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Dennis McKee
Consumers Energy communications director

Smart meters coming this year

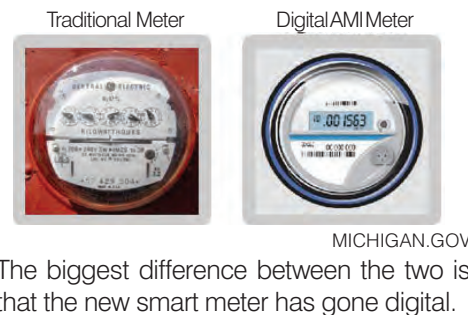
► Consumers Energy tries to calm residents' health concerns

By Yvonne Stegall
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With each passing year comes new technology — and new consumer concerns. This year, Genesee County

residents and businesses will start getting the new electric meter technology implemented in their homes. According to information from Consumers Energy, there are many benefits to this new system.

However, many residents, all over
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The biggest difference between the two is that the new smart meter has gone digital.



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Another four-story building going up in Fenton

► Apartment building destroyed by fire being replaced with bigger units

By Tim Jagielo
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Fenton — On Friday, Feb. 13, 2009, one of the biggest fires in Fenton's recent history gutted a three-story apartment building

Summary

► A three-story apartment building in Silver Lake Hills was destroyed by fire nearly six years ago. A new four-story building is going up in its place.

on Silver Lake Road near Silver Parkway.

Many stories came from the fire that destroyed one of the Silver Lake Hills apartment buildings — from the initial blaze and dramatic aerial photos, to injuries and even a missing cat found afterward.

The building was demolished that spring, and at the time, management

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Holly's model trains — showcasing a creative, complicated hobby



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Alex Welch of Grand Blanc (right) oversees switching trains from one track to another at the Detroit Model Railroad Club in Holly on Saturday. The club has approximately 70 members who enjoy a hobby that combines art, engineering and problem-solving. Go to their Detroit Model Railroad Club Facebook page for more information. The next open house weekend is Jan. 24 and 25.

Tri-county crime stats

► Area police departments mostly respond to drunk drivers, assaults, auto break-ins

By Sharon Stone
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The tri-county area, situated between Flint with a population of nearly 100,000 and Detroit with a population of nearly 690,000, has just a small portion of crime in comparison, according to stats provided by area police departments and the Michigan State Police.

Since 2010, Fenton and Linden cities have not had any homicides. Holly had one in 2012 and Argentine Township had one in 2011 and 2012. Based on the

Summary

► Area police departments share numbers of arrests. Thefts from unlocked vehicles, drunk driving, assaults and larcenies from autos top the list of criminal offenses in the Fenton, Linden and Holly areas.

“I think our OWI numbers have increased due to a renewed effort on the part of our patrol officers.”

Rick Aro, Fenton police chief

Fenton finally to vote on medical marijuana ordinance

► Outcome of Jan. 26 vote could allow grow operations in apartments

By Ryan Tackabury
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Last week's work session discussion with the Fenton City Council saw the issue to return to limbo while the long-lasting moratorium was extended once more. However, Monday's city council meeting saw the ordinance return, instead of the moratorium, at the request of city attorney Steve Schultz.

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“Here's a law of intended consequences. Steal billions of tax dollars from the citizens and give it away to people who won't work, but will vote Democratic the rest of their life. They do this under the false premise of 'helping' them.”

“Having just volunteered at Holly High School for an extended period of time, I would like to compliment Holly parents on what a fine group of kids they have raised. I can guarantee that my generation was a disaster compared to these kids. Nice job by the parents and school system.”

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OF THE WEEK**

“Loved seeing the high school kids answering the military question. Half of them stated that they would gladly serve their country in the military if necessary. Thank you young patriots.”

Free heart screenings for teens this Saturday

Through numerous Teen Health Checks done by Hurley Medical Center in Flint, dozens of students have been told to stop playing sports immediately or follow up with their physicians because potentially life-threatening conditions were detected at these free community screenings.

Since 2011, 1,248 teens have been screened and 12 were told to stop playing sports immediately. An additional 71 students were told to follow up with their physician.

These free Teen Health Checks are made possible in

“This program is saving lives, and detecting serious conditions”

Dr. Jim Weber
Hurley Medical Center

part by the Thomas Smith Foundation, created in memory of Thomas N. Smith, 17, a Flushing High School senior, who passed away in January 2011 from an undiagnosed, enlarged heart.

Smith's memory will live on by helping young athletes through these teen heart screenings. This special program offers an in-depth heart screening that includes a medical history, blood pressure check and an ECG. Echocardiograms will also be provided, if needed. The screening looks for evidence of

hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, a serious condition that can cause sudden cardiac death in young athletes as well as in students engaging in physical activity or exercise.

“Sudden cardiac death is the leading cause of death in young athletes. This program is saving lives, and detecting serious conditions. A screening only takes 30 minutes, and can offer peace of mind to students and their families, concerned about the risk of sudden cardiac death and premature hypertension,” said Dr. Jim Weber, ER Physician on staff at Hurley.

The next Free Teen Health Check will be held on Saturday, Jan. 17, at Carman Ainsworth Middle School from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 1409 W. Maple Avenue in Flint. To register your teen, call (810) 262-9260 and press option #1. For more information, go to www.Tommysheart.org.



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SAT replaces ACT in Michigan high schools

►High school juniors will take new college readiness exam beginning in 2016

By Sally Rummel

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Just when students, teachers and parents got used to preparing for the ACT college readiness exam, the state of Michigan switched gears and changed the required test to the SAT.

Beginning in 2016, all high school juniors in Michigan will take the SAT, administered by the College Board, instead of the ACT, after winning a three-year competitively bid contract with the state.

The ACT Plan and Explore component tests will end after this year, to be replaced with a new assessment system, the ACT Aspire, which covers third-grade through early high school.

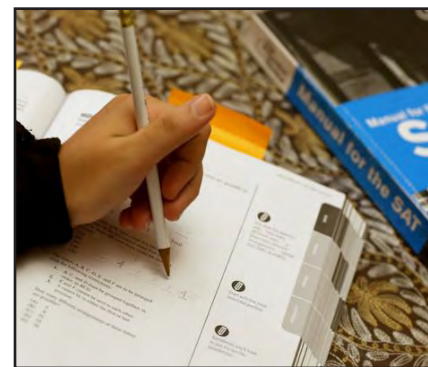
Individual school districts can decide whether to provide those at their own expense, according to Martin Ackley, spokesman for the Michigan Department of Education, who was quoted in The Times Herald in Port Huron.

Students can also take the ACT and have results submitted to colleges and universities.

“When we are all continuing to trim budgets, I can certainly understand awarding a three-year \$17.1 million contract that is \$15.4 million less than the next bidder and scored 10 percentage points higher by the Joint Evaluation Committee,” said Ed Koledo, superintendent of Linden Community Schools. “It makes sense to seek more value for our limited resources.”

The challenge for local districts is giving up the consistency of student assessment in a sea of change in education in Michigan.

“This switch to the SAT is another very significant transition we will all



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need to work through,” said Koledo.

“The version of the SAT we will use next year is reportedly being revised to align with the Common Core State Standards. Add to this the recent move away from the Smarter Balanced state

assessments we were being geared up for and I think you can begin to see the challenges districts across the state face when dealing with aligning curriculum and teaching methods to state requirements.”

Koledo's biggest concern about these changes is the speed in which they take place from the state level, leaving little time to implement effective changes in curriculum to match the new standards. “It's difficult to convey to our students

and parents that we actually do plan for educational needs long-term. Sometimes I wish the state understood the mantra, ‘Go slow to go fast.’”

