Warrantless cell phone searches could be possible if bill becomes law

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Legislators are considering House Bill 4006, which would give police permission to search cell phones without a search warrant. The bill was introduced in memory of an 18-year-old Kansas City resident who was raped and murdered in 2007 after being kidnapped from a store parking lot. House Bill 4006 came out of a committee on Criminal Justice. It has seen its fair share of approval, but it has not passed yet. See CELL PHONE on 9.

Into their third year, Crust makes over 3,000 paczki

‘Fat Tuesday’ tradition tied to both Mardi Gras and Lent

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Fenton — At midnight, the bakery at Crust is in full tilt, well into making the 3,000 or so paczki for later that morning. There’s powdered sugar and flour everywhere, as the PM bakery crew proofs, fries, fills and sugars the Polish-American treats.

Crust is into its third year of making paczki. Their first year they made 250, last year it was approximately 1,700. Mike Green, executive baker, said they already had 2,000 presold, between wholesale and retail. The remaining 1,000 or so were expected.

Local job openings looking up for 2015

Michigan’s unemployment numbers lowest in 13 years

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Darrin McDunnough has seen the ups and downs of Michigan’s unemployment from the vantage point of a business owner for the past 15 years, including the years of the Great Recession. As owner of McDunnough, Inc. in Fenton, he’s pleased that 2014 was a record year. See JOBS on 7.
Wolf resolution adopted

Will Michigan wolves stay on the endangered list?

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Sen. Tom Casperson, R-District 38, recently put in a resolution to request the re-removal of the wolves from the endangered species list, after a DC district court judge ruled to have them added back to the list.

Casperson said, via phone, “Since it was a federal decision, all we can do is ask for legislative action by the U.S. Congress and an appeal by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in an effort to remove the Western Great Lakes gray wolf population from the endangered and threatened species list.”

The recent relisting has made it so that even farmers trying to protect their livestock can no longer take care of problem wolves entering their property.

However, some argue that the scientific methods used by the DNR and FWS for delisting the species is questionable and the decision to re-list the wolves is not justified.

Summary

Resolution adopted by U.S. Senate to again remove Michigan wolves from the endangered species list.

The five factors of delisting a species

Species are taken off the endangered and threatened species list for a variety of reasons, including recovery, extinction, and new evidence of additional populations. Over the years, the FWS has delisted few species, because we have focused our attention and resources on saving more imperiled species.

- Is there a present or threatened destruction, modification, or curtailment of the species’ habitat or range?
- Is the species subject to overutilization for commercial, recreational, scientific, or educational purposes?
- Is disease or predation a factor?
- Are there inadequate existing regulatory mechanisms in place outside the ESA (taking into account the efforts by the States and other organizations to protect the species or habitat)?
- Are other natural or man-made factors affecting its continued existence?

If delisted due to recovery, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires that the FWS, in cooperation with the States, monitor the species for a minimum of 5 years in order to assess each species’ ability to sustain itself without the ESA’s protective measures.

Source: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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Fenton Police arrest drunk flint man for OWI, assault

At 1:45 a.m. on Feb. 10 Fenton police responded to an apartment in the 100 block of Trealout Drive to investigate a report of a fight. As police approached, they observed the suspect leaving in a vehicle. When police made contact with the driver, a 45-year-old Flint man, they detected the odor of intoxicants and arrested him. The man had an outstanding arrest warrant from Flint. A chemical breath test at the police station revealed the driver, a 45-year-old Flint man, they observed the suspect leaving in a vehicle.

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IRS phone scams continue

Lt. Jason Slater of the Fenton Police Department said the department continues to receive reports of phone scams. One of the detectives with the department even received a recorded message on their personal cell phone from someone claiming to be with the IRS. Slater cautions anyone who receives a call from an unknown person claiming to be an IRS representative. The IRS does not call people to instruct them to pay a fine immediately. Slater said people are urged not to give out any personal information and never send any money. It is a scam. Slater also urges residents who may have an elderly relative to discuss these scams with them so that they do not become a victim.
Unsolicited advice:

**AWD vs. 4X4**

Times associate editor gives his take on the differences

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If you’ve got a 4x4, now’s the time to use it. There has been a lot of snow, a lot of blustery weather and highway white-outs lately.

Another thing I’m into, is four-wheeling. My dad has a Jeep, so does my uncle and his friends. It’s part of my family, along with caring about what kind of car you drive, related to its engine and everything else. My dad worked for GM years ago, and still can’t drive a foreign vehicle... but he understood when I bought my first import — a 2001 Subaru Forester.

I know half of you won’t believe me, but for snowy driving, I would take an all-wheel drive wagon with decent tires, over a Jeep any day. And I literally do. My Subaru can beat the 30-inch tires off my Wrangler for regular snowy driving easily.

However, getting unstuck, or out of the ditch, is the Jeep’s department. But as The King says, ‘I digress.’

The terms 4X4, (four-wheel drive) and AWD (all-wheel drive) are sometimes used interchangeably, but there is actually a big difference. My Subaru is an AWD; my Wrangler is a 4X4.

One main difference in terms is whether it’s a front, or rear-wheel drive vehicle. A Jeep, Chevy pickup, or Ford Bronco, runs rear-wheel drive most of the time, and tends to be 4X4.

This means that when you switch on the 4X4, the front axle also gets power, along with the rear.

Vehicles like Subarus, Hondas, even Jeep Patriots and Compasses are front-wheel drive vehicles, based on passenger cars. Most passenger cars today are front-wheel drive. This means that there is always one, or two tires pulling the car from the front, not the back.

When the AWD system kicks on, the rear tires are now contributing to your forward momentum.

With Honda vehicles with AWD, like a CRV or Element, the rear tires will kick in if traction is lost. A Subaru always has tires pushing from the back, depending on the conditions. The ratio is usually about 80 percent of the power going to the front, and 20 percent going to the back.

With 4X4 or AWD, something called the “transfer case” sends power to wherever it thinks it’s needed.

I should note that whatever the name, there’s never really four tires spinning with power at once — 4X4 doesn’t mean power is going to all four tires in equal measure. It’s the same with AWD.

Off-roaders have to buy special equipment called “lockers” to make the tires spin with the same power. If you’ve ever gotten stuck in snow, sand or mud, you’d notice that one tire is spinning freely, while the others are irritatingly not moving.

This can happen in a Ford Escape, or Ford F150.

This is a little more “technical,” but the tire with the least resistance will always get the most power — this is so when you’re turning, the outside tire can travel faster than the inside tire, and push you through the curve in the road smoothly.

