said. He's proud of his support of and performances for American and Canadian military members.

Still, he guesses that the legal issue may not be over.

GFR's attorney David Cvengros said the decision of the court means that the band needs to present more evidence against Farner.

"As such, the case will proceed to trial on the only remaining issue — Mr. Farner's unfortunate and repeated at-

“Being in a place of grieving, it was especially bad timing. We weren't even ready for anything, let alone this.”

Mark Farner
Grand Funk Railroad
founding member



Mark Farner, formerly of Grand Funk Railroad, records with Marshall Block of Real II Reel Studios in Tyrone Township. *Times file photo*

tempts to improperly trade on GFR, Ltd.'s famous trademark. The fact remains that Grand Funk Railroad is and will always be known as 'The American Band.'"

Farner left the band in 1983 to pursue a solo career. In 1998, during a reunion tour, he said he signed papers making GFR the legal entity it is today.

Born in Burton and later a resident of Parshallville, Farner was the original singer, guitarist and songwriter for six albums of one of the biggest

bands of the 1970s.

"I'm your captain" is one of his enduring standout hits. Now living in Petoskey with Lesia, he writes new music and collaborates with other greats such as Alice Cooper.

Today he's getting ready to kick off a 50th anniversary tour at a sold out show at the Capitol Theatre in Flint on April 19. "It's a beautiful theatre," he said of the renovated venue. "I used to go there as a kid and see shows."

He'll soon release a live DVD, "From Chile with Love." It will include five new songs.

GFR is also currently touring. The band played a show in Mt. Pleasant in February.



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Students take part in disability workshop



Karlie Parker, 9, (right) a fourth-grade student at Fenton, comes down a small set of stairs using a walker at a disabilities awareness workshop at the Ellen Street campus on Wednesday, March 13. Photo: Hannah Ball

■ Local fourth-graders learn about autism, prosthetics and more

By Hannah Ball

Fenton — What's it like to walk with crutches or a walker? How heavy are prosthetics?

What's it like trying to read with a learning disability?

Fourth-grade students at Fenton schools took part in a disability awareness workshop at the Ellen Street campus March 12 and 13. On Thursday, fourth-graders from Linden schools had the opportunity to go through the workshop, too. In total, more than 400 fourth-graders participated.

At one station, students tried to wheel themselves in a wheelchair. At the vision impairment station, students put on

a blindfold and used a support cane to navigate around furniture that was set up in the hallway.

"The goal of the Disabilities Awareness Workshop is to raise awareness of how people who have a disability are affected on a daily basis by their challenges and differences, and to teach children to see past those differences and think how they can

be helpful and include everyone," said Melissa Foster, a social worker at Fenton schools.

Social workers from Fenton and Linden schools organized the event with help from ancillary staff, teachers, parents and community members, including one firefighter.

Two stations focused on learning disabilities, such as dyslexia, which is

a reading disorder, and dyscalculia, which is a learning disorder involving math. Students were shown how words and sentences appear to those without dyslexia. Then, they were given a paragraph of sentences written how words appear to someone with dyslexia. Words were missing letters, and the lines between the sentences were blurred.

At the fine motor impairment station, students were told to solve small physical puzzles or flip switches while wearing gloves to understand the difficulty of performing simple tasks when someone's fine motor skills are affected.

Kids looked wide-eyed at the prosthetic at the gross motor impairment station. They felt the weight of a prosthetic leg and learned how to put on a sock when you can't bend at the waist.

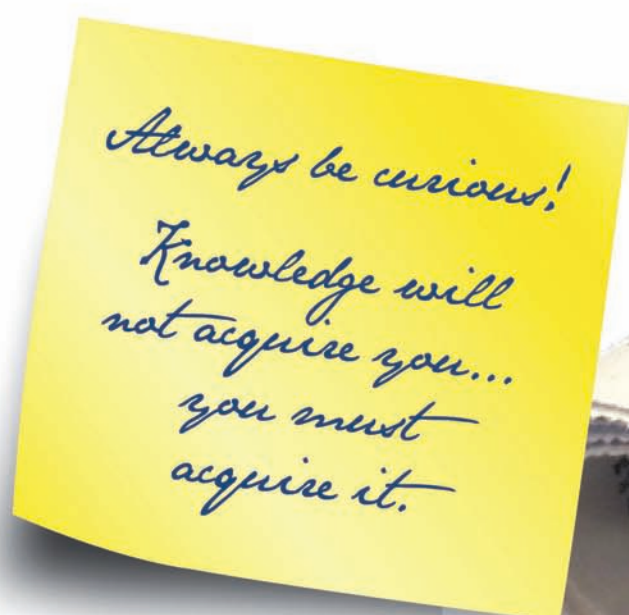
Students hobbled on one foot while using a walker to try walking up a few steps.