Lake Fenton Community Schools Superintendent Wayne Wright admitted he was surprised by the changeover from the ACT to the SAT. “The problem I see is that most Michigan colleges and universities prefer the ACT, so our students will have to take both tests when applying to in-state schools.”

For more information on the SAT for parents and students, visit deliveringopportunity.org.

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Wayne Wright

Superintendent of Lake Fenton
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Dye Elementary fifth-grade students from Carman-Ainsworth Community Schools tour the permanent galleries at the Flint Institute of Arts (FIA) Tuesday morning. Educator Sergio Korth (left photo) and Assistant Curator of Education Michelle Dummer (right photo) engage students' imagination with different historical pieces.

Find culture and fun indoors this winter

►Free 'Art of Video Games' exhibit at FIA this Saturday

By Tim Jagielo

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Flint — Sliding the door open to the current exhibit at the Flint Institute of Arts (FIA), Assistant Curator Ashley Phifer revealed a bleeping, whirring, flashing world that is very different from most museum collections.

"The Art of Video Games" exhibit looks, sounds and feels like an arcade, which is exactly what they were going for. The music is loud enough to bleed into the FIA lobby, gleefully confusing the quiet art museum atmosphere.

The bad news is that the exhibit is ending this Sunday, Jan. 18. The good news is that the exhibit is free for everyone on



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"The Art of Video Games" will be at the FIA until Sunday.

Saturday. Phifer expects more than 1,200 to come through.

Not always respected as a legitimate art form, the Smithsonian in Washington curated this traveling exhibit covering 40 years of video games as a cultural and artistic icon. This feature might be more inclusive and interactive than most of their temporary features.

"This has much more for everybody," said Kathryn Sharbaugh, assistant director of development for the FIA. She said high school kids have enjoyed it, especially the guys. "A lot of guys, lots of dads, lots of granddads."

A family-friendly spot for indoor fun, most of the games can be played, and visitors can hear the voices of the game creators at different stations. She added that the gift

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The **Flint Institute of Arts (FIA)** has a permanent exhibit, and regular special features. You can also see \$6 movies on Saturday, and come in Wednesday for "Art á la carte," which offers free coffee, tea and free films.

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Rollhaven Skate & Fun Center in Grand Blanc Township has a full calendar of events that are easy to find online. There's also laser tag, and a multi-level "soft playground," for kids under 54 inches tall. There's open skating most days of the week and special deals for families and groups.

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FROM THE LEFT



Clarence Page

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I am not Charlie

I am not Charlie, although they have my sympathies and support.

Like other Americans of good will, I am appalled by the savage and cowardly attack that killed two police officers and 10 artists and editors at the French satirical weekly Charlie Hebdo.

I defend their right to publish even their most vulgar, over-the-top and pointlessly provocative cartoons even though, if I were their editor, I would choose images that were less offensive.

I don't think that's an insult to the memories of the weekly's staffers, since they have taken pride in their ability to 'offend everyone equally,' as its defenders like to say.

'It's a big difference between the way things are done in the United States, where often editors are trying to rein in the cartoonists,' Ted Rall, the Los Angeles Times' excellent editorial cartoonist, observed on 'PBS NewsHour.' 'There, they were encouraged to stretch and be as aggressive as possible.'

France is a country where Muslims, among others, are a poor, harassed and often maligned minority.

It pains me to see the Charlie Hebdo attacks now give more aid and comfort to France's growing nationalist movement, which routinely uses secularism and free speech to put lipstick on its xenophobia.

Although most mainstream American media are refusing to run the cartoons that have offended Muslims, any news consumer can instantly Google them up. Some of their work that I have seen is quite sharp, deft and biting in its wit. Others look like they came out some American hate group's newsletters.

As Twitter activist Dyab Abou Jahjah(cq) said in a tweet that has gone around the world in retweets, 'I am not Charlie, I am Ahmed the dead cop, a muslim. Charlie ridiculed my faith and culture and I died defending his right to do so.'

Ahmed Merabet did not set out to be a martyr. But today he symbolizes how well the melting-pot model of assimilation, that Europeans are trying in their own various ways to emulate, can still work.

I am not Ahmed, but he sounds like an excellent role model.

THE HOT LINE stating that we are ruled, not represented, by 535 fools in Washington was right on. They serve themselves, we serve them. Our only weapon is elections with genuine candidates, not politicians. God help our children.

■■■■
AMERICA CAN ONLY be destroyed from within and political correctness is doing that.

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EVERYONE SHOULD CARRY a licensed firearm? I guarantee I could come up with a lot of people the writer of Sunday's lead Hot line would not want to have a firearm. Training and background check should be mandatory along with continuing education to maintain it.

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I HAVE BEEN waiting for all the Tea Party supported representatives at the state level to write the legislation to go back to a part-time house of representatives again. Use the savings to fix the roads and improve our schools. Weren't they the small government people?

■■■■
I HOPE THE police get the scum who broke into my dad's home. Not that he had any valuables there, but the point that you broke in. Dad is upset over this and police have ideas of who did this. May you have to sit in jail where you can't break out.

■■■■
THE IDIDARUN 8-mile race last Saturday that supports Linden's cross-country teams had the best after-race food. Ten to 15 different soups, bread from CRUST Bakery and a treat of peanut butter fudge and cookies. It was well received after a cold, cold run. Thank you.

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Hot lines

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REGARDING THE PROBLEM at West Shore and Torrey Hill, why are we paying for bus drivers and diesel fuel when all these parents are driving their kids to school? Take away the busing and insist a Genesee County Sheriff be at the school to write tickets in the a.m. and p.m.

■■■■
AN UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCE of political correctness is all the people who think they are entitled to special treatment and feel insulted when they don't get enough of it.

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SO, IT'S JANUARY and still no school calendar! How many parents would it take to keep their children home on February 12 in protest to cause another \$500,000 budget deficit? Oh, and how cost effective is the IB program?

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HEY CPL HOLDERS, go to www.MCRGO.org to find out what businesses will not allow you your second amendment rights. Some are local. These I will not visit. Only the criminals have guns in these businesses.

■■■■
FOSTER CHILDS MISSED one of the biggest unintended consequences — the welfare system — where many now feel entitled to lifetime benefits.

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REGARDING THE SEWARGE spill comment. Regardless if you are private citizen, contractor or municipality, accidental sanitary sewage discharges, which does happen on construction sites, does not usually result in fines and penalties. However, the responsible party is required to clean it up, which can be costly.

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FROM THE RIGHT

Cal Thomas

Nationally syndicated

columnist

A man is known by the company he keeps

It is from an Aesop fable we get the phrase, 'A man is known by the company he keeps.'

The British and American media are carrying salacious stories about Prince Andrew keeping company with registered sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, now accused of keeping underage girls as 'sex slaves' for prominent men. The investigation is ongoing.

Buckingham Palace issued a vehement denial on Andrew's behalf.

The story might be of interest only to tabloid readers and anti-royalists were it not for reports that prior to 2005 when Epstein was arrested for receiving an erotic massage from an underage girl, '21 email and telephone contacts for former President Bill Clinton...' were found in Epstein's directory. Clinton also reportedly traveled to Epstein's Caribbean compound numerous times while Hillary was a New York senator.

DailyMail.com reports Epstein went to great lengths to stop the underage girls from speaking to the FBI.

The press says 'orgies' allegedly took place at Epstein's house, though there are no claims (yet) that Clinton participated in any of them.

Beyond the interest in the tawdry doings that reportedly included an A-list of actors, lawyers and politicians, is the impact this saga could have on a Hillary Clinton's presidential candidacy. Roberts is reported in the British press to be considering a 'tell-all' book. If it contains any verifiable facts about Bill Clinton and underage, or even of-age women, voters may be reluctant to return him to the White House in a 'first man' capacity.