Anyways, if that happens, just carefully shove something under the spinning tire, like a floor mat, or sand.

With all the different systems out there, there are exceptions to most rules. I’m sure a Hot liner will be writing to me about how the rear-wheel drive Chevy Hummer H3 was AWD, instead of 4X4, or ‘the only reason your Subaru does better than a Wrangler is its lower center of gravity and longer wheel base.’

That’s true, but if you were wondering what the difference is between 4X4 and AWD, now you know. Now when you see a Honda Element with a big 4X4 badge you can say, ‘um, actually, that’s not a real 4X4, that’s more of an all-wheel drive system on that.’

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**TRI-COUNTY TIMES**
If your phone was lost or stolen, how would it affect you?

“I would feel lost and angry. I would want to retrace my steps and find the person who took it.”

“I would contact my service provider and change the lock on my phone.”

“I would call the police and report the theft.”

“If I had a backup of my important data, I would retrieve it from the cloud.”

“I would check my bills and account statements for any unauthorized activity.”

“I would be concerned about my personal information and credit.”

“I would change my passwords and update all my online accounts.”

“If I had a heart rate monitor or fitness tracker, I would check the history to ensure it wasn’t compromised.”

“I would download a location tracking app to help find my device.”

“I would be cautious when using public Wi-Fi and be mindful of my surroundings.”

“If I had a device with facial recognition, I would try to unlock it.”

“I would look into getting a new phone and consider insurance options.”

“I would think about the security measures I need to take going forward.”

“I would be more careful when leaving my phone unattended.”

“If I had a phone with a fingerprint scanner, I would try to unlock it with my fingerprint.”

“I would be more aware of my personal space and belongings.”

“I would be less trusting of strangers.”

“If I had a phone with a iris scanner, I would try to unlock it with my iris.”

“I would be more vigilant about my personal safety.”

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact your service provider or a professional to help you navigate this situation.
Lake groups still debating how best to remove geese

Township man pleads for petitions so lakefront property owners can decide on method

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Fenton Twp. — Once again, Dan Daniels, a resident on Lake Fenton, approached the Township Board of Trustees in regards to the geese that make their homes on the area lakes.

Daniels read a plea to the board requesting a “no” vote for their support of the goose issue. What Daniels believes is the right thing to do is for the residents to have their say with a petition.

With a petition, property owners of 70 percent of a lake’s lakefront properties would need to agree to the desired method of removing the geese, whether it is a roundup or egg and nest destruction.

What Daniels is hoping for with his plea, is that if the board does not support, before a petition is taken other methods of removal will need to be considered.

At the first meeting of March, the Lake Fenton Property Owners Association will attend to request the board support a Canada geese roundup application for Lake Fenton.

This is a controversial subject for many lakes in the Fenton area, but when it comes to safety, removing the geese seems to work for some lakes.

Two Silver Lake and Marl Lake property owners spoke out for egg and nest destruction for their lakes, including Bart Harris, the vice president of the Silver Lake and Marl Lake Association. He said, “None of us want to be cruel to the animals.” He is concerned with the e-coli levels in the lakes from the geese excrement. He said these lakes have not been closed in a while due to e-coli and residents believe it is because of the egg and nest destruction program.

Supervisor Bonnie Mathis pointed out that what works for one lake may not work for another. “The terrain on each lake is different. There are different degrees of geese for each lake,” she said. This is why the board considers each lake individually when it comes to wildlife issues.

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population control are not effective.

Because of possible fabrications by one farmer in the U.P. as to how many cattle he lost to wolves, many are arguing that the wolves are not as much of a danger as many would like us to believe. Nonetheless, there are other reports of farmers losing livestock and families losing dogs (not just hunting dogs).

In previous conversations with Bill Fritz, with the Human Society who spearheads the group Keep Michigan Wolves Protected, mention was made of a report, titled “Evaluating the scientific soundness of plans for harvesting wolves to manage depredations in Michigan.”

In this report put out in August 2013 by numerous college professors, they claim that there is no science backing the DNR and FWS’s plans for management and that even if they came up with a goal it wouldn’t work. They also express concern about the wolves changing their behaviors due to the harvesting.

As with any controversial subject, there will be pros and cons from both sides. Many against the DNR and FWS having control over the wolf population claim hunters are killing for trophies or just to kill something. The confusion they are facing is the difference between hunters/trappers and poachers. Even that aside, who really should determine the fate of the wolves? The government or the people hired specifically to monitor wildlife and natural resources.

It’s not likely this debate will be ending soon, or in an easy manner. DNR reports have shown that in 2014, there were 55 wolf attacks on livestock and dogs, which were up from 20 the previous year. Possible reasons for this include the harsh winters that may have cut down the deer population, the regular meal for the wolves of the U.P.

It has been estimated that the gray wolf count for the U.P. for 2014 is more than 630 wolves. In 2013, there were 658, and 22 of them harvested with the wolf hunt. There was no hunt in 2014.
**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

LAST WEEK, WE were involved in a serious car accident involving three vehicles. The accident was caused by a young girl driving and texting. Thank God, no one was seriously injured or killed. Parents, please tell your young kids not to text and drive.

NOWHERE TO PARK in downtown — 111 South LeRoy works. Quit building more buildings if you don’t have parking for the vacant one you already have. Put some parking meters up so my tax dollars aren’t used to build and maintain them either.

HEY, YOU GUYS forgot one of my favorite places. Krispy Chicken and Fish. They were in a small trailer on LeRoy in town, but it was the best!

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**WATER**

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Fenton Township deputy clerk/operations manager said, “We do not have a municipal water system. Except for a few developments that use a Type I community well to service multiple homes, all homes and businesses have individual private wells.”

While that’s a quick answer for one of our communities, the water in some others isn’t so cut and dry.

**Fenton City**

According to its public works page, the city of Fenton is one of the few cities within Genesee County that supplies its own water to its residents.

Cities are usually required to have regular testing of their water quality.

Fenton shares a yearly Water Quality Report on its website, as well as mailing copies of it to each postal customer within the city.

The Fenton water plant is designed to treat a maximum capacity of 4.0 million gallons per day (MGD) with the ability to expand to 5.0 MGD. They pump approximately 400 million gallons of water per year, and have four ground water wells with the capability of pumping 4.5 MGD for treatment. The plant also has two ground storage tanks that hold a total of 1.5 million gallons of water.