"We had positive feedback from both students and teachers. The kids were really interested and engaged. They expressed wishing they could do it longer," Foster said. "One girl said she thought they knew having a disability might make things hard to do, but now they realize it is even harder than she thought. Two girls shared they have a cousin with autism and now they know how they can help him better."

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Melissa Foster
Fenton schools social worker

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Emily Miller, 10, a fourth-grade student at Fenton, makes her way through the visual impairment station with a blindfold. Photo: Hannah Ball



The image of this happy healthy baby was soon to become the face that launched a brand, a face recognized and loved across the globe.

Photo: gerber.com

Identity of original Gerber baby revealed in 1978

■ Even though her cherubic face started baby food giant's brand fifty years earlier

Compiled By Vera Hogan

In 1928, Gerber held a contest to find a face to represent a baby food advertising campaign. Artist Dorothy Hope Smith entered her simple charcoal sketch of a tousle-haired, bright-eyed cherub of a baby with endearing pursed lips.

In her entry, Smith noted that she would finish the sketch if she won. Her drawing competed with elaborate oil paintings, but the judges fell in love with the baby face Smith drew, and when they chose it as the winner, they insisted that the simple illustration remain a sketch.

The image of this happy, healthy baby was soon to become the face that launched a brand, a face recognized and loved across the globe.

The illustration became so popular that Gerber adopted it as its official trademark in 1931. Since then, the Gerber Baby has appeared on all Gerber packaging and in every Gerber advertisement. The identity of the baby, however, was kept secret for 40 years, until 1978.

For years, people speculated to the identity of the Gerber Baby. Guesses ranged from movie stars Humphrey Bogart and Elizabeth Taylor to Senator Bob Dole. Over the years, there have been rumors of the actress Jane Seymour being the Gerber Baby.

But mystery novelist and retired English teacher Ann Turner Cook knew the correct answer: She is the Gerber Baby.



Ann Turner Cook

Turner Cook, who will be 93

years old in November, began life as the model for the Gerber Products trademark, and her works emphasize the bond between mother and child. A member of Mystery Writers of America, the retired English teacher and her husband researched her novels among the rivers, lakes, and small towns of west Central Florida.

Among her books are Micanopy in Shadow (April 2008), Homosassa Shadows (Feb. 2005), Shadow Over Cedar Key (May 2003) and Trace Their Shadows (Nov. 2001).

Sources: gerber.com; freshfiction.com

'Every baby is a Gerber baby'

■ But only one is the winner of the annual Gerber baby photo contest and \$50,000 in cash

By Sally Rummel

Who is the cutest baby in the world?

Gerber Products Company, formerly of Fremont, Michigan and now owned by Nestle Global, has been answering that question every year for decades, since its very first contest in 1928 (see related sidebar).

That iconic baby portrait still adorns much of the brand's baby food packaging and advertising in all of its global markets.

But now a new photo search that began in 2010 puts a new "spokesbaby" face on the company's social media channels all over the world. The winning baby also takes home a \$50,000 cash prize.

This year's 2019 Gerber Baby Photo Contest winner is Kairi Yang, who was recently introduced on the "Today" show. Kairi, 15 months old, is the first baby selected of Hmong (southeast Asia) descent, according to the "Today" show. She was chosen from a field of 544,000 entries.

"Kairi was chosen because of the wide-eyed curiosity and the look of wonder we saw in her eyes," said Bill Partyka, president and CEO of Gerber, in a news release.

Kairi wasn't Gerber's first "first." In 2018, Gerber awarded the baby photo contest prize to Lucas Warren, who has Down syndrome.

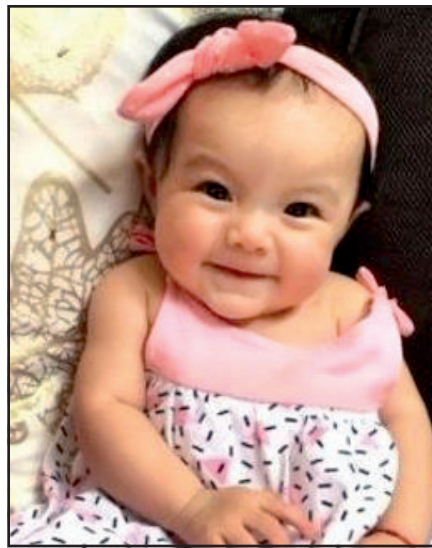
Parents who are interested in entering their child in the contest for 2020 can visit the baby contest site at gerber.com. Eligible babies can be newborns up to age 4. The 2020 baby contest will be conducted this fall.

Gerber Products Company was founded in the U.S. in the summer of 1927, when Dorothy Gerber began straining solid foods for her 7-month-old daughter Sally.

After repeating this process many times, Dorothy suggested her husband, Dan, try it. He pointed out that the work of straining fruits and vegetables could easily be done at their canning business in Fremont. Workers in the plant began requesting samples for their own babies, and the legacy of Gerber baby foods began.