Based on what we know about Clinton's behavior extending at least back to his days as governor of Arkansas and the various women who have publicly accused him of unwanted sexual advances (Paula Jones and Juanita Broadrick) or willingly having sex with him (Gennifer Flowers and most likely others) does this not describe Bill Clinton?

Aesop was right. That Bill Clinton kept company with Jeffrey Epstein only adds to what we already know about the former president, but this case, if true, will take things to a new and even lower level.

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When was the last time you got a raise?

streettalk



"I am retired now, but I got a raise 15 years ago and it was a merit raise."

— Charles Gibson
Fenton



"I am a stay-at-home mom, anything positive from my kids is a raise to me."

— Ashleigh LaJoice
Tyrone Township



"I got my Social Security raise this year."

— Nancy Menzies
Tyrone Township



"Three years ago when I worked at Home Depot, we got a performance review, if you did well you got a raise."

— Trish Sauve
Argentine Township



"Three years ago, I worked at a hospital, everyone got one."

— Dave Johnson
Argentine Township



"I got one in June 2014 because we switched to a corporate store."

— Lindsay Sensoli
Fenton

Do you want a raise in 2015?

►Provide value to your employer and you just may get what you ask for

By Sally Rummel
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Everyone thinks they are worth more money than they are currently earning in the workplace, but few people know how to actually ask for that raise and get it.

In order to provide the right motivation for agreement between the employer and the employee, a worker would be wise to ask for a raise in a cooperative manner, offering hard work in exchange for an increase in pay, according to salary.com.

That question may then turn out to be, "What do I need to do to get a raise?" rather than asking, "Can I have a raise?" This type of conversation is more interactive, rather than putting an employer on the spot. After having this conversation, an employee may want to write down the goals he or she needs to attain and the areas for improvement — providing accountability for both parties.

What can you expect as far as a raise this year? Employers in the U.S. are planning to give pay raises averaging about 3 percent in 2015, about on par with 2.9 percent raises given in 2014 and 2013, according to a survey of nearly 1,100 U.S. companies, which was reported in USA Today.

In many local companies, including The State Bank, raises are performance-based on an annual review, according to Kristy Premo, senior vice president of human resources. This year, raises at The State Bank will be an average of 3

percent, "as long as a person is meeting the expectations of their job," explained Premo. Last year's average raise was 2 ½ percent.

Raises are a formal process along with performance reviews, with hourly employees on their anniversary of employment date and with management level employees during the month of December with a pay increase effective in January.

The State Bank is proactive in researching market data in their region so they know they are offering their employees competitive wages for the work they're doing. "We pay for that information so I can look at our employees with confidence when we make these decisions," she said.

People who work at less structured businesses may have to do their homework to get a raise.

"I recommend that people ask for a raise by pointing out the value they have brought and will continue to bring to the organization," said Donna Anderson of Fenton, with more than 20 years of human resource management experience and owner of the Jazzercise franchise in Fenton. "Discuss the additional responsibilities you've taken on since the last raise, projects completed successfully and certifications or educational goals achieved."

She also advises that people check out how their current pay compares with benchmarks in their field by doing some online research. "You can Google 'pay comparisons' and check out at least three different sites," said Anderson. "If your pay is below these benchmarks, you can point that out when asking for a raise."

Another local company, The UPS Store in Fenton, offers raises for good hard work and performance, according to franchise owner Les Beare. "I treat my employees fairly and give them compensation when their performance exceeds what they're already making," he said.

HOW NOT TO ASK FOR A RAISE THIS YEAR...

"I know the timing isn't that great, but ..."

"I haven't had a raise since ..."

"I'm doing the work of three people ..."

"I've been here a year now ..."

"I've done everything I'm supposed to do ..."

"I need a raise because I'm having personal problems ..."

"I want 100 billion dollars ...!"

"I just found out so-and-so makes more than I do ..."

"If I don't get a raise, I'm outta here ..."

Source: salary.com



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A worker heads out from behind the new 3300 building of the Silver Lake Hills Apartments in Fenton for a break on Tuesday afternoon. The original building burned in 2009.

FOUR-STORY Continued from Front Page

said there were no plans to rebuild. But today, the nearly completed four-story building stands in the original apartment's space.

This new four-story building will hold 22 units, according to Cassie Sprague, community manager. The original building had 27 apartment units, with the standard one-, and two-bedroom apartments.

This new building will have only two- and three-bedroom townhomes. Sprague said there are currently no definite floor plans, but the kitchens will be upgraded with islands. There is also a wait list for interested residents. Construction began in September, and will be completed by July.

Looking back on the fire

While the only casualties were of family pets, a mother and child were seriously injured,

In the end, the apartment building fire was ruled an accident. The Fenton Fire Department determined that the fire began in the west side of the building.

Residents were relocated and a robust outreach effort assisted the affected families. That summer, the remains of the building were demolished.

At the time, apartment management said they wouldn't be rebuilding. "It will be helpful for them (residents) to not have to see the building anymore," said Renee Ewing, the manager at the time.

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Jamie Garcia Scholarship Fund will send FHS athlete to community college

By Yvonne Stegall

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Jamie Garcia, 21, of Holly lost his life on Nov. 25, 2014, when he was the victim of a hit and run accident in Rose Township. The death of this 2011 Fenton High School graduate has left behind heartbroken friends and family members.

This case remains under investigation.

Some of Garcia's friends and family are working toward making this tragedy have a more positive ending by starting the Jamie Garcia Scholarship Fund.

Catharine Cypher wrote on the Go Fund Me page she set up "We lost a friend, a brother, a son, and a teammate. However, none of these words seem to sum up just how much Jamie meant to those who knew and loved him."

Cypher, whose brother Harrison was Garcia's best friend, felt like Garcia

was part of her family and wanted to do something to share what an amazing person he was.

"This is why I would like to create a scholarship in Jamie's name that will be given to a 2015 Fenton High School graduate. The recipient will be chosen by Jamie's family and closest friends and presented by them at the Fenton High School scholarship ceremony."

She added, "Another big reason I wanted to start this scholarship is for my brother, Harrison Cypher, and those in the graduating class of 2011 who want to see Jamie's name remembered in a way that represents just how great of a person he truly was."

The recipient of this scholarship will be a student going to a community college and involved in the Fenton sports programs. For more information, or to make a donation, visit www.gofundme.com/jtvdro.



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Pictured here are Jamie Garcia (center) and younger sister Renae Garcia and his mother, Carolyn. A scholarship fund will be awarded to one Fenton graduate this year, in Jamie's name.

MARIJUANA

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"The reason I asked that this come back to the council is we have a moratorium that expired on Feb. 1," said Schultz. "I think we were entirely justified in continuing that moratorium until the law was settled. If we fail to act, fail to put some regulation in place, people could argue medical marijuana could be grown anywhere in the city."

The main concern discussed at last week's work session was the aspect of the ordinance that allowed for designated caregivers to grow medical marijuana in their own home for a patient with a medical marijuana license. This was removed from the ordinance.

With the court cases recently settled, there is no one universal ordinance that all municipalities in Michigan have adopted. Councilwoman Pat Lockwood asked if the council should feel comfortable moving forward with the ordinance while the issue seems to be changing on a daily basis.

Schultz attempted to answer this question; "The question we have to ask ourselves is on what basis should it be allowed? We think this is a good starting point for addressing that. You can always come back and address the ordinance if you find some things are working or some things are not."