Fenton has five full-time employees who run the daily operations and maintenance of the water plant, and they are all licensed according to the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

As far as keeping the city’s water safe, more than 100 tests are performed each day in order to make sure the plant meets its treatment goals. It is equipped to run a state-certified bacteriological laboratory, which allows them to perform the over 1,200 bacteriological sample tests each year that are necessary for operations.

City residents billing amounts for water are based on a meter reading system. According to the city website, water is currently billed at a rate of $5.20 per thousand gallons metered. Meters are read March, June, September and December with bills being mailed out in April, July, October and January.

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**Holly Village**

According to the village of Holly website, Holly has one of the area’s most efficient and well-maintained water and sewer systems. The village has four wells connected to miles of pipes, numerous lift stations and catch basins, three water towers with a capacity of 875,000 gallons, and several booster stations.

The Holly DPW is responsible for the quality of Holly’s water. To ensure the best quality they conduct weekly, monthly, and annual samples to test lead, copper, arsenic and other requirements of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ).

Water meters in Holly Village are read the last week of each month, and due by the 25th of each month. Holly’s website has the pricing for residents available online.

**Linden City**

City Manager, Paul Zelenak said, “Our water comes from our own wells here in the city of Linden. We treat the water at our own treatment facility in the city.” Linden tests its water on a daily basis based upon specific state requirements.

Zelenak said, “The water is paid for by our residents and businesses based upon usage, and included in their quarterly utility bill.” Linden bills for water charges quarterly in January, April, July, and October, and payment is due by the 25th of the month the bill is received.
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year in sales at his industrial processing plant for recycled plastics, resulting in a record number of employees, also.

“We’ve got 35 full-time employees, plus additional contract staff,” said McDunnough. “We’re in a positive growth mode. We’re expecting to hire about 15 percent more staff, from entry-level positions to high-level management.”

That’s good news to hear in a state that has been coming out of a huge economic slump that stunted business growth in the mid to late first decade of the 2000s, and sent unemployment figures reeling to 15.2 percent in June 2009.

Today, if you’re looking for a job locally or in the state of Michigan as a whole, you might just be in luck — Michigan is now enjoying its lowest unemployment rate in the last 13 years.

Michigan gained 44,000 jobs last year and ended 2014 with an unemployment rate of 6.3 percent, the lowest it has been since 6.2 percent in November 2002, according to the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. Economists are generally predicting these increases in jobs to continue, as auto sales remain strong, gas prices low and interest rates still at historic low points.

Local businesses are also seeing increases in employment numbers and hiring.

“We’re looking for 10 additional people,” said Dave Durant of Uncle Ray’s Dairyland in Fenton. “That will bring us to about 30 employees in all during our peak season in the summer.” He’s also handling the hiring for What’s Shake’N Burger Grille in Fenton, which will peak out at about 22 employees. “Stop in at Uncle Ray’s and ask for Dave, for hiring in at both places,” said Durant. “It’s not a job, it’s a two-year commitment, because of all the training. We commit to you, too.”

One of the area’s largest employers continues to be VG’s Grocery, with two locations in Fenton.

“VG’s is always hiring, especially part-time positions and full-time as needed,” said Brian Haaraoja, vice president of fresh merchandising for SpartanNash, VG’s parent company in Grand Rapids. “We’re about 25 percent full-time and 75 percent part-time, to provide flexibility for customer service on our busiest weekend days.”

HOT LINE CONTINUED

ABE LINCOLN SAID, ‘A house divided against itself will not stand’ — exactly where our nation stands. So much for bringing us together Mr. President.

TWENTY-ONE CHRISTIANS beheld and the Obama administration can’t even say radical Muslims targeted them because of their religion. Sickening!

FOX NEWS IS the most un-American broadcasting station in the U.S. If you don’t believe that, Google the facts on current and past owners!

OBAMACARE PAIN is becoming real now. Are you saving $2,500 a year? I’m sure as heck am not, quite the opposite. Now, Democrats want to exempt themselves even more and delay the uninsured penalty. How about you live with what you created, or repeal it?

THE CHILI COOK off on Lobell Lake was a great success but no one mentioned Jeff Richardson of Richardson Meat Packing supplying a big spread of meat and food for free. Thanks Jeff! Hope you see you there next year.

BEFORE THE BILL to require high school graduates pass the citizenship tests even left committee I would insist every one of our elected officials pass that test first, in three tries, or forfeit their office. Any future candidates should pass before they can even run.

MAYBE PARENTS SHOULD start feeding their own children instead of expecting them to get free meals at schools. Who do you think pays for those free meals? Nothing is free.

New ordinance enforcement officer named

At the Fenton Township Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, a replacement for Robert Atkinson was named and voted in unanimously. Tom Hosie, currently a sergeant with the Mundy Township Police Department, will be filling the position come March. Treasurer John Tucker said it was a difficult decision picking one candidate out of the nine who applied. Supervisor Bonnie Mathis said, of Hosie, “His qualifications are unbelievable,” Hosie is filling a position in which the officer needs to be very detailed. They do a lot of work and moderating between residents.

Ice Fishing Tournament — $5,000 prize for catching tagged fish in Lake Fenton

The Fenton Moose Lodge is hosting its annual Ice Fishing Tournament, this Saturday, Feb. 21. Pre-register now at the Moose. There is a $20 entry fee. Registration and start time begins at 6 p.m. There will be a prize of $5,000 for catching the officially tagged fish (official rules apply). There will also be a prize for largest pike caught. Breakfast sandwichs are available. Bring the family to skate on the rink in front of the lodge. This event is open to the public.

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Abraham Lincoln and the importance of honesty

On February 12, 1809, Abraham Lincoln was born in Hardin County, Kentucky and on March 4, 1861, he became the 16th President of the United States. Every February 12 we celebrate the anniversary of his birth. As everyone hopefully knows, he was an incredible man and his achievements during his life on this good earth are legendary. I won’t even try to start listing or describing them here but instead would like to briefly focus on one of his several well deserved nicknames — “Honest Abe.”

The origin of this nickname comes from when Mr. Lincoln was a young man working as a general store clerk in New Salem, Illinois. The story goes that he waited on a woman who lived over two miles from the store and sold her goods totaling two dollars and six cents. That evening when he tallied his sales, he realized that she had paid him six cents too much. He said to himself this must be corrected tonight, closed the store, and walked the two plus miles to refund the overpayment to her. Thereafter he demonstrated unfailing honesty in everything he did including when he became a lawyer.

In his book ‘An Honest Calling: The Law Practice of Abraham Lincoln,’ author Mark Steiner recounts when Mr. Lincoln represented a criminal defendant who he believed to be innocent. He called as a witness a man on whose testimony the entire case would rise or fall.