By 1928, Dan Gerber had developed five products for the market: beef vegetable soup and strained peas, prunes, carrots and spinach. Six months later, Gerber baby foods were distributed nationwide.

In 2007, Gerber Products Company was sold to Nestle for \$5.5 billion. As



This year's 2019 Gerber Baby Photo Contest winner is Kairi Yang.

Photo: usatoday.com

of 2017, Gerber controls 61 percent of the baby food market in the U.S. This year, Gerber headquarters, now in Florham Park, New Jersey, is moving to Arlington, Virginia, to be closer to Nestle Headquarters.

Fremont still boasts a large production facility that employs about 1,000 workers. This birthplace of Gerber baby foods holds a National Baby Food Festival every year in mid-July. This year's dates are July 17-20.

Unique events include a Baby Food Cupcake Challenge, Corporate Olympics, Baby Food Eating Contest for kids and adults and plenty of fun events for kids.

REDEVELOPMENT

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The city of Fenton has several properties that qualify and are being pursued under the Brownfield Act. The city's goal is to remediate and develop property considered a Brownfield site. Currently the Redevelopment Authority is considering the Tipsico Lake and Oak Street property, both of which are owned by the city of Fenton.

Fenton City Councilman Scott Grossmeyer is the council liaison to the BRA.

He said, "In my opinion the greatest accomplishment to date is the cleanup of the former Action Auto site that ultimately led to the construction of the Horizon Building.

"To have been able to clean up a blighted and polluted property and replace it with a beautiful building at one of the main entries into the city in my opinion is why the state allows Brownfield authorities," Grossmeyer said.

"My first experiences with the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority were about nine years ago, before I was on City Council. At that time we visited other sites in the city that are brownfield properties. After the developer is reimbursed for the costs involved in remediation of the former Action Auto property the authority will collect the tax increments for the final years of the agreement and hopefully we will be able to use some of those funds to help remediate and sell those properties.

Grossmeyer is joined on the BRA by Sue Osborn, mayor; Patric Parker (chairman), Nancy Draves (councilwoman), Doug Tebo, John Wiley and Roy Width. The BRA meets on the third Monday of each month at Fenton City Hall.

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PORCH PIRATES

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Packaging Group conducted a survey. It found that 30 percent of those surveyed in 2017 lost a package due to theft. Package Guard reports that thieves stole 11 million packages from homes in 2017.

Senate Bill 23 would create the Mail and Mail Depository Protection Act to prohibit anyone from doing any of the following with mail addressed to another person: remove mail from a mail depository, take mail from a mail carrier, remove contents of mail, take mail left for delivery or collection, and destroy or damage mail.

It would also be a crime to lie to a mail carrier and claim that someone else gave them permission to collect their mail.

Senate Bill 24 amends the Code of Criminal Procedure to establish

the penalties and to place the felony penalty provisions of the new act within the sentencing guidelines.

Fenton Police Chief Jason Slater said it's not a widespread in the city, but it does occasionally happen.

"From time to time we have had instances of theft of delivered packages," he said. "Last year around

Christmas time I recall two individuals whom we prosecuted for stealing packages from people's porches."

This crime already carries a potential jail sentence without the state proposals.

"I trust our justice system and the judges we have elected to determine if incarceration is warranted on a case by case basis. There are too many factors to consider to support a one size fits all solution when talking about imprisonment," Slater said.

He recommends having your packages sent to your workplace, or have a neighbor take possession of your delivery until you can retrieve it.

Argentine Township Police Chief Daniel Allen said they did not receive any complaints of mail theft from porches in 2018.

"I do support jail time for any form of larceny, because I

have heard of needed medications being stolen off porches," he said.

When it comes to ensuring you receive your packages, Allen recommends using Amazon to alert you via text when a package from the site has been delivered. Ask for a neighbor's help and follow shipping and tracking information.

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Jason Slater
Fenton police chief

The Generation GAP

Editor's note: This monthly column, The Generation Gap, runs exclusively in the Midweek edition. This week's columnists are Linda Ray, 74, of Argentine Township and Shelby Runyan, 26, of Howell, formerly employed in Fenton with many local family members.

Ray is retired from a professional media career, most recently after 17 years at WJRT ABC-12. She has been

married to Danny Ray for 25 years and has two sons, Ger Hoffman of Nashville, Tennessee and Eric Hoffman of New York City.

Runyan is employed at Lake Trust Credit Union in Howell and was formerly a manager at Elections in Fenton. She has been married to Evan since 2017 and the couple has a golden doodle named Betty.

By Sally Rummel

What was Spring Break like for you when you were growing up?

Linda Ray

I'm the second oldest of six children of Paul and Helen Hogard who came from Arkansas and Missouri, respectively. I went to school in Grand Blanc.

On Easter vacation, before it was changed to Spring Break, we'd pile into the old Chevy station wagon and head down to Corning, Arkansas to visit our aunt, uncle and cousins.