With the issue of caregivers growing medical marijuana in their own home being removed from the picture, the topic of debate shifted. This time, the area of debate was if the city should allow medical marijuana to be grown in apartments. Council members' opinions clashed on what action should be taken.

Councilwoman Cheryl King was the first to speak against allowing medical marijuana cultivation in apartment buildings.

Councilman Bradley Jacob was in favor of the ordinance. "If this (ordinance) were to get more restrictive than this, I will probably vote no," said Jacob. "Personally I would rather leave that up to the owners of the apartments. They are perfectly able to restrict that themselves."

Councilman Les Bland was in favor of also leaving the option up to the landlords themselves. "We are starting to pick and choose what's a residence and what's not a residence. You have senior housing, you have condos all over town," Bland said. "If you're going to do residential, do residential, and see where it falls."

Agreeing with Bland was Councilman David McDermott. "I think we need to do it by zone. If it's residential, here are the limits. If it's commercial or industrial, here are the limits, because I think that is in the spirit of what we're trying to accomplish. We're talking about zoning issues not my personal issues on marijuana," he said. "I think we need to leave apartments up to the landlords themselves."

Mayor Sue Osborn believed that if the ordinance was passed as is, and medical marijuana cultivation was allowed in apartments, there was a possibility that it would promote illegal selling of medical marijuana.

Councilman Scott Grossmeyer disagreed. "I think we're keeping honest people honest with the ordinance. The people that are going to grow marijuana to sell it to people aren't going to do it under this ordinance. They are doing it anyway," he said.

Lockwood expressed interest in looking to see how other municipalities have handled medical marijuana ordinances regarding apartments.



Mark McCabe

67th District Court

Ask the
judge

Pregnancy and the law (Part I)

According to the National Center for Health Statistics, there were 3.93 million births in the United States in 2013.

Statistics from the United States Department of Labor show that in 2013 there were 72.7 million women in the United States labor force with the participation rate for mothers with children under 18 years of age being 69.9 percent.

The number of working women is expected to increase by 5.4 percent between 2012 and 2022.

As one can readily see, women are playing an ever increasing role in America's workforce and the number of working mothers is significant.

The law has recognized this fact and because there are obvious differences between a man and a woman, federal and state laws have been enacted to prevent discrimination based on sex.

On the federal level, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is one of a number of the laws that provides protections. On the state level, Michigan's Elliott-Larson Civil Rights Act is another.

As to pregnancy protections, until 1978 there were no specific protections.

That all changed when the United States Congress enacted the Pregnancy Discrimination Act (PDA), which made it illegal to discriminate against a woman because of pregnancy, childbirth or a medical condition related to pregnancy or childbirth.

The precise protections afforded to pregnancy have been the subject of much litigation and there have been varying interpretations of just what the law means by federal appeals courts all over the country.

The United States Supreme Court is the final authority as to such conflicts and currently there is a pending case before it which may decide an important issue as to the scope of protections of the PDA in situations where a pregnant woman requests light duty work because of doctor ordered physical restrictions and is denied. The name of the case is *Peggy Young v United Parcel Service*.

In next week's column, I will provide the details of the case, but to end today's column, I will simply report that the Federal Court of Appeals for the 4th circuit, held that UPS was within its rights under the facts of the case to refuse her request.

"I feel like I am being pushed into this without seeing what other communities have done," Osborn said.

While a motion to vote on the ordinance was made and seconded, it was superseded by a motion to table the vote until Jan. 26. The vote passed 6-1, with Jacob casting the dissenting vote, as he approved of the ordinance as it was currently drafted.

"We have talked hours on this," Bland said. "We have to make some decision on the 26th."

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CRIME STATS

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Michigan Incident Crime Reporting's (MICR) latest available figures, published in March 2014, these numbers are much lower in comparison to Flint and Detroit. According to MICR, Flint had 44 homicides in 2014 and Detroit had 313.

While offenses are fairly low in numbers, assaults and larcenies from automobiles remain constant. Nearly all larcenies from autos involve vehicles that were left unlocked. With Fenton City being home to big box stores, police are busy as they often respond to investigate retail fraud complaints called in by the stores' loss prevention employees.

As shown in the sidebar (at right), the number of operating while intoxicated (OWI) arrests has increased in Fenton. In 2013, Fenton police made 80 OWI arrests. In 2014, the police department made 127 arrests.

Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said, "I think our OWI numbers have increased due to a renewed effort on the part of our patrol officers. They understand the importance of identifying drunk drivers and taking them off our streets. I'm very happy with their efforts."

Aro added that he believes the 32-percent decrease in retail fraud is due, in part, to their policy of placing offenders in jail until their arraignment, whenever possible. "That is not typically done in other jurisdictions," he said. In 2013, Fenton police made 100 retail fraud arrests and in 2014, they made 72.

Argentine Township Police Chief Dan Allen said he was pleased that in 2014 Argentine Township was named the safest community through the publication, State of Michigan Safe Choice Security News. "They specifically noted the department's use of social media to keep our residents informed about issues of interest," said Allen.

The chief is also very pleased with their School Resource Officer program, which he said has been a huge success with the Linden school district for the past two years.

Allen said he has noticed a huge increase in cyber crimes, including false IRS messages requesting personal information to steal residents' identities and more. "The public needs to truly be aware and safeguard their personal data and not respond with any information unless the requesting entity can be positively identified as authentic and safe," Allen said.

AREA CRIME STATS

Fenton Police Department

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Homicides:	0	0	0	0	0
Assaults:	162	120	71	95	101
(includes domestics)					
B & E:	43	55	47	56	32
CSC:	10	7	11	8	6
OWI:	75	62	82	80	127
Retail fraud:	121	112	113	100	72
LFAs:	110	72	75	70	45

Linden Police Department

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Homicides:	0	0	0	0	0
Assaults:	13	17	14	15	18
B & E:	17	16	1	7	5
CSC:	1	1	3	4	2
OWI:	5	6	4	2	4
Retail fraud:	0	2	2	5	3
LFAs:	23	16	17	8	10

Fenton Township

Genesee County Sheriff's Department

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Homicides:	0	0	0	0	n/a
Assaults:	51	61	26	29	n/a
B & E:	55	35	32	23	n/a
CSC:	4	5	6	11	n/a
OWI:	29	28	13	11	n/a
Retail fraud:	0	0	0	0	n/a
LFAs:	45	33	24	6	n/a

Holly Police Department

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Homicides:	0	0	1	0	n/a
Assaults:	61	69	64	52	n/a
B & E:	28	32	22	30	n/a
CSC:	10	15	11	3	n/a
OWI:	57	24	18	27	n/a
Retail fraud:	5	7	5	4	n/a
LFAs:	37	66	32	18	n/a

Argentine Township Police Department

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Homicides:	1	1	0	0	0
Assaults:	26	57	66	21	45
B & E:	49	61	80	6	18
CSC:	5	14	17	2	6
OWI:	23	37	51	14	20
Retail fraud:	2	7	9	0	0
LFAs:	17	40	52	5	9

B & E = breaking and entering
CSC = criminal sexual conduct
OWI = operating a vehicle while intoxicated
LFA = larceny or theft from an automobile
n/a = crime stats for 2014 not available yet with Michigan Incident Crime Reporting

Free radon test kits available

►Genesee County Health Department urges residents to test homes for deadly gas

The Genesee County Health Department (GCHD) is offering free radon test kits during the month of January. The U.S. Surgeon General has issued a national health advisory on the risks of breathing radon gas in our homes.

Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. and is the leading cause among nonsmokers. Gov. Rick Snyder has proclaimed January 2015 as Radon Action Month in Michigan.