The witness lied on the stand under oath and only Mr. Lincoln knew it to be a lie. In his closing argument, Mr. Lincoln said ‘Gentleman, I depended on this witness to clear my client. He has lied. I ask that no attention be paid to his testimony. Let his words be stricken out. If my case fails, I do not wish to win in this way.’

I am a great admirer of Abraham Lincoln and on the wall behind the witness stand in my Fenton courtroom is a picture of the famous statue of him, which is in the Lincoln Memorial. Every witness who sits on this witness stand has first taken an oath to tell the truth in his or her court testimony.

Let us hope that the example set by Abraham Lincoln is never forgotten.
Bigger is better

Lower gas prices create new market for pickups, vans, SUVs

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Bigger is better when it comes to hot sales numbers for SUVs and trucks during the kick-off automotive sales month of January 2015.

Lower fuel prices means that gas-thirsty vehicles aren’t so expensive to fill up, and are driving the higher sales for larger models.

Automakers sold 1.51 million new vehicles last month, according to sales tracker Autodata, 54 percent in the truck category, which includes pickups, vans and SUVs. That figure is up 13.7 percent from sales in January 2014.

Ford Motor Company reported its sales jumped 15.3 percent, mainly powered by truck sales with its new-design F-150.

According to Matt Lasco of Lasco Ford in Fenton, the 2015 F-150 is the most exciting vehicle they’ve had in a decade. “Customer feedback is incredible,” he said. “With lower gas prices, customers aren’t just heading to vehicles with the highest fuel efficiency; now they’re buying what they want to buy.”

Truck sales are very strong at Randy Wise GMC Buick in Fenton, reflecting a strong sales trend for the GMC brand nationally, which was up 28.6 percent in January.

Sales Manager Lisa Consiglio said that sales of their luxury, well-equipped brands like Sierra, Yukon and Yukon XL aren’t faltering much by gas prices. “Our customers who buy trucks are going to buy them regardless of gas prices, because they need them for work or to trailer boats,” she said. “We were one of the top dealers in our zone in January and are off to a strong February. I don’t think gas prices affect sales in this area as much as in other areas. Incentives are good right now, which is also helping sales.”

Jeep is the starring brand for Chrysler, posting its best-ever monthly sales and recording a 44-percent increase by the theory that Jeep Cherokee SUV Ram pickup was up 14 percent.

According to an article in USA Today, Chrysler has largely become a truck and SUV company, accounting for 72.5 percent of its sales.

Vic Canever Chevrolet

General Sales Manager Matt Stevens says that lower gas prices are making a big difference in truck sales. “Cheaper gas is allowing the truck to fit into more family budgets,” he said.

At LaFontaine Used Car King in Fenton, low gas prices have definitely increased the sales of late model trucks like the F-150 and Chevy Silverado. “We’re seeing a definite trend toward trucks,” said Mieka Winnie, sales associate.

Low gas prices aren’t the only reason for escalating auto sales. Buyers have also benefited from readily available credit, with average interest rates on auto loans at about 4.5 percent. Longer loan terms, now averaging more than 67 months, and a trend toward leasing is making auto sales more affordable.
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four hours. Even in that short of time, below zero temperatures can be dangerous for people and their pets. The rest were scheduled to be back on by the end of that day.

The tri-county area has also been seeing record lows in the temperatures this month. While it hasn’t gotten as cold as it did last year, those frigid temperatures came in December and January. During cold weather like this, it is important to make sure that you are prepared for what comes with below zero temperatures.

Frostbite risk

Power outages can lead to frozen water pipes and frozen people. In fact, frostbite can happen quickly. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), frostbite causes a loss of feeling and color in affected areas. It most often affects the nose, ears, cheeks, chin, fingers, or toes. It can also permanently damage the body, and in severe cases, it can lead to amputation.

The risk of frostbite is increased for people with reduced blood circulation and those who do not dress properly for extremely cold temperatures. That means it is especially important in extremely cold temperatures to wear scarves, hats and gloves, along with a winter jacket.

Frostbite isn’t just dangerous for people so it’s also important to bring your pets inside and make sure any outdoor animals have a warm place to stay. If you supply straw for warmth for outdoor animals, make sure it is somewhere where it will stay dry and that you change it out for fresh often.

Outdoor safety

News in the upper Michigan areas told those over 50 years of age to stay indoors this past weekend. That’s because the extreme cold temperatures out there can have a negative effect on the heart. It is recommended by the CDC that people avoid exertion in cold weather, for the same reason, as it puts extra strain on the heart.

While it is important to keep sidewalks and driveways cleared of drifting snow when it’s windy and fresh snow when it’s falling, it isn’t worth the risk of your life to get out there and shovel.

Preparing your home

Many people use wood stoves or fireplaces for heat when power outages happen. It’s important to make sure you have your chimney or flue cleaned out and have them inspected each year to prevent fire dangers. Make sure you are stocked up on wood when storm warnings start to be talked about on the news. Check batteries in smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors also.

Be sure that you know where your generator is stored and have it prepped and at the ready. Remember to never use an electric generator indoors, in the garage, or near the air intake of your house.

Winter survival tips

• Stock up on food that needs no cooking or refrigeration, such as bread, crackers, cereal, canned foods, and dried fruits. Remember baby food and formula if you have young children.
• Store water in clean containers, or stock up on bottled water (5 gallons per person) in case your water pipes freeze and rupture.
• Make sure to have medicines that any family member may need on hand.
• Have an alternate way to heat your home during a power failure.
• Make sure you have blankets, flashlights or a battery-powered lantern, a battery-powered radio, a battery-powered clock or watch, extra batteries, a non-electric can opener, matches, a snow shovel, rock salt, and any other special needs items (diapers, hearing aid batteries, medications, etc.)
• Also have a multipurpose, dry-chemical fire extinguisher and a first aid kit and instruction manual.

Source: CDC

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of time in the legislature, originally introduced in April of 2013.
If passed, the bill would:
• Require a wireless carrier to provide location information on a wireless device to a law enforcement officer upon request in certain emergency conditions.
• Provide civil and criminal immunity to a wireless carrier that responds to the request for device location information.
• Make it a misdemeanor offense for a law enforcement officer to use the new act to obtain device location information for personal use or gain.

Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said, “If passed this bill would, in my opinion, provide a means in which law enforcement could obtain critical information, in a timely manner, that could potentially save a life.”

Aro added that the current process is difficult and varies from wireless carrier to carrier.