Paula, being the oldest, always got a window seat. I, next in line, got the other window. Gloria, the little girl, was in the middle and the two older boys, Larry and Jerry, were in the back on a sleeping bag. Gary was in front, standing up with his hand on Daddy's shoulder. This was, of course, before you had to have all toddlers or infants in car seats.

Mama would have a thermos jug filled with water between her feet. As we rolled along, we played "I spy something blue" (or another color), then everyone tried to guess what we were seeing. Often Larry and Jerry would start a ruckus in the back and Dad would say with a raised voice, "I can stop this car," which was code for "Knock it off now!"

Mama and Daddy were terrific singers and they would harmonize all the way down and all the way back. Often we kids would join in. If Daddy got tired, he'd pull over to a rest stop and nap on a picnic table.

When we got to Arkansas, we went to a cottage on the Black River, swam and had campfires at night. Daddy and my uncle would tell all kinds of stories about them growing up. They also sang songs and harmonized beautifully. We also watched our Cousin Billy play baseball.

On our way home, Aunt Alene sent a picnic lunch with us, Mama filled the water jug and off we headed. We didn't have fancy expensive resort vacations, but we had rich, warm experiences, something money can't buy.



Linda Ray

“We didn’t have fancy, expensive resort vacations, but we had rich, warm experiences, something money can’t buy.”

Shelby Runyan

During my elementary and middle school years, it was called Easter vacation and when I got into high school, it was switched to Spring Break.

We'd usually go camping and visit my grandma and my aunts and uncles. We'd spend weekends together as a family, with our cousins. We'd have an Easter egg hunt and go to church together.

We took my parents' mini van when we went camping. We'd sing old country songs on the drive. Now, anytime those songs come on the radio, it reminds us of those trips. My dad didn't believe in having a camper so we had to rough-it in tents. My siblings and I loved making hobo pies and the campfire and eating s'mores.

During my high school years, I started going to Florida with my friends and their families. We went to Orlando one year and to Daytona Beach another year. We also took some family trips to Kalahari Waterpark in Ohio.

During college, I used to work during my Spring Breaks at Elections in Fenton.



Shelby Runyan

“My dad didn’t believe in having a camper, so we had to rough-it in tents.”



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CHARGES

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Rollins' arrest came after area schools were placed on secure mode Tuesday morning, March 12, while several police departments investigated a report of an unaccounted for Linden teen, Rollins, and four stolen weapons. Rollins was taken into custody and arrested several hours later in Holly.

His parents had notified authorities when they discovered guns missing from their home and learned their son had not shown up for school March 12. Not knowing what Rollins' intentions were, area law enforcement agencies were contacted and the local school districts were advised to go into secure mode as a precaution.

Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter said police initially believed Rollins would be charged with four counts of larceny of firearms after Rollins allegedly stole a rifle, shotgun and two handguns from his parent's home in Linden. Sutter said police later learned there was a fifth stolen weapon, another shotgun.

Sutter said when news broke last week about Rollins, the alleged stolen firearms, and secure mode at area schools, a man contacted Linden police and turned in a shotgun he claims he purchased from Rollins. The man did not know the shotgun was reported stolen when he purchased it.

On March 12, Genesee County Under-sheriff Chris Swanson said Rollins has shown signs of instability and when he did not show up for school that day, the sheriff's office increased their presence

until he was located.

Sutter said Linden police and the Genesee 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.

Holly police were dispatched to an apartment where Rollins was said to be visiting a friend. Linden police officers went to Holly to assist. While Linden police were en route, Holly police observed Rollins walk out of an apartment and arrested him. Holly police reported Rollins had a 9mm handgun in his waistband. That handgun was recovered, as well as another handgun that was found in the apartment.

Based on police questioning students, Argentine Township police were dispatched to a home on Lahring Road in Argentine Township where a friend of Rollins lives. A rifle and shotgun reported stolen were recovered from the home.

Sutter said all five 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."

A probable cause conference has been scheduled for March 28 at 1:35 p.m. in Oakland County 52-2 District Court.

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Scott Sutter
Linden police chief

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NEW TAX

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limited liability corporations (LLC) of the 2011 corporate tax overhaul.

According to the IRS, S-corporations are corporations that elect to pass corporate income, losses, deductions, and credits through to their shareholders for federal tax purposes.

The proposal creates a new 6-percent income tax, an increase from the current 4.25-percent tax. According to the Detroit News, it would raise \$280 million, and save 400,000 households an average of \$800 in pension taxes.

"We are opposed, we remain opposed," said Small Business Association of Michigan (SBAM) President Brian Calley, calling the proposal "counter-productive." He added that most businesses in the state fall under this category and are primarily responsible for Michigan's economic recovery.

"It would directly affect our operating capital, which would affect the growth of our company," said Mike Miotke, who owns B&M Tower Technologies in Fenton with business partner Jayme Brown. They have 49 employees who use cranes to maintain communication towers, such as those used by cellular networks.