Mark Valacak, MPH, Genesee County Health Officer said, "Radon is an invisible, odorless and tasteless gas that seeps into homes from surrounding soil and rock. It has no immediate health symptoms, so residents are encouraged to get a free kit and test during the next few weeks."

Radon levels vary from house to house and by geographic locations. Elevated levels of radon have been detected in nearly every township in Genesee County. The only way to know if you have radon gas in your home is to test for it.

Test kits are available for \$6.00 each, year round, from the health department. During January, however, the kits are available at no charge. Some hardware and home improvement stores sell the do-it-yourself radon test kits.

If elevated levels are found, hom-



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For the month of January, Genesee County residents can pick up a free radon test kit.

Homeowners should contact a licensed radon mitigation contractor. Radon levels can be reduced with various ventilation techniques by trained professionals.

County residents are urged to pick up a free radon test kit from the GCHD through the month of January. Environmental Health Services is located on the second floor of the McCree South Human Services building at 630 S. Saginaw Street, downtown Flint. For more information, call (810) 257-3603, or go to www.gchd.us.

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Fenton population: 11,574
Linden population: 3,881
Holly Village population: 6,192

AS A COMPARISON:

• FLINT CITY

Pop:	99,763
Homicide	— 44
Assault	— 3,027
B & E	— 1,984
CSC	— 220
OWI	— 264
Retail fraud	— 20
LFA	— 358

• DETROIT CITY

Pop:	688,701
Homicide	— 313
Assault	— 18,779
B & E	— 12,282
CSC	— 847
OWI	— 834
Retail fraud	— 364
LFA	— 4,672

Calendar of events

Genealogy discussion and study group to meet this Thursday

The Fenton Ancestry Search Team (FAST) is a monthly genealogy study and discussion group serving genealogists at all levels in the greater Fenton area for the purpose of networking and collaboration. The next FAST workshop session is **Thursday, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m.** at the Transfiguration Lutheran Church, 14176 North Fenton Rd. This month's discussion topic is "Genealogy research at the State Archives." Bring any family research questions to the open discussion forum and feel free to bring anyone interested in genealogy.

“This has much more for everybody.”

Kathryn Sharbaugh
Assistant Director of
Development, FIA



CULTURE

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shop's items are discounted because they're at the end of the exhibit, and it's after the holidays.

The exhibit is usually free for kids 12 and under, \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors. If you're a college student, it is free through the sponsored "College Town" program.

The traveling exhibits are a small part of what the FIA offers for entertainment when the wind chill reaches zero.

There is the permanent collection, which is always free, and the art school, both of which were explored by Dye Elementary fifth-graders from Flint Township Tuesday morning.

These students split in two groups. One experienced hands-on fun with clay art at an FIA classroom, while another toured the permanent artwork at the FIA, led by educators who got their imaginations going by asking them questions about what they were looking at.

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FIA Assistant Curator Ashley Phifer stands in front of the "LevelNow" section of the games exhibit, representing the current state of video games.

CABIN FEVER

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Go to rollhaven.com for more information, or call (810) 694-4533. Location: 5315 S Saginaw Road, Flint, 48507.

There are several bowling alleys right in the tri-county area. **Fenton Lanes** is located at 3014 West Thompson Road in Fenton Township. You can reach them at (810) 629-4000. Or go online at fentonlanes.com.

Holly Lanes Bowling Center is at 2430 Grange Hall Road in Holly. Call (248) 634-1777, or go to bowlhollylanes.com.

METERS

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Michigan, are expressing concerns over possible health hazards because of the RF and EMF output. RF stands for radio-frequency energy or radiation and EMF stands for electromagnetic field radiation.

First, the new meters are AMI meters. According to Consumers Energy, an AMI meter is a new type of electric meter that sends electronic meter readings to your utility automatically, virtually eliminating the need for on-site meter reading and estimated bills. This means your electric bills will be more accurate. It will also automatically notify your utility company of an outage, helping to pinpoint exactly where the problem is and making it possible to restore your power more quickly, even when you aren't home.

In response to concerns about health from some residents, Dennis McKee, communications director at Consumers Energy, said, "Yes, one half of 1 percent of our customers seem to be persuaded by the myths and misunderstandings associated with upgraded meter technology. So, we have the Manual Meter Reading Program, which enables them to use older meter technology."

McKee said, "All of the issues raised have been investigated by the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) in report u-17000. The MPSC confirmed that the technology is safe and secure." This report is available online at Michigan.gov.

For those who do not want the meter upgrade, which will require ongoing monthly meter reads, will cost \$9.72 a month, plus a one-time fee of \$69.39. Although, it appears that some people already have the smart meters on Michigan's west side of the state they haven't noticed a change, especially if they are living the apartment life. Lower rates are noticed, but that seems to be all.

According to a press release, supplied by McKee, more than 275,000 West Michigan residents and small business owners have received upgraded meters since the summer of 2012. Their daily energy use information is sent through the cellular telephone network to Consumers Energy, enhancing billing accuracy and virtually eliminating the need for physical meter reads.

Smart meters are coming. This is the year. Nearly all of Genesee County,

including Linden, Fenton and Fenton Township are on the map to get them, as well as a stretch down into Livingston County covering Tyrone Township and a swath into Oakland County, including Holly.

Residents will be sent a postcard notifying them of the smart meters in the mail approximately 30 days before installation. Residents will also receive a letter in the mail about 14 days before installation. Lastly, on the day of installation a door hanger will be left to indicate whether your installation was successful. If it was unsuccessful, the reason will be identified on the back of your door hanger.

For more information, visit consumers-energy.com.

SMART GRID FACTS

- **It would take 375 years** of direct contact with a smart meter to equal the same amount of radio frequency exposure from a daily, 15-minute cell phone call over the course of one year.

- **Smart meters only** know how much power is being used — not specifically how it's being used — and utilities will continue to keep that data private, as they've done for decades.

- **Smart meters could** reduce the cost of power interruptions by more than 75 percent, saving the American economy more than \$150 billion a year.

- **Smart meters will** allow you to make choices that lower bills and shrink your environmental footprint with tools like information displays, facts about use and prices and set and forget home energy management, which is good for your wallet and good for the planet.

- **Smart meters can** pinpoint and fix problems, often before they happen. So if an outage does occur, power can be restored quickly, keeping businesses up and homes safe during storms and heat waves.

- **Smart meters do** emit radio frequency energy, but so does your radio, cell phone, microwave, baby monitor, and any coffee shop, library or hotel that has Wi-Fi.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE COUNTRY IS coming apart at every aspect and Obama is flying around the country telling us how great things are. He's a real nut.

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CAN ANYONE HONESTLY say that they would like everyone to carry a gun? If people think the police are too tough now, imagine how they would approach your pistol packing Grandma. A gun changes your mentality and not always for the best.

TO THE INDIVIDUAL who complained about the Porsche SUV. It's time you get a life and keep to your own business.

IT'S HARD FOR me to believe that we elected a person to be the head of our country that doesn't seem to have a lick of sense — and neither did we for voting him in.

TO THE PERSON that said you don't have to be an illegal to travel and spread disease. No, you don't, but why exacerbate the situation? Use your head.

I'M IN DIRE need of a housekeeper. The old-fashioned kind that stayed the night and they had their own room to stay in. Are there any of those left in this area? Let me know, because I could sure use your help.

YOU'VE GOTTA GIVE Obama credit for the one thing he's good at, spending our money. Now he's going to give away two years of college for free? Has he ever had a psychiatric test? He has done some of the craziest things I've seen ever, but that's how it goes with emperors.



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Up to a million visitors are expected to descend upon Cobo Arena during the 2015 North American International Auto Show, which kicks off to the public this Saturday, Jan. 17. It runs through Sunday, Jan. 25.