Some people may worry about an invasion of privacy, when it comes to warrantless cell phone searches, but Chief Aro said, “There are penalties built into the law for anyone using the information inappropriately.” He also pointed out that there are also exemptions to the Fourth Amendment, which allows for a search in an emergency or under exigent circumstances which would apply to the “search” of the phone.

“So, no, I don’t think this is an invasion of privacy because it could only be used in dire circumstances,” he said.

This bill dates back to 2007. In the case of Kelsey Smith, authorities waited four days for a warrant to compel Kelsey Smith’s wireless provider to disclose her last known address after she had been abducted from a Target parking lot in suburban Kansas City, Kansas, in 2007. Within an hour of receiving the information, authorities located her body. She had been raped and murdered. If they had have been able to get that information sooner, there’s no way of knowing for sure, but they may have been able to save her life.

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Pole barn fire extinguished quickly

The Linden Fire Department responded to a pole barn fire at a home in the 4400 block of Silver Lake Road near Ripley Road in Linden just before 10 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 16. The Fenton Fire Department responded through mutual aid. There were reportedly tractors inside the pole barn. The fire was quickly contained.
Paczki
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to go fast Tuesday morning.

“Last year we sold out by 9:30,” said Green. While it only takes a couple minutes to fry the dough, “It’s kind of a long process,” said Green, adding that they only do it once per year.

The process started Thursday with handmade dough and fillings, which included prune, rosehip, lemon, cream, raspberry and apricot. Early Tuesday morning, the prune filling was too thick for the automatic injectors, so PM bakers Rachel Wurn and Jen Schaefer had to do each by hand.

Paczki are obviously very similar to a regular doughnut, but contains more sugar, butter, and some special fillings specific to the Polish tradition. Originally, things like lard and butter filled paczki in order to empty the cupboards of fatty items before Lent. As far as the history of this food goes, “Really, it doesn’t go too far from Michigan,” said Green.

Later that morning, Don Reinholm plays his accordion in the corner of the retail area of Crust, greeting customers with a smile, nod and a traditional Polish song.

The day before Ash Wednesday, the fatty, sugary treat will be consumed by millions of people. One paczek (singular for paczki) is upward of 450 calories with 15 grams of fat. But if you’re one of the thousands of Catholics in the area preparing for Lent, which begins today, you probably don’t feel too badly.

On Tuesday, many places had paczki for sale. If not Crust, then any VG’s location, and of course in Holly, it’s all about paczki until Tuesday night.

At Holly Donuts, they’re also very busy in paczki production mode, their whole effort devoted to the annual onslaught of powdered sugar and multiple fillings. Pre-folded boxes will tower above the counters and cash registers as workers bake at odd hours to get ready.

Owner Juanita Jaeger said she has eight flavors, including the new chocolate filling. Her best sellers are custard, apple and raspberry fillings.

Presidents Day may have cooled off sales, but Tuesday it turned around for her. “The phone’s been ringing off the hook, we’re gonna be hit tomorrow I think,” she said on Monday afternoon.

An added challenge presented by the extreme cold lately, is the risk of paczki freezing in the coolers. They’ve had to put them all over to keep them at a normal cool temperature.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE GOVERNOR IS requesting money to pay for roads that you drive on. Are you going to let him drive your ’63 navy blue Corvette Coupe if he buys it for you?

I TOO WOULD like to see the TV listings in your paper and I am sure a lot of other people would also.

FRONT PAGE OF my liberal southern newspaper shows a photo of Obama with his mouth open. Under it says it gives him the power to conduct the air strikes. He couldn’t conduct an orchestra.

THE HOUSE BILL 4078, they can spend $24 million on state land for recreational projects but they have to tax the living heck out of us for our roads. What’s the problem with this?

WITH OBAMA IN charge, I hope UFOs are on our side. We need all the help we can get.

DOES ANYBODY KNOW where singles age 55-65 could meet each other? There is no singles group in the Fenton area and none of the churches have a group for that age. Looking for suggestions.

LAKE FENTON RESIDENTS, how much recycling do you do? Would you do more if you had a bigger container? Contact your township and let them know you want to recycle more.

OBAMA HAS PUT a great number of women in positions of authority throughout the government. It’s because he feels superior to women in every way. He doesn’t appoint men very often because he’s inferior to them.
Broncos win Metro title

Holly captures title outright in 69-39 win against Swartz Creek

By David Troppens
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Holly — Nothing particularly spectacular happened during the Holly varsity boys basketball game against the Swartz Creek Dragons on Friday night at Holly High School’s Horseshoe. It’s what happened after the final buzzer sounds that proved pretty spectacular.

As expected, the Holly Broncos easily defeated the Dragons, doing so by a 69-39 score. However, once the game was over, the Broncos spent time taking photos and cutting down nets. After all, they had just clinched their second straight outright Metro League championship.

Every Holly player physically able to play did so as the Broncos cruised to the easy victory, giving them the title with still two Metro League contests remaining. The title probably meant a little more to Morgan Baylis, Parker Rowse and Isaac Casillas. All three players are four-year varsity.

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Holly’s Ian Hodges (left) attempts a shot against Swartz Creek’s Ashton Mathis in the Broncos’ 69-39 victory Friday night.

“Pff, this is way easier,” he said.

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Our volleyball group will be hosting our sixth-annual Winter Olympic games. For the most part, minus the usual stuff you see on TV. Our events never consist of the usual stuff you see on TV. Instead they usually include the usual stuff you see on TV.
**Wounded Bronchos edge Dragons**

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Holly — It seemed the Holly varsity girls basketball team had more injured players on their bench than healthy players. And when the Lady Bronchos were down 22-11 at halftime, the prognosis for a comeback didn’t look very promising.

But led by their junior leader Kaitlyn Smith and the Bronchos’ strong second-half defense, a comeback, nevertheless happened.

Smith scored 18 of her game-high 23 points in the second half and the Bronchos held Swartz Creek to just six second-half points, including none in the fourth quarter to earn a pretty impressive 36-28 come-from-behind victory Friday at Holly High School.

The Bronchos were playing without Jenna Pepper, Shayla Lipischak and Brooke Jackman who are all out with injuries.

“It was really tough with all three of them out, but we knew we had to step it up, adjust how we are playing and adjust with our new starters,” said Smith, who also finished with nine rebounds, four steals, three assists and two blocks. “We knew we are out for a battle and no team is going to feel sorry for us. We just had to play to the best of our ability and we played our hearts out.”