They file taxes as an S-corporation and also have an office in Baltimore, Maryland. He agrees the proposal would be a "major step backward and

a job-killer for small businesses," as originally said by SBAM CEO Rob Fowler.

Matt Sherrow is vice chairman of the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce. Along with his wife, Ginny, they own and operate Fenton Winery and Brewery in Fenton Township. Ginny also sits on the SBAM leadership council.

With 28 employees, they operate as an LLC and file taxes as an S-corporation, paying taxes based on personal income.

For his business, this change would be "significant."

Sherrow is also concerned about the "ripple effect" of businesses tightening their investments into equipment, staff and their community. He said for example, if forced to, he would choose buying needed equipment over sponsoring an event if need be due to paying more taxes throughout the year.

He'd rather cut internal costs than raise prices. "We put a lot of money in charity, a lot of community investment," he said.

He said that the chamber hasn't adopted a stance on the proposal because members haven't met since the announcement. He did however add that he hasn't heard any positive feedback from other business owners. "It has very broad reach; everyone around us will feel the pain from this," he said.

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able to replenish the cash spent for the purchase of the new township hall in a few years, due to annual budget surpluses."

The new township hall will be more than twice the size of the current building on Center Road, 10,500 square feet versus 4,997 square feet. It was built in 2003 and sits on 10 acres.

"It has a lot more office space and is easier to navigate," Cunningham said. The current chapel will be converted to the public township board meeting room.

"There is plenty of room for growth,"

Cunningham said. "There are four offices that we will not be using right away that can be converted to whatever we need the space to be."

Cunningham hopes to be completely moved into the new building by the end of this year. "The new facility will help us to better serve our residents."

The Center Road building was built in 1967. Engineers have determined that it needs about \$800,000 in repairs.

Cunningham said a decision on what to do with that building is yet to be determined. "We will want to get feedback from our residents and then decide what we want to do with it," he said.

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Want a little help with those NCAA brackets? Look no further

By David Troppens

The day after the Division I NCAA men's basketball tournament field is set, suddenly everyone becomes an expert.

Suddenly everyone has an empty bracket and is excited to fill in those 67 blank spaces on it, declaring who they think is going to win the tournament.

Some people are predictable. They select squads like Duke, Kentucky and North Carolina routinely. Then if it happens, they declare their bracket brilliance to the world. Others pick their

favorite team or the school they graduated from every single year, justifying their selection routinely regardless how legitimate a pick the squad is or not. More than likely, their school won't win, but if they do, just ignore that 'fan' for the next two months. I had a col-

lege roommate like that.

In reality, no one is an expert on the NCAA Tournament more than anyone else. Chances are, some of your wacko college basketball friends probably have a better pulse on the game than some of the TV heads on ESPN, but that's not saying much either. But it's still fun to fill out those brackets, and there are some tips that seemingly make sense. Let's look at some of those here. Here are some

thoughts on this year's tourney, along with some potential predictions. Check last year's story, we selected Loyola (Chicago) as our Cinderella pick.

Just too many major conference teams in the tournament

Yes. The Big Ten Conference has eight teams in the field, including Minnesota and Ohio State who had losing records in conference play. Regardless how tough a conference is, no squad should ever get an at-large bid with a losing conference

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David's Dabblings

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



A COUPLE OF RANDOM BASKETBALL THOUGHTS

I know most people don't care too much about the Pistons unless they are contending for an NBA title, but there are a still a few of us that are passionate about the squad, and Monday night was a puzzling day for those following the team.

The Pistons hold the sixth spot in the Eastern Conference standings, and entered the night about three games inside the playoffs with 13 games remaining. That sounds pretty comfortable, but considering the Pistons have their final west coast swing of five games starting Thursday, nothing is a lock. The Pistons are 7-14 during the last three seasons when on extended west coast trips, and this one includes three of the four best teams in the Western Conference. That meant getting a road victory against the pretty pathetic Cleveland Cavaliers (18-53) to start the road trip was important.

So what did the Pistons do? They rested a healthy Blake Griffin despite the fact the team's next game isn't until Thursday. The Pistons probably figured they could beat Cleveland without Griffin, and this way he could rest up for the final 12 games. It backfired as the Pistons lost. The Pistons better hope this west coast swing goes well or Monday's decision will go down as the dumbest decision since Darko Milicic was drafted.

Fire up Chips, beat Sparty!

While making the NCAA Men's National Basketball Tournament is routine stuff for Michigan State and Michigan, for those of us who graduated at Central Michigan University, we haven't whiffed an NCAA tournament bid since 2003.

However, the CMU women are making up for that. For the second straight season, the Chippewas are headed to the women's D1 basketball field, and guess who they are playing in the first round — the Michigan State Spartans. The game is for a yet-to-be-determined time on Saturday on ESPN2. Hopefully the Chippewas can make a run again this season, like they did last season when they went to the Sweet 16.