Auto Show opens to public on Saturday

►Largest, most prestigious auto show in North America expects to draw large crowds

By Sally Rummel

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If you love the sound of powerful engines, the excitement of the unveiling of new vehicles for 2016 and concept cars for the future, you won't want to miss the 2015 North American International Auto Show, opening this weekend to the public.

The 26th annual North American International Auto Show will be open to the public from Jan. 17-25 at Cobo Center, One Washington Blvd. in Detroit. Expect large crowds — between 850,000 and one million people are expected to visit the nine-day show, fueled by huge auto sales in 2014 and low gas prices.

Show times are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. from Saturday to Saturday, then 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 25, the final day of the show.

Ticket prices are \$13 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens 65 and older and children ages 7 to 12, Children 6 and under are free. eTickets are also available by printing a voucher from naiaas.com, and redeeming those tickets at the eTicket window located outside the Hall C entrance. A photo ID is required for

picking up tickets.

The weekend kicks off Friday night with the Charity Preview, the largest single-night fundraising event in North America. The Charity Preview expects to eclipse the \$100 million mark raised since 1976 for children's charities in southeast Michigan on Friday evening.

Fenton Township residents Rob and Laura Blanchard will be among the hundreds of guests, at special invitation by a Nissan supplier. Rob has been an engineer with Nissan for 19 years, and this is their first time to attend. "We're excited about the whole evening," said Laura.

More than 500 vehicles will be on display, representing the most innovative designs in the world, during the public hours of the show beginning this Saturday. Performance appears to be the overwhelming theme of the show, according to media reports from press preview days this week.

Some of the show's reveals include Ford's new GT concept, the new F-150 Raptor, the Shelby Mustang GT350R, the Chevrolet Bolt EV concept and the 2016 Chevrolet Volt, the Buick Avenir, the Buick Cascada, the Chevrolet Colorado and Silverado pickup trucks, among many others.

For more information before you go, visit naiaas.com



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The North American International Auto Show brings high-profile visitors, like U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow.

Police&Fire report

TIRE PUNCTURED ON CAR

On Jan. 9, a 62-year-old Fenton woman reported to Fenton police that overnight, someone punctured the tire of her 2006 Chevy Impala while it was parked in the 200 block of East Elizabeth Street. She noticed difficulty with driving and a local dealership discovered the puncture hole. Estimate of damage is \$130.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

PLEASE DON'T LEAVE your car unattended when fueling your vehicle, especially in the winter. You cannot depend on the auto shutoff to actually shut off. Please be careful.

■■■■ **MY GOLF BUDDIES** and I are having a debate. They think that one man can dream up all of the goofy things our president is doing, while I think he has to have a group of minions dreaming it up for him. There's no way one man could think up all this crazy stuff.

■■■■ **THIS IS GENERAL** Robert E. Lee speaking. My friend James Earl Ray's unemployment finally ran out. I hear he's looking for a job. Any interest, please call. Thank you.

■■■■ **I GET A** kick out of all these crooks that get up at the microphone in front of the judge with tears in their eyes apologizing for what they did and how sorry they are. Tell the truth. They aren't sorry for what they did. The only thing they are sorry about is that they got caught.

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TRIVIA COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Q Name the first college football game to be televised during prime time.

A It was the 1965 Orange Bowl. Fifth-ranked Texas defeated top-ranked Alabama 21-17 in the contest. ABC televised it.

Bronchos get by Dragons, 77-57

By David Troppens

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Swartz Creek — The Holly varsity boys basketball team is a good offensive team. But sometimes the best offense, even for a strong shooting team like Holly, can be a great defense.

That was the case Friday night at Swartz Creek High School.

Stuck in a tight 39-33 battle in the third quarter with the Dragons, Holly's defense started to force turnovers and missed Swartz Creek shots. That defensive effort

translated into a quicker tempo and easier scoring chances for the Bronchos. Before Holly knew it what was just a six-point lead became a 14-2 Bronchos' run and a 53-35 lead after three quarters. The Bronchos (4-0, 5-2) cruised from that point earning a nice 77-57 Metro League victory against the Dragons.

The run began with a breaking layup by Jake Daniels with 2:30 left in the third quarter, putting the Bronchos up 41-33. It continued with an Adam Tooley steal and a breaking layup for Joshua Simms. Later,

Holly had another breaking hoop, this one a three-pointer by Daniels, making it a 51-35 lead late in the quarter. Finally, a steal by Scott Maki set up the final Holly hoop of the quarter, coming off of Maki's dish to Daniels for a breaking layup. Daniels finished the quarter scoring 12 of his game-high 24 points in the period, including 10 of

See BRONCHOS on 12



PARKER ROWSE

The Bronchos remained a perfect 4-0 in the Metro League with Friday's win against Swartz Creek.

Photo by: Mark Bolen

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Sports

ONLINE EXCLUSIVES

► Read Tuesday's prep basketball action at www.tctimes.com.

FENTON SWIMMERS DEFEAT LAPEER

Fenton took firsts in 10 of 12 events and swept the top three positions in three freestyle events, sparking an easy 130-46 victory against Lapeer.

Zac Miceli, Austin Landis and Michael Fabatz each took part in three firsts. Miceli and Landis teamed with Justin Beemer and Brennen Henson to win the 200 freestyle relay (1:39.80), while Fabatz teamed with Noah Sizemore, Ian MacPhail-Fausey and Kyle Banner to take the top spot in the 200 medley relay (1:58.52). Fabatz also teamed with Hunter Smith, Mark Vuillemot and Banner to earn a first in the 400 freestyle (3:52.72).

Miceli won two individual events, taking the top spot in the 200 freestyle (1:55.47) and in the 100 freestyle (51.44). Other individual firsts were earned by Beemer in the 50 freestyle (25.78), Adam Kildow in diving (187.65), Landis in the 100 butterfly (59.62), Fabatz in the 100 backstroke (1:07.87) and Sizemore in the 100 breaststroke (1:14.12).

Jury working way up MMA ladder

► Fenton graduate, UFC fighter expecting big things in 2015

By David Troppens

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In the Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) world, Fenton graduate Myles Jury has the nickname "Fury."

The nickname did a great job explaining Jury's 2014 in the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC). Starting the year undefeated as a professional MMA fighter, the 5-foot-11 155-pound wrestler was given a chance to elevate his status in MMA during 2014. Although he only had two fights during the year, those victories came against MMA stars Diego Sanchez and Takanaori Gomi. The wins lifted him to No. 6 in the UFC lightweight rankings. They also set up the 2006 Fenton graduate and varsity all-state wrestler with his biggest professional MMA match of his career when Jury faced fourth-ranked Donald "Cowboy" Cerrone as the co-main event of UFC 182 on January 3. And while his eventual decision loss to Cerrone meant the



Fenton native and UFC fighter Myles Jury battles Diego Sanchez during 2014. Jury is ranked eighth in the lightweight division.

end of Jury's incredible 15-professional match win streak, Jury realizes that 2015 could be just as good for the 26-year old as 2014 was.

"2015 is going to be the best 11 months ever after the horrible January," Jury recently said. "Come December 2015,

I'll be happy I went through this adversity."

The loss to Cerrone, considered one of the all-time legends in MMA, hasn't hurt Jury's credentials at all. At 26, Jury is young when it comes to mixed martial arts. And with

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LePage hits buzzer-beater

► Helps Tigers sneak by Kearsley

By David Troppens

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The Fenton varsity boys basketball team never led in its game at Flint Kearsley High School on Friday.

At least the Tigers didn't lead until the final shot of the game. Beau LePage went coast to coast and hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to lead the Tigers to a thrilling 77-74 victory on Friday night.

