More details emerge regarding deaths of local family

Family members found in various rooms of the home

By Hannah Ball
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Flint — The Genesee County Sheriff’s Office released more details about the family of six found dead in their home early Sunday.

The parents and four children died as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning between Friday night and Saturday morning.

At a press conference Monday morning, Genesee County Sheriff Robert Pickell said the Quasarano family returned home Friday from a family movie night at Faith Baptist Church in Linden. The family discovered they didn’t have power because of extremely low temperatures.

The bodies of Leonard and Heather Quasarano and their four children, Luke, 11, Brenden, 9, Rachel, 7, and Grant, 23 months, were discovered in the family home on Sunday.

Pastor Daniel Patz of Faith Baptist describes church’s reaction to deaths of family

By Sally Rummel
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“We surely are at a loss,” said Daniel Patz, senior pastor at Faith Baptist Church in Linden, where members of the Len and Heather Quasarano family were active members.

Heather, 39, Leonard (Len), 35, and their children Luke, 11, Brenden, 9, Rachel, 7, and Grant, 23 months, were discovered in their Fenton Township home on Sunday, apparent victims of fatal carbon monoxide poisoning.

“They were a wonderful family,” said Patz. “They lived their lives with deep faith in Jesus Christ in everything they did. They were at the church Friday night for family movie night. I have kids the same ages and they are reeling from this.”

Fenton fire truck heads south

The city of Fenton Fire Department is selling its 1999 rescue truck, which was replaced earlier this year, to the Doniphan City Fire Department in Missouri.
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‘A CONVERGENCE OF (FENTON) HISTORY’

FirstMerit Bank gifts original artwork of William Fenton to historical society

By Sally Rummel

In Fenton — William M. Fenton, whose legendary poker game with Robert LeRoy resulted in the naming of the Fenton community in 1837, has come back home again.

The original silhouette is really a “bas relief,” a sculpture in which the figure projects slightly from the background, was created by one of his sons, Joseph Brush Fenton. It was professionally restored and donated to the Fenton Historical Society by FirstMerit Bank.

The piece is at least 100 years old, and could even be 145 years old, considering when Fenton lived.

The silhouette was formally presented to Ken and Donna Seger, representing the Fenton Historical Society, during a brief ceremony Monday at Red Fox Outfitters in downtown Fenton.

“We would like to proudly convey our appreciation to the Fenton Historical Society,” said Greg Vier- ner, community president for FirstMerit Bank. “Please accept this gift. We hope it will enrich the community for many years to come.”

The framed piece will be on permanent public display at Red Fox Outfitters, following a promise made by FirstMerit Bank to the Phil and Jocelyn Hagerman of SkyPoint Ventures to officially donate a 100-year-old bas relief of William Fenton to the Fenton Historical Society. (Below) This bas relief of William Fenton could be as old as 145 years; it has been restored professionally and will be on display at Red Fox Outfitters in Fenton.

Summary

An original silhouette of William Fenton was officially presented to the Fenton Historical Society by FirstMerit Bank on Monday at Red Fox Outfitters.

Phil and Jocelyn Hagerman of SkyPoint Ventures discuss restoring the old beanery building into the Red Fox Outfitters retail center it is today. “It was meant to be,” said Phil. Local dignitaries from city government and FirstMerit Bank gathered on Monday to officially donate a 100-year-old bas relief of William Fenton to the Fenton Historical Society. (Below) This bas relief of William Fenton could be as old as 145 years; it has been restored professionally and will be on display at Red Fox Outfitters in Fenton.

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These malapropisms will ‘peek’ your interest

Malapropism is defined in Webster’s as: The habit of unintentionally misspelling words ridiculously, especially when the words are similar in sound. The English language is chock full of words that are mispronounced or misused on a daily basis by many people, such as my friend Bob. Here are a few examples of malapropisms that are butchered on a daily basis:

• Wrong: ‘Mute point.’ Right: ‘Moot point.’ A mute point would imply that your point possesses logic, but you are unable to articulate it due to a physical inability to speak. A moot point indicates your point has little, if any, value.

• Wrong: ‘Statue of Limitations’. Right: ‘Statute of Limitations.’ There is a statue of liberty, a statue of David created by Michangelo, and a statue of The Thinker by Rodin, but there is no statue of limitations. A statute is a legal term.

• Wrong: ‘Fall by the waste side.’ Right: ‘Fall by the wayside.’ To ‘fall by the wayside’ means that you aren’t keeping up with a group, such as the person who stopped to barf Cheerios on the first day of freshman football practice (which was me). Had I, instead, fallen next to a pile of trash that had been inexorably left on the side of the football field, I would have ‘fallen by the waste side.’