Hey Sharon Stone, do you want to make a friendly wager?

Trombley finishes strong first season with Wolfpack

■ LF graduate completes season with strong 20-6 mark

By David Troppens

For the first time in a long time Jarrett Trombley wasn't the big man on campus when he enrolled at North Carolina State and joined the school's Division I wrestling program.

After finishing his prep wrestling career with four straight individual state wrestling championships and a 194-1 record overall, the Lake Fenton graduate was used to dominating the competition. After all, his only loss came as a freshman, and he lost that one match by one point. He was Michigan's 23rd wrestler ever to capture four straight state titles, and also owns the national record for single-season takedowns, recording 550 of them during his senior season with the Blue Devils. Indeed, Trombley was used to domination.

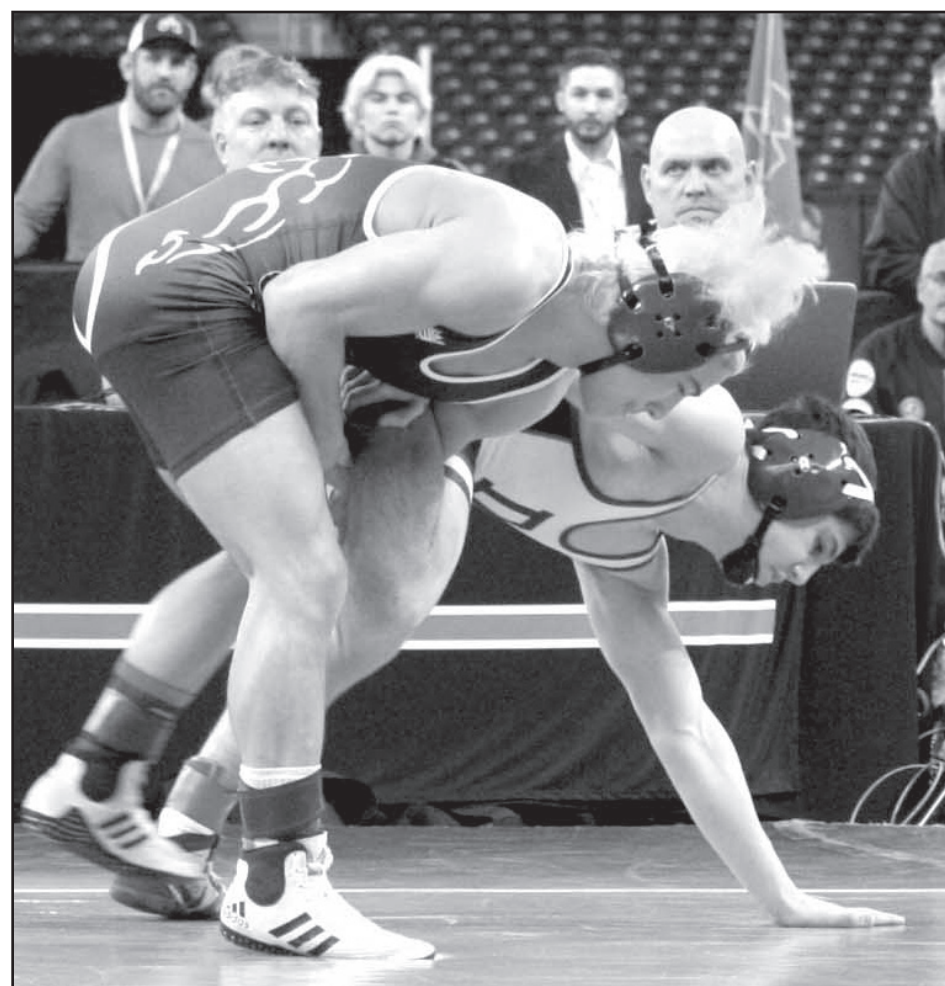
But that changed a little bit during his redshirt freshman season with the Wolfpack.

"It's definitely hard because (the freshman class) is used to beating up on everybody and now all of us freshmen are getting beat up. It was tough coming in here and getting my butt beat for awhile," he said.

Trombley certainly took more losses during his first year at North Carolina State than he's used to but the 133-pound grappler had to consider his first season a tremendous success. Trombley actually won his first 10 matches of the season and finished the year with a 20-6 overall record. So while he was learning how to become a collegiate wrestler, he certainly had plenty of success during open tournaments.

But even with his impressive 10-match winning streak, Trombley quickly learned life wasn't going to be easy even when he did win matches. He did open that first tourney — the Fresh/Soph Hokie Open — with a pinfall, but the rest of his victories came were decision wins, including a 2-1 victory against Virginia Tech's Collin Gerardi.

"Obviously I was thinking I'm doing pretty good, but I knew after my first



Lake Fenton graduate and North Carolina State wrestler Jarrett Trombley (left) works on winning his fourth straight individual state title while wrestling with the Blue Devils during the 2017-18 season. He finished his first season with the Wolfpack with a 20-6 record.