There was nine seconds left when Kearsley missed two free throws in an attempt to break a 74-all tie. Fenton rebounded and called a time out. On the next play, LePage dribbled the ball down the court, went to the right corner and hit the game-winning shot. LePage finished with a game-high 31 points, including 14 in the second half.

"It was our lead of the game. It was an interesting game," Fenton coach Tim Olszewski said. "In the fourth Ross (Ebert), Dillon

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WRESTLING

► **Linden at Swartz Creek Tournament:** The Eagles went 2-3, earning wins against Troy and Frankenmuth. Luke Zimmerman and Austin McNeill went 5-0 at the meet while Patrick Kerr, Aaron Steedman and Jaylin Steedman all went 4-1. Jaylin Matney, Dawson Blank and Cade Dickson went 3-2.

► **Lake Fenton at South Lyon East Tournament:** The Blue Devils went 2-3, earning wins against Birmingham Brother Rice and Fowlerville.

Trent Hillger, Jackson Nevadomski, Devan Melick and Tristen Nevadomski had 5-0 days, while Hunter Corcoran went 4-1.

► **Fenton at Wyandotte Invitational:** The Tigers' Scott Becker (189) paced the squad by placing third in his weight class. Thomas Adams (135) took fifth, while Jacob Church (140) finished sixth.

HOCKEY

► **Metro League Griffins 2, Swartz Creek/Clio 2:** The Griffins, a co-op team involving Fenton and Linden students, got the game-tying goal from Jonah Laines off an assist from Connor Phillips in the third period. Buck Hudson scored Fenton-Linden's other goal in the second period. Manny Vomvolakis made 38 saves.

GYMNASTICS

► **Linden/Fenton/Lake Fenton gymnastics at East Lansing Invitational:** The area co-op squad placed third in the 11-team event with a score of 127.05. Blake Hutchings led the squad by taking fifth in the all-around. She placed second on vault and fourth on bars. Miranda Stephens placed third on bars.

COMPETITIVE CHEER

► **Fenton at Brighton's Best Invitational:** The Tigers placed fifth, posting an overall team score of 598.70. Fenton scored a 188.2 in round 1 and posted a 173.90 in round 2. The Tigers capped the day with a 236.6 in round 3.

BOYS BOWLING

► **Holly 15.5, Fenton 14.5:** The Bronchos (3-3) were paced by a 212-226-438 series by Matt Harrison, while Vladi Craycraft rolled a 208-195-403 series. Fenton's Alex Keith had a 184-237-421 performance, while John Cryderman scored a 202-206-408 series.

► **Flushing 24, Fenton 6:** The Tigers were paced by John Cryderman's 245-224-469 series. Drew Garrison rolled a 254-174-428 series.

► **Kearsley def. Linden:** The Eagles were paced by Russell Carney's 215-236-451 series, while Trevor Sunderla had a 213 individual game.

► **Clio def. Linden:** The Eagles were paced by Russell Carney's 198-220-427, while Logan Skinner bowled a 201 game.

► **Swartz Creek def. Holly:** Andrew Lewellen paced the Bronchos with a 224-178-402 series. Matt Harrison rolled a 206 game.

GIRLS BOWLING

► **Holly 21, Fenton 9:** The Lady Bronchos were paced by Aydney Currier's 139-188-327 two-game series, while Destiny Flood paced Fenton with a 128-142-270 series.

► **Flushing 30, Fenton 0:** The Lady Tigers were paced by Rebecca Martin's 116-121-237.

► **Kearsley def. Linden:** The Linden girls were paced by Domonique Scriptor's 127-119-246 series, while Makena Baldwin had a 134-111-245 series.

► **Clio def. Linden:** Molly Church led the Eagles with a 151-117-268 series.

► **Swartz Creek def. Holly:** Aubrey Currier led the Bronchos with a 156-235-391 series. Hannah Babon rolled a 180 game.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

► **Lake Fenton JV 49, Beecher 23:** The Blue Devils (3-0, 3-3) were paced by Renee Shaw's 12 points, while Sage Fuller scored 11. Megan Lynch chipped in 10 points.

Lady Bronchos pound Swartz Creek, 56-36

By David Troppens

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Swartz Creek — Brooke Jackman and the Holly varsity girls basketball team had one goal in mind against the Swartz Creek Dragons on Friday night. Let's let her say what it was.

"We were all ready to put a pounding on them," Jackman said. "I know that sounds terrible, but we were ready. We wanted to make sure we had a winning record and were ready for them."

The Bronchos (3-1 in the Metro and 5-4 overall) certainly were ready for Swartz Creek. Led by Jackman's 10 first-quarter points, the Bronchos took a 21-4 lead after one quarter and cruised to a 56-36 victory at Swartz Creek High School. The game wasn't even as close as that final score indicated. Holly led 54-22 entering the fourth quarter and played its reserves the entire fourth period.

Fenton took a 10-point lead at 14-4 after two Jackman free throws and then pulled it to 16-4 after Jackman hit an inside bucket. Any chance of the Dragons getting back into the contest ended when Smith converted a conventional three-point play and Jackman followed with a six-foot jump shot. The biggest Holly's lead got into the game came at 54-19 after a hoop by Paige Reid late in the third quarter.

"It felt great to know all of the girls were in on it," Jackman said. "The whole game felt great. Our coaches kept telling us to go out and have fun and that was our goal tonight — having fun, playing basketball and it worked."

Creek tried to press Holly, but the



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Holly's Kristin Hansel attacks to the basket during the Bronchos' 56-36 victory at Swartz Creek on Friday.

Dragons' effort was futile as Holly continuously broke the press and created strong scoring chances off that press. The game was effectively over at the half with Holly leading 38-12.

"Brooke Jackman got us started. She came out aggressive and attacking the basket," Holly coach David Hall said. "But all of our girls played well. They

tried to press us and we did a good job looking to attack and looking to score."

Four Holly players finished with double-digit points. Jackman led the Bronchos with 14 points and six rebounds, while Kaitlyn Smith netted 15 points, nine rebounds, six steals and four assists. Paige Reid netted 11 points, while Shayla Lipischak netted 10 points.

Lady Tigers remain perfect in Metro, defeat Kearsley

By David Troppens

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A strong start was all the Tigers needed.

Fenton (4-0, 4-2) outscored Kearsley 33-9 in the first half and cruised to a 53-32 victory on Friday night.

Sarah Cummings led the Tigers with 13 points, while Emma Evo had 11 points. Madison Shegos netted nine points. Ten players scored for Fenton. The only one that didn't score was the player who had a team-high seven assists, Maddie Carr.

"We were distributing the ball and making the extra pass," Fenton coach Becki Moore said.

Cummings also had five rebounds, three assists and two steals. Chloe Foor had six points, four assists and three steals.

Linden 56, Brandon 45

The Eagles scored 20 points in the first quarter, and were consistent offensively the entire contest, resulting in the home victory against the Blackhawks.

The only quarter Linden didn't score double-digits was the eight-point third, but the Eagles still led 38-37 entering the final period. During the final quarter, Linden netted 18 points.

Megan Kenney had a huge game for the Eagles, scoring a game-high 19 points, while grabbing 12 rebounds and collecting three blocks. Taylor Smith collected 18 points, while Sterling DeGayner had 12 points.

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(Gardner) and Alec Thomas had fouled out. But we did it and it was enjoyable.”

The Tigers (3-1, 3-2) trailed by as many as 19 in the third quarter and 15 in the fourth quarter, but were able to fight to get back into the contest, setting up the possession for the possible game-winning shot. Gardner scored 20 of his 25 points in the second half, helping team with LePage to spark the comeback.