“We were down by 11 at the end of the first half and it was all these little things,” sophomore Paige Reid said. “Coach (D avid) Hall and (assistant) coach (Casey) Lombard always tell us the little things are going to help us win games or be in games. Once the second half started, we came out with more intensity, played better defense and got back to those little things.

One of those little things was defensive rebounding. The Bronchos allowed just two harmless offensive boards in the second half. Rebounding has been an off-and-on problem for Holly (8-4, 10-8) all season long. The other key change was how strong the defense was. Holly forced Swartz Creek to seven turnovers during the Dragons’ first eight possessions of the second half, setting the tone for the defense. Still, Holly trailed 28-20 entering the fourth quarter. But then the defense just got better, not allowing a single Swartz Creek point in the final eight minutes.

Meanwhile, the Bronchos, incredibly scored during nine of their 10 possessions in the final period. The go-ahead bucket came when Madison Brack lost her balance, fell to the ground but was still able to dish an assist on a Smith three-pointer with 5:13 left in the game. Holly led 29-28. Swartz Creek failed to score on its next possession, and the Bronchos effectively knocked two minutes off the clock on their next possession, shortening the contest. During the possession, Smith hit a free throw, raising the gap to 30-28. Smith went on to hit at least one free throw for three straight possessions, eventually raising the Holly lead to 33-28 with 1:25 left.

After Smith, Reid finished with 10 points.

“You saw some kids who haven’t been able to get enough time during the season step up and play well,” Holly coach Dav id Hall said. “It says a lot about our kids as far as their mental make up. … Nobody is going to feel sorry for us. They have to go out and play.”

**Tri-county area qualifies 11 wrestlers to regionals at Goodrich**

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Eleven tri-county area wrestlers advanced through individual district action at Goodrich High School on Saturday.

One was an individual champion.

Linden’s Austin McNeil (215) improved to 42-2 for the season, capturing his weight class title. He defeated Marysville’s Andrew Kenyon by pinfall at 1:31 in the title match. McNeil also won his first two matches by pinfall.

The Linden Eagles were the area’s biggest beneficiary at the meet, earning seven placings at the meet.

Two others made it to the title match, but lost. Patrick Kerr (140) made it to the title bout before losing to Marysville’s Austin Thompson by technical fall, 16-1. Kerr is 40-6 this season. Meanwhile, Bryce Davis (145) also advanced, by taking second. Davis (10-5 record) lost a tight 3-2 decision to Inland City’s Kyle Herr in the title match.

Linden had four other wrestlers compete in the third-place match. Luke Zimmerman (112, 41-4) won his bout as did Aaron Steedman (171, 32-14) to capture third. Meanwhile, Dawson Blank (135, 30-14), and Cade Dickson (160, 32-15) had to settle for fourth.

Holly had three wrestlers advance out of the district and one made it to the finals. Trever Hatfield (130), advanced to the finals before losing to Goodrich’s Nate Ellis by a 5-0 decision in the title match, settling for second place. Hatfield is 31-6.

Jimmy Gray (189, 30-7) placed third, defeating Fenton’s Scott Becker in what was the only title or consolation final bout facing two area wrestlers. Gray won by pinfall in 3:49. Carsen Cuthbert (112, 28-9) also advanced by placing fourth.

Becker was Fenton’s sole regional qualifier, placing fourth.

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**Fenton boys edge Kearsley in overtime**

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The Fenton varsity boys basketball team always seems to have great battles with Kearsley.

The Tigers had another one on Friday night.

Chris Gilbert hit his only bucket of the contest to force overtime and Beau LePage hit 8-of-8 free throws in the extra session, leading the Tigers to a thrilling 83-80 overtime victory at home against the Hornets.

“It was a thriller,” Fenton coach Tim Olszewski said. “We have a knack of playing Kearsley like this. … It’s unbelievable how many times it comes down to the wire like this (against Kearsley).”

Fenton led most of the game and usually led by about eight to 12 points during the second half. However, the Hornets made a run in the fourth and actually took a three-point lead with 16 seconds to go. Fenton used a time out.

Chris had not played in the game at all but we ran a play where he was one of the stars.

See FENTON on 15
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The Fenton varsity boys swim team assured itself of having at least four state participants this year on Saturday.

The squad earned two state-qualifying times at the annual Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association Meet (MISCA) on Saturday.

The 400 freestyle relay team of Zac Miceli, Michael Fabatz, Kyle Banner and Austin Landis assured the Tigers will have at least four participants by posting a state-qualifying time of 3:26.0 at the event. They qualified by 0.9 seconds, placing 21st at the meet.

Landis also proved he’s among the top 100 backstroke performers in the state at the event. He placed 13th at the meet, earning a state-qualifying time of 55.76 seconds. He also took 44th in the 100 freestyle with a time of 50.45 seconds, less than a second off the state cut.

Miceli was less than a second off the state-meet qualifying time in two events, but it didn’t matter since he’s qualified for both already. He placed 44th in the 200 individual medley (2:07.51) and 51st in the 100 butterfly (57.00).

The Tigers had another relay compete. The 200 medley relay team of Landis, Noah Sizemore, Fabatz and Miceli placed 46th in 1:48.53.

Eagles post two state times at MISCA

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The Linden Eagles have come so close to earning a victory during the Flint Metro League boys basketball season, but still haven’t gotten their first one.

On Friday the Eagles lost an agonizingly close 59-57 overtime verdict to the Brandon Blackhawks.

Brandon’s Jordan Tysick tied the game with 1.8 seconds left in regulation and David Baldwin hit a key three-pointer putting Brandon up 56-52 in overtime, earning the Blackhawks the victory.

Linden led 17-7 after one quarter, but Brandon cut the gap to 28-24 by the half. The game remained close the rest of the way. In the extra session, Tyler Hoeberling had a shot at the buzzer to win it, but the shot rang out of the bucket.

Linden netted 11 three-pointers. Kevin Hoeberling made three and scored a team-high 14 points. Logan Steiert scored all 12 of his points behind the three-point arc. Mike Gold had 11 points and a team-high 12 rebounds. Tyler Hoeberling had eight points, while Jake Zorn and Kyle Korman had six points each. Korman also had eight rebounds.

Gymnastics

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itself LFLF for Linden, Fenton and Lake Fenton, has blown that old record out of the water. LFLF defeated Fowlerville on Friday with a team score of 139.425.

And as the season has continued, every individual on the team has qualified for regionals. Indeed it’s been an outstanding first year already.