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tournament it was going to be tough," Trombley said. "Every match was close and that's not the way high school went. Usually in high school you'd get to the finals before having a tough match. Every match I wrestled in every tournament has been tough. I was thinking I have to keep getting in the proper position and keep doing the little things right to set myself up to win all of those matches."

So that's been the big adjustment Trombley has had to make. His competition basically is against like-minded and like-skilled competition, making life tougher on the mat. However, Trombley is still enjoying life with his newfound Division I wrestling program.

"It's been a lot of fun," Trombley said. "It's totally different but in a good way.

Everyone is doing the same workouts and the same things. Everyone is focused on the same thing. They want to win a national championship. Everyone is working just as hard as you and you know your opponents are doing the same things as well. When everyone is working as hard as you are, it seems like it's normal. It's not as hard because everyone is doing it. I love being surrounded by people who want to be successful in college, and it's a lot easier to improve. That's the one big thing I really love."

Like most wrestlers, Trombley is redshirting his freshman year, which means he wasn't technically competing for North Carolina State's wrestling program because he never competed for

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Sports Times

Injury can't keep Lund from state shooting event : TROMBLEY

■Linden sophomore nearly makes it to finals of state free-throw shooting event

By David Troppens

Blake Lund wasn't going to keep a foot injury from letting him compete in the free throw portion of the 2019 Boys Basketball Top Shooters Challenge.

Even if that meant he had to stand on one leg, literally.

Suffering from three stress fractures and six contusions in his left foot, the Linden sophomore standout prep basketball player still figured a way to compete in the competition and finish near the top of the event.

Despite competing with a protective boot on his left foot, and having his left foot propped up on a knee scooter, Lund made 70-of-75 free throws during Saturday's event coming one position away from the finals and a chance to compete in the finals at Michigan State University's Breslin Center during the boys state tournament championship games.

"I was pretty happy," Lund said. "Of course I wish I would've won it. Everyone helped me get me to where I got. My mom rebounded for me a couple of times which was fun because she's usually not at the gym with us. It was

a fun experience."

Lund qualified for the event because of his season-long free throw percentage of 85 percent. He made 21 of his last 22 free throws over his final nine games he played for the Linden Eagles. Despite the injury, he decided he wanted to compete.

"I didn't just want to opt out, so I went into the gym and practiced using a technique that I could win with," Lund said. "Two or three days later I was in the competition and ready to go."

Apparently, Lund found the technique he needed.

Lund started the event well, nailing 47 of his first 50 shots. The first round was broken into two sets of 25. Lund hit 22 of his first 25, and then nailed all 25 shots during his second set. The cut off to the second round was 44 made shots, so Lund made that plateau by three free throws.

Once in the second round, he had 25 more shots to possibly become one of the two finalists competing in front of the crowd at Breslin Center. Lund missed his first two shots, but then made his final 23.

"I missed the first two and then went perfect from there. I guess I was not as focused as I needed to be, and didn't take my time," Lund said.

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The last time Linden fans saw Blake Lund compete was against Clio during the team's 18th regular-season game. Unfortunately, he left the game with a left foot injury (above photo). However, that injury didn't keep him from competing in the free throw portion of the 2019 Boys Basketball Top Shooters Challenge (left). He missed making the final by two shots.

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Jarrett Trombley

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his team in NCAA events. Instead, he competed in open tournaments, allowing him to get experience while keeping all four seasons of his athletic eligibility.

After that first tourney, he also won his second tournament at the Averett University Cougar Open, earning two wins by fall, one my major decision and the final by an 8-1 decision.

The competition got tougher at the final four tournaments Trombley was at. He went 4-1 at the Wolfpack Wrestling Club Open tournament, losing his only match by a 7-6 decision. He also earned two decision wins, a major decision victory and a pin-fall win. Yet, the loss came in a position where he was only able to place fifth.

At the Southern Scuffle, Trombley had his toughest tournament based on record, going 2-2 in his four matches. However, at it, he faced nationally ranked Oklahoma's Dalton Fix in his third match, losing it 25-10. He placed third at the Appalachian State Open, going 3-1. Two of his wins were decisions while his final was a major decision win. In his last tournament of the season, he placed fourth at the National Collegiate Open, going 3-2.

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record. There are just too many quality mid-major teams to justify it.

What schools from Michigan made the tournament?

The two biggies made it again — Michigan and Michigan State. Both earned No. 2 seeds and will begin tournament action in Des Moines, Iowa. Both will start action on Thursday. The Spartans begin tourney action against Bradley at about 2:45 p.m. on CBS. Meanwhile, Michigan faces Montana at about 9:20 p.m. on TNT. With both being second seeds, they are heavily favored to win their opening games.