“It happened by playing better defense and rebounding in the fourth,” Olszewski said. “At the beginning of the game we turned the ball over left and right. We were outrebounded 10-2 on the offensive glass and they were beating us to every ball. ... In the fourth quarter they attacked the bucket so well and played as a team.”

Beecher 79, Lake Fenton 57

The Blue Devils led 21-10 after one quarter, but scored only 35 points the rest of the way resulting in the loss.

Lake Fenton was outscored 22-8 in the fourth.

Tyler Browning led Lake Fenton with 14 points, while Chris Bell had 11 points and six rebounds. Jalen Miller and Jake Zielinski had 10 points each. Tony Hathaway had 10 rebounds.

JURY

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the wins against Sanchez and Gomi, he’s quickly becoming a “name” fighter himself.

“Gomi, I’ve been a fan of since I was a kid first learning about MMA,” Jury said. He was the man smashing everyone, and if he would lose, nobody was knocking him out or finishing him with punches. Fighting a legend I was a fan of was very cool, and a great experience, but being the first to (knock him out) was insane.

“(The Sanchez fight) was the most motivated and the best I’ve ever done in camp. Getting past him was cool, too, but nothing I’m living off of. Basically, I learned that being myself and doing what I do, I can beat any of the top fighters as long as I stay myself and confident.”

How it all started

Jury has always been interested in MMA and combat. Jury began wrestling in the seventh grade and started training in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu at 13 under Don Richard. He started competing in MMA amateur fights while still at Fenton High School. He capped his prep wrestling career at Fenton by taking fifth at 152 pounds at the individual state meet on March 11, 2006, and two months later was competing back on the MMA circuit.

“Don Richard at Fuse MMA

got me locally started and it has been the best thing that has ever happened to me personally and for my MMA career,” Jury said. “When Don introduced me to MMA, I was instantly hooked and knew it was what I needed to do to have a great life. I knew right then I wanted to be a UFC champion and will one day become one.”

Since 2010, Jury has lived in San Diego, training at Alliance MMA & Victory MMA. He still comes back to Michigan to train at Fuse MMA as well. He’s the master of his own Jury Jui Jitsu, which is a mix of New Era MMA with wrestling, Jiu Jitsu and striking. Jury’s 15-match win streak also included six straight in UFC competition.

“I knew I’m capable of anything I wanted, so (starting 15-0) wasn’t any surprise,” Jury said. “If anything, I’m surprised I haven’t made it further, but I haven’t even gotten started. My whole career is about me opening up and coming out of my shell and that’s what happened after this loss. So I can truly say this loss was a blessing in disguise.”

Learning from Cerrone

The Cerrone fight was different for Jury in many ways. Some of the adjustments had to do with before the actual fight.

“The media part is overwhelming and was tough to deal with because it seemed the last couple weeks before the fight,



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SUBMITTED PHOTO
Fenton graduate and UFC fighter Myles Jury pounds on Michael Johnson in a past match. Jury holds a 15-1 professional record in mixed martial arts.

UFC was having me do more media than actual training, and I don’t like that,” Jury said. “I love interacting with the fans on my social media pages, but I’m still learning how to handle all of the media side of things.”

Against Cerrone, Jury went for a takedown in the opening round but it was defended by Cerrone and he eventually got Jury in a submission position. Jury worked himself out of it and made it through the first five-minute round. In the second round, the two fighters lacked aggression, resulting in a stalemate five minutes. In the third round, Jury landed an early combination, but that’s about it. Late, Jury attempted two more takedowns, but was

unable to convert either. Cerrone won a unanimous decision.

“I’m done worrying about being perfect or doing things perfect, because to make it to the top you need to be ruthless by taking big risks to get big rewards,” Jury said. “That has been a problem that screwed me in this fight and that’s why that’s the biggest wake-up call (from the Cerrone fight).”

Jury’s next fight hasn’t been scheduled yet. He’s currently ranked eighth. Don’t be shocked if by the end of 2015, Jury either holds or has positioned himself to have a chance to earn the lightweight belt he’s dreamed about since he started competing in MMA.

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those 12 during the late third-quarter spurt.

“The difference these past two days is we stepped up our tempo and it showed tonight,” Daniels said. “I’m starting to learn if we move the ball we will get good shots, and I give all the credit to my teammates.”

Tooley finished the third quarter with just two points, but he also had three steals during the period, helping establish the faster tempo and Holly’s more direct attack to the basket.

“Our big thing is to run,” Tooley said. “We like to run teams out of the gym and we can’t do that when we are taking the ball out of the net on (opponent) makes, so we focus on defense. ... We had two great days of practice leading up to this game on defense and it just carried over.”

The contest started out more at a half-court tempo and the result was the Bronchos having troubles getting off their potent perimeter attack against Creek’s various zone defenses. Holly made just 10-of-37 shots from the field, but were able to finish the half with a 26-21 lead. The closest Creek cut the lead in the second half was to three points. It happened on a putback hoop by Heath Henry making it a 28-25 contest with 6:11 left in the third. Holly wasn’t able to shake the Dragons until Holly’s defense helped force the faster tempo.

In the fourth quarter, two Simms steals set up two more transition hoops. One saw Simms scoring on his own steal and the other came after Simms passed to Parker Rowse who then hit Maki for a layup. Holly led 57-38 with 6:59 left, effectively ending the competitive phase of the contest. Daniels had six rebounds to go with



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Holly’s Steven Redmond drives to the bucket in the Bronchos’ 77-57 victory Friday night.

his 24 points. Kyle Woodruff finished with 11 points, while Tooley had eight points, five steals and five rebounds. He also drew two charges.

“I’m the energy guy so my job is to come off the bench and bring a lot of energy, play defense and score a little,” Tooley said.

Brandon 62, Linden 49

The Eagles (0-3, 0-6) trailed at one time 19-3 in the first quarter, and had the lead cut to just one in the second half before falling.

Mike Gold led the offense with 11 points and seven rebounds, while Tyler Hoerberling also had 11 points, four assists and two steals. Johnny Campbell added 10 points, four assists and four steals, while Kevin Hoerberling had 10 points and nine rebounds.

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Christina Ann Muehl

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Christina Ann Muehl - age 57, of Linden, died January 9, 2015. Funeral Mass will



be celebrated 11 AM Saturday, January 17, 2015 at St. John the Evangelist

Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. The family will receive friends from 10 AM until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to St. John School Scholarship Fund. Christina was born August 31, 1957 in Flint, the daughter of Frank and Teresa (Brudnak) Thomas. She loved her work at St. John School, where she taught music for many years. Since her illness, she deeply missed her students and St. John School family. She is survived by her husband, Brad; children, Megan Muehl, Eric (Daniela) Muehl. Kyle (Laura) Muehl; mother, Teresa Thomas; brother, Brian Thomas; sister, Susan Thomas; aunt, Julie Hogan. She was preceded in death by her father. On-line condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharppfuneralhomes.com.



Owen J. Chapman,

Owen J. Chapman - age 25, of Cohoctah, died January 11, 2015. Services will be held 2 PM Friday, January 16, 2015 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Visitation 4-9 PM Thursday at the funeral home. www.sharppfuneralhomes.com.



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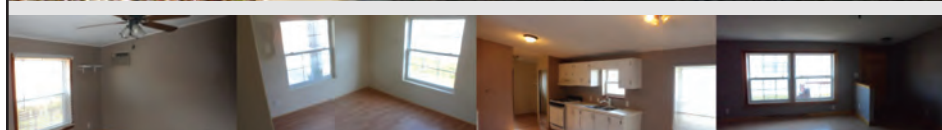
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