“I didn’t expect us to do this well,” gymnast Miranda Stephens said. “It’s cool because I didn’t think we were planning on making it to regionals. I think I thought we had a chance to (qualify) but I didn’t think we’d be (qualified) halfway through the season.

“We are gradually getting better. I feel we are getting more confidence as we go through the competitions because we are getting used to high school competition.”

“I feel like we’ve improved every meet,” competitor Blake Hutchings said. “It’s pretty new to us. The older teams that have been around longer are pretty good, but I feel like we are catching up to them.

“Some of our goals included placing third at our first invitational, and we actually placed second. We’ve been accomplishing our goals.”

“We’ve had a lot of fun,” Holden said. “In a sense it’s been easier than teaching the younger kids because I’ve been teaching these girls all the way up (for years).”

The team is starting to realize that even higher goals may be possible.

Initially the squad wanted to qualify for regionals. When Holden saw where the team stands in the region, she started realizing the squad has an outside shot at qualifying for the state meet as a team.

The top three teams at regionals qualify for the state meet.

“If we work hard enough, I think we will be able to make it,” Stephens said. “We’ve been doing pretty good this season. I think that would be pretty cool.”

“It would be exciting since we are a first-year team,” Hutchings said.

“I didn’t think it would be possible (at the start of the year), but I think it’s possible now.”
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members.
“Because it’s fulfilling a vision,” said Baylis. “When we were freshmen coming into this, we had one vision. We knew by the time we were the men on the team, we were not going to lose the Metro League. We worked way too hard for that. This started when we were younger, and now we are reaping what we sow. It’s amazing to share it with these guys. All these guys are not just great basketball players, but they are amazing people. I’ll remember them the rest of my life. I’ll remember this the rest of my life.”
“It means a lot,” Rowe said.
“It’s not just us, but the community. They are the best fans, best student body and the best community. This is special to every single person who is a part of the Holly basketball program. It’s pretty great.”
The Bronchos’ performance was pretty great as well on Friday. Led by eight quick points by Jake Daniels, the Bronchos exploded to a 13-0 lead in the first three minutes of the contest. It was an Adam Tooly three-pointer that capped the run, making it 13-0. From there, Swartz Creek never cut the Holly lead into single-digits. Holly led 23-11 after one quarter and progressively saw the lead grow.
Ian Hodges scored 10 second-quarter points, helping give Holly a 41-24 halftime lead. In the third quarter, six different players scored and Holly led 55-33 entering the fourth. In the final period, the bench played and six players scored in that eight minutes as well. The Dragons never had a chance as they scored just 15 second-half points. The game that clinched the outright title ended up being a team effort.
“This is not a team. This is a brotherhood,” Baylis said.
“I’ll put my life on the line for any of these guys, any single day. This goes way past being a team. Teams don’t talk to each other after they stop playing games. Brothers stay brothers for their lives. And that’s what I have with every one of these players as a captain, as a friend and as a teammate. There’s nothing like it. It’s like nothing I’ve ever experienced before.”
Daniel was his usual brilliant self, scoring 14 of his game-high 22 points in the first quarter. Daniels also moved to No. 9 on Holly’s all-time scoring list despite playing less than two seasons at Holly. Daniels chipped in three rebounds and two steals. Hodges had 14 points, while Josh Simms netted eight points and three rebounds. Parker Rowe had seven rebounds and four assists, while Tri-COUNTY TIMES | SCOTT SCHUPFACH
Holly’s Morgan Baylis dribbles with the ball during Friday’s 69-39 victory against Swartz Creek. Baylis is one of three four-year seniors on this season’s varsity squad.
Baylis finished with four rebounds, two steals and two assists. Twelve Bronchos scored. This is a great group of guys, everyone can play,” Holly coach Lance Baylis said.
“We got everyone in the game and it was really nice.”

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the options if the first one wasn’t there,” Olszewski said. “(Austin) Bossenberger found him in the corner and he hit the shot to put it in overtime with 3.2 seconds left. I was happy very for Chris.”
In the OT the Tigers (9-3, 10-5) took a lead, but Kearsley fouled down the stretch. It didn’t matter because the Tigers made all 10 free throws attempted during the extra session. In fact, the Tigers made a strong 35-of-41 free throws for the contest.
Many players had strong performances. Lee Page had 21 points. Clay Thomas each had 17 points. LePage also had 10 rebounds, while Thomas had six boards. Ross Ebert had 16 points and 11 rebounds, while Dillon Gardner had 15 points and a team-best 10 assists. Bossenberger chipped in eight points and Nick Wyrick added two points, a steal and took a charge in limited playing time.
The Tigers also proved they could finish off a game in overtime.
“We took care of the basketball and hit the free throws to finish it off,” Olszewski said. “Good teams will do that. I’m very happy with them.”

Girls Basketball
Fenton 57, Kearsley 31
Finally, the Fenton varsity girls basketball team had a more relaxing game.
After playing in a slew of overtime contests in recent weeks, the Tigers outscored Kearsley 20-5 in the third quarter to set up a 57-31 Metro League victory Friday night at home.
Fenton (9-3, 9-7) gradually allowed the lead to grow. The Tigers led 12-8 after one quarter and raised it to 29-14 by halftime. Any chance of a Hornet comeback ended

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upped his season record to 51-0 by earning three victories on Saturday. He earned two pinfall wins in his first two bouts and then defeated Birch Run’s George Lahar 4-0 in the district title match.
His teammate, Tristan Nevadomski (160) also is having a fine season. He improved to 42-4 and defeated Birch Run’s Logan Bovee by a 7-6 decision in the title match. Nevadomski had two pinfall wins in his first two matches.
Two other Blue Devils made it to the finals, but had to settle for second place. Hunter Corcoran (119) earned a spot in the finals, but lost to Birch Run’s Mason Breece in the finals by pinfall in 5:17. Corcoran holds a 41-6 record this season. Meanwhile, Devon Melick (125) also advanced to his title match before losing to Birch Run’s Jerry Fenner by an 8-2 decision. Melick is 41-10.
Three Blue Devils finished in third. They were Ryan Franks (171, 27-23), A.J. Geyer (103, 24-13) and Jackson Nevadomski (130, 41-12). The final placer was Saben Spangler (125, 7-9) who placed fourth.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Supervisor and assessing officer of the township
has reported to the Township Board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk
for public examination a revised special assessment roll prepared by her covering
all properties within the Latourette Drive Road Improvement Special Assessment
District benefited by the road improvement project. Said assessment roll has been
prepared for the purpose of assessing the final actual costs of the asphalt surfacing
and resurfacing of Latourette Drive and work incidental thereto within the aforesaid
assessment district as more particularly shown on the plans on file with the Town-
ship Clerk at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan within the township,
which assessment is in the total amount of $44,389.04.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the assessing officer has further reported
that the assessment against each parcel of land within said district is such relative
portion of the whole sum levied against all parcels of land in said district as the
benefit to such parcels bears to the total benefit to all parcels of land in said district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet at the Fenton
Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan on
Monday March 2, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing said revised special
assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. Said roll may be examined at
the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business
days until the time of said hearing and may further be examined at said hearing.
Appearance and protest at the hearing held to confirm the special assessment roll
is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the state tax
tribunal.