• Wrong: ‘Self-deprecating.’ Right: ‘Self-depreciating.’ Self-deprecating means to devalue yourself. Depreciating is an economic term used to indicate that the value of something drops steadily over time (such as Hillary’s presidential bid). Deprecating is to ‘express disapproval of.’

• Wrong: ‘Old adage.’ Right: ‘Adage.’ You can say ‘old adage,’ but you just don’t need to. The word ‘adage’ already implies that the saying is old. Have you ever heard anyone say ‘new adage?’ I rest my case.

• Wrong: ‘Irregardless.’ Right: ‘Regardless.’ If it’s a prefix that negates the phrase that comes after it, which is unnecessary when ‘less’ is already doing that. Technically, you could say ‘irregard,’ but you’d sound like an idiot. Sidebar: Irregardless is not a word.

• Wrong: ‘Near miss.’ Right: ‘Near hit.’ The phrase ‘near miss,’ doesn’t make any sense. If a car were to ‘near miss’ another car, that would mean there was a collision. A ‘near hit’ implies that the cars nearly collided, but somehow avoided a crash at the last second. One of the more common malapropisms that will likely never disappear.

• Wrong: ‘Brothers-in-law.’ Right: ‘Brothers-in-law.’ Awkwardly – but correct. The most egregious of the many examples of this rule is ‘cul-de-sac,’ (which is correct). Sidebar: Cul-de-sac means ‘bottom of the bag’ in French, first used by a savvy builder of overpriced subdivision homes to indicate the dead-end, or bottom, of a street.

• Wrong: ‘Peak/peek my interest.’ Right: ‘Pique my interest.’ On the bright side, you’ll never appear to be an idiot when you write it. Sidebar: ‘pique means ‘provokes or awaken.’ Congratulations, you are now smarter than you were five minutes ago. Coming soon: ‘15 words that almost everyone (including you), uses incorrectly.’

Thank you to the nice couple who paid for the dinners for a family of six at the Fenton Fire Hall on Valentines Day. It was also a great celebration for the birthday of 15-year-old twins boy. What a great example for them. It will be paid forward.

Don’t get too comfortable with this nice weather we are having. One thing I have learned in my 58 years in Michigan is that the weather is like a woman, she will win you over when you least expect it.

The property taxes in Fenton are outrageous. That’s one of the many reasons we moved to Tyrone Township.

Shouldn’t it be standard operating procedure for the people from Home Depot to warn all buyers at the time of purchase of the dangers of a generator? When I bought one from a local hardware store they were very, very clear in telling us how to use it safely.

As the pontiff flew back to his residence in a walled city, the Vatican, he alluded to Trump that we should build bridges not walls. Accordingly, Trump should take his advice and build a bridge from our porous southern border to the Vatican.

What was your favorite class in school?

“Biology. I’ve always been into science. I’m a nurse practitioner. I like learning how things work. Cell biology is what I like best.”

—Angela White

Linden

“Art. I’m taking an architecture class and I’m looking to becoming an architect. It’s just fun. I like the interior design part, too.”

—Amber Nordstrom

Fenton Township

“Creative writing. I want to be a writer when I grow up. It’s awesome. We’ve written in memoirs, prose, personal narratives, short stories. I like it a lot.”

—Ashleigh Nordstrom

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“Probably band. I played the trombone. I loved music. I just had a passion for music. I played through junior high, high school, and my first year of college.”

—Larry Krefman

Linden

“Math, because I had a great teacher. I sat right in the front row and didn’t have to cheat. It was interesting and the teacher made it interesting.”

—John Zengerle

Fenton
**Fenton fire truck heads south**

Doniphan City Fire Department in Missouri purchases old rescue truck for $38,000

By Vera Hogan
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Affordable fire trucks must be hard to come by nationwide since the Fenton Fire Department received 14 inquiries from across the map about a used truck recently listed with Firetec Used Apparatus Sales.

The truck being sold is a used, 1999 Ford/EVI rescue truck. According to Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff, the rescue truck was replaced by a KME mini-pumper, which was put into service on Jan. 14. The old truck was listed on Feb. 11 for $38,000, which is based on the value of the truck and the current market demand for this type of truck.

Fenton’s new truck cost $221,000 but is a different style truck.

“The new one is a mini-pumper as well as a rescue truck,” Cairnduff said. “The old one was simply a rescue truck, with no water or pump on it.”

Interest in the old rescue truck came from fire departments as far away as California to the west, New York to the east, and Louisiana to the south.