The Spartans may have a beef with their position. Despite being Big Ten regular season and tournament champs and defeating Michigan three times this season, Michigan State received what most perceive as the tougher region (the East vs. the West). It's probably true, but there's no such thing as an easy ride.

Which Michigan team will go further into the tournament?

Our guess is Michigan State. The Wolverines aren't the typical natural perimeter shooting team they traditionally are, so it does feel like they could be ripe for an early-round upset. The Spartans should go pretty deep into the tourney — at least to the Elite Eight.

Don't pick a No. 1 seed to lose in the opening round.

Yes, Virginia lost last season to the University of Maryland Baltimore County, but prior to that, the top-seeded teams were 135-0. It will happen again, and probably within the next 10 years, but predicting it is suicide to your brackets.

Where should I look for good first-round/second-round upset picks?

Parity continues to strike the NCAA tournament. Consequently, there are plenty of seeds one can look at as good upset selections. It used to be that the 5 vs. 12 match-up dominated the market when it came to great first-round upsets. It still does, earning 13 since 2010. However, other match-ups are starting to sprout more upsets as well. For example, the No. 4 vs. 13 matchup has had seven upsets since 2010 and had two last year. And maybe the most potent place to look for a double-digit seed to win in the opening round is the No. 6 vs. No. 11 seed. There have been 20 No. 11 seeds who have beaten the No. 6 seed since 2010, which actually gives the seed a winning record (20-16) since that year. The No. 11 seeds is an ideal place to find a shocker to advance to the Sweet 16 as well, with seven advancing that far since 2014.

Which No. 1 or worse seed has the best chance of being this year's Loyola (Chicago)?

Look at No. 12 Murray State. Jo Morant could become a household name during the next three weeks.

Who should I not select to win a game or make it to the Final Four?

The worst record of any team to win an NCAA tourney game is the 1991 Villanova Wildcats. They were 16-14, so any team with double-digit losses and fewer than 20 wins (Alabama and Oklahoma for example), should receive no love on your bracket.

If a team has double-digit losses, don't select them to make it to the Final Four. The 1985 Villanova squad is the only team ever to win an NCAA title with 10 or more losses.

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Mar 21/Apr 20

Your mind is receptive to innovative ideas, Aries. You may feel inspired to try out many new things in the days to come. Catalog those that make you happy.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Turn off the logical part of your mind for a little while, Taurus. Let your fantasies run wild. Trying to manage everything down to the minute can short-circuit your brain.

GEMINI

May 22/June 21

Gemini, a truckload of new ideas is coming your way. These may serve as catalysts for new hobbies, projects and even developing new friendships along the way.

CANCER

June 22/July 22

You may not be entirely sure what's holding you up this week, Cancer. But once you put your finger on it, you'll be able to work through the issues that much more readily.

LEO

July 23/Aug 23

You have carte blanche to hibernate for the week if you feel you need some alone time, Leo. But try to put your self-imposed exile to some good use around the house.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, why slip quietly into a party when you can make a grand entrance? Don't be afraid of pointing the spotlight on yourself for a change. Then enjoy the rush that comes from it.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, home is where the heart is, especially this week. Spend as much quality time as you can with loved ones in the days to come. Find a cozy spot to read and unwind as well.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, might you be so fixated on a problem that you're overlooking the simplest solutions? Take a step back and refocus. The answer might be simpler than you think.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

You are always ready to take on more, Sagittarius. This week you may have to set some limits or you may burn out. An adventure with a BFF is doable.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

It is possible to accomplish much in stressful situations, Capricorn. But sometimes you don't realize when you need to take a step back. This is the time.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

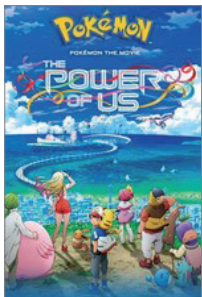
Aquarius, a long-held belief might be holding you back or preventing you from moving forward. Once you let it go, you'll feel emancipated and ready to take a step in the right direction.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, a bad mood need not dictate how you approach the day or even the week ahead. Call up a friend and beat the funk.

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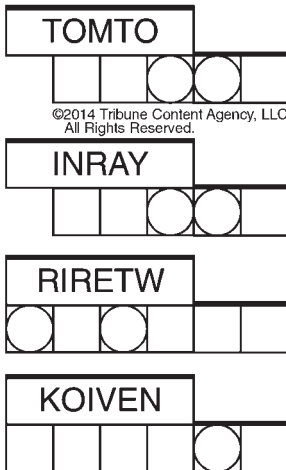
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- Greek vowel
- "— the season to be jolly"
- Improvised musically
- Pacific or Atlantic
- Presidential "no"
- Drink all at once
- Time between connecting flights
- Pitch
- Lively dance
- Spot on a domino
- Hollow pastry
- Grown-up nits
- Rewrite, maybe
- Luxury boat
- Forcible restraint
- A billion years
- Acknowledge
- Morning-after ailment
- Viral video, e.g.

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