An owner, or party in interest, or his or her agent may appear in person at the hearing
to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance
or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. [The owner or
any person having an interest in the real property who protests in person or in writing at
the hearing may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the state tax tribunal
within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.]

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FEBRUARY 21: NOON-9PM
FEBRUARY 22: NOON-6PM
**HOROSCOPES**

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) All that flattery and fawning shouldn’t affect any decision you have to make. Keep your focus on the facts and ignore all the hyperbole, especially if it gets uncomfortably personal.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Your Bovine instincts are on the mark about that “favor” you’re being asked to do. Agree to nothing unless you get a full explanation — which you would check out first, of course.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A somewhat unsettled recent period should give way to a smoother time going through the week. Use this quieter time to catch up on matters you might have had to let slide.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Feeling a little confused is understandable with all those mixed messages. Take time to list the questions you have. Then present them and insist on answers that make sense.

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22) Cupid can be very helpful for Lions seeking a love connection. The chubby cherub also brings warm and fuzzy feelings to paired Leos and Leonas who already share a special love line.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Travel is favored this week, whether you’ll be globe-trotting or taking a trip to a nearby getaway. You might be surprised (or maybe not) by who wants to be your traveling companion.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Getting advice on your next business-related move is a good idea, but only if your advisers are trustworthy. Get references that you can check out before you make any decisions.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Getting a boost in your self-esteem is one benefit that comes with a job well done. There are other pluses as well, including being noticed by all the right people. Good luck.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Make time to deal with family matters, especially where they concern your elderly kinfolk. Being there for them from the start can help resolve problems sooner rather than later.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Getting a project started can often be difficult. But the good news is that you won’t want for lack of assistance from colleagues who would like to work with you. So, let them!

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) A lot of work-related issues might be raised this week, and you need to be prepared for whatever comes along. Things should be easier when it comes to matters in your private life.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to March 20) What might appear to be a very much unwanted change in your life right now could turn out to be a very welcome event after all. Give yourself a chance to see where it might take you.

**WEDNESDAY JUMBLE**

Unscramble these four jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

- YOWND
- RYMEE
- DERVON
- TRULSY

Answer here: ________________________

Do you swear to tell the truth? Yes, sir.

**WEDNESDAY SUDOKU**

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

Answer in this Sunday’s edition of the Tri-County Times.

**DVD RELEASES**

**DUMB AND DUMPER TO**

Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels reprise their signature roles as Lloyd and Harry in the sequel to the smash hit that took the physical comedy and kicked it in the nuts: Dumb and Dumber To. The original film’s directors, Peter and Bobby Farrelly, take Lloyd and Harry on a road trip to find a child Harry never knew he had and the responsibility neither should ever, ever be given. The Farrelly brothers produce Dumb and Dumber To alongside Riza Aziz and Joey McFarland of Red Granite Pictures.

PG-13, 1 hr. 49 min

**THE INTERVIEW**

In the action-comedy The Interview, Dave Skylark (James Franco) and his producer Aaron Rapoport (Seth Rogen) run the popular celebrity tabloid TV show “Skylark Tonight.” When they discover that North Korean dictator Kim Jong-un is a fan of the show, they land an interview with him in an attempt to legitimize themselves as journalists. As Dave and Aaron prepare to travel to Pyongyang, their plans change when the CIA recruits them, perhaps the two least-qualified men imaginable, to assassinate Kim Jong-un.

R, 1 hr. 52 min

42% liked it

(Audience score on rottentomatoes.com)

52% liked it

(Audience score on rottentomatoes.com)

**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

**ACROSS**

1 — de deus
4 Rotating part
7 St. Louis landmark
8 Sorcerer
10 Durable wood
11 Obliterated
13 Jake and Elwood
16 Foundation
17 Kin of linen
18 Also
19 Accomplishment
20 Fragment
21 Scrub, as a space mission
23 Old-hat
25 Pitcher type
26 Taverns
27 Petrol
28 Wails like a banshee
30 School org.
33 Golf course maintenance crew
36 Concert
37 Canonical hour
38 Small plateaus
39 Rooster
40 Bashful
41 Before

**DOWN**

1 Exultant
2 Teen’s complexion woé
3 Unscrupulous lawyer
4 Yuletide rendition
5 Playing marble
6 Dog-sledging “giddyap”
7 Competent
8 Deserve
9 Boil
10 Recede
11 R2-D2, e.g.
12 Lake vessel
15 Brie
16 Supporting
17 Dime
18 Dol. fractions
21 Prize
22 Suit, old-style
23 Sand formation
24 Lack
25 Ovum
26 Chinese dogs, for short
28 Deli turnover
29 English homework, often
30 Pound pieces
31 “Star —”
32 Fool
34 Prior nights
35 Indigent

Answer in this Sunday’s edition of the Tri-County Times.
3-DAY FUEL SAVINGS!
Thursday, Feb. 19 through Saturday, Feb. 21

When you spend $75* or more on Groceries in one transaction with

*Limit 1 offer per transaction with yes card. Fuel discounts are limited to a $75 purchase. See store for details. See back page for your participating fuel station.

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Coca-Cola Products

12 pk., 12 oz. cans or 8 pk., 12 oz. btl.s. (plus deposit)

4/$11

Cottonelle Clean Care Bath Tissue

12 ct. double roll

$499

Healthy Choice Frozen Entrees

(8.5 - 12 oz.) or Marie Callender’s Frozen Entrees

(5.8 - 19 oz.)

188

Shredded Cheese

(6 - 8 oz.) or Cubed Colby Jack (8 oz.)

3/$5

Chobani Yogurt Flips, Oats or Fruit on Bottom; or Müller Greek Corners or Ice Cream Inspired

5.3 oz.

10/10

Ground Fresh Throughout the Day

85% Lean Ground Beef

VALUE PACK

$4.49 lb.

Red, Orange or Yellow Sweet Bell Peppers each

10/$10

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