“We received an offer of $32,000 for the truck on Thursday, Feb. 11 from the city of Doniphan, Missouri, but it was lower than our list price of $38,000,” Cairnduff said in a memo to City Manager Lynn Markland. “We told them it was too low and that we had been receiving multiple inquiries about the truck.

“They called back on Friday and offered us full list price of $38,000,” he added.

Cairnduff told them they would hold the truck until Doniphan’s elected body approved the purchase at its Feb. 16 meeting, which it did.

He requested that a $3,800 commission check be issued to Firetec for handling the sale.

Cairnduff also asked that the balance of $34,200 be placed in the fire department’s truck fund for future purchases.

City officials unanimously approved the sale and Cairnduff’s requests at their Monday night meeting. Cairnduff said he will call the fire department in Doniphan Tuesday morning so they can drive up to get it.

**Fenton officials say ‘no’ to road and sidewalk waiver requests**

Pine Creek North developers will have to live up to conditions of approved site plans

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The Fenton City Council and city administration, however, have found it to be as accommodating as they can when it comes to requests that come before them — apparently not, however, when it comes to giving up the chance to have a road paved or a sidewalk installed.

Especially when those actions are conditions of a site plan approval.

On Monday, the City Council, at the recommendation of City Manager Lynn Markland, voted unanimously to reject a request by Pine Creek North developers to waive the paving of a section of Eddy Lake Road, and a request to waive installing a sidewalk or boardwalk.

With approval of the second amendment of the Pine Creek North Planned Unit Development (PUD), the developer has a right to ask for these waivers, according to City Manager Lynn Markland.

According to a letter from James Galbraith with the Pine Creek North Development Co., LLC, “Traffic to and from Pine Creek North is by Eddy Lake Road, from Grange Hall Road and Sixth Street via Main Street.”

Galbraith said Grange Hall/Main Street provide direct connectivity to downtown Fenton, I-75 and U.S. 23.

“There is no destination to the north or traffic to Pine Creek North that burdens that portion of Eddy Lake Road north of Pine Creek Drive,” he added.

City administration disagrees. After discussions with Dan Czarnecki, director of the Department of Public Works, Markland said they agree that “this is the worst section of Eddy Lake Road and we recommend the City Council deny this request.”

Galbraith said the installation of a sidewalk or boardwalk along Eddy Lake Road north of Pine Creek Drive would require a permit from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and installation would be through a high quality wetland adjacent to Eddy Lake Road.

“For a pavement to be favorably considered, we would have to demonstrate need for the proposed activity as part of the project purpose,” Galbraith said.

The MDEQ takes into consideration both the public need for any given project, as well as the adverse impact such a project could have on natural resources associated with the wetland.

“Since the wetland is of high quality and the area to the north is sparsely developed with a lack of connectivity to existing sidewalks or pathways, it is unlikely that the MDEQ would see a demonstrated need for the proposed activity,” said Galbraith.

Again, city administration disagrees.

Markland said, “The DPW director and I agree that this requirement was part of the site plan approval by the Planning Commission, and with the city working toward making walkability an important part of the development of our community, we request the City Council deny the request for a waiver.”
HOT LINE CONTINUED

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GAC conference for being the toughest wrestling conference in the state. Three teams made it to the state finals. Good luck at states.

FLINT’S ELECTED LEADERSHIP makes what is actually a solid, sound decision that will save the city millions of dollars and give it more control over its destiny and possibly enhance revenues for them. Detroit Water Board decides to be spoilers and leaves Flint with no good options for the two years before its pipeline is built.

YOU WONDER WHY people donate to GoFundMe? Yes, there are some people who use it, but don’t really need the money. But sometimes people have legitimate reasons to ask for money. You just need to scrutinize these requests if possible.

I RECEIVED A notice today that said Consumers Energy would soon be installing the new smart meters in my neighborhood. Have any pet owners pets been bothered by these meters?

I AM SO glad you have Andrew Heller in your paper. It’s about time you did someone thing for the rest of us, not just the conservatives. Thank you.

ALL THE HOT lines on Andrew Heller only after one week. I like newspapers that have lots of points of views. Isn’t that the point?

EVERY SINGLE REPUBLICAN politician in Washington and Lansing should be arrested, tried, convicted and sent to prison because they’re all damn traitors. All of them. Traitors.

WHY DOES TRUMP never speak about having to work with the House and Senate? He speaks as though he can just have what he wants. The House and Senate have to OK everything he wants. I think he’ll be a disaster.

I AGREE WITH the comment of the week about patronizing the business in downtown Fenton. They’ve been through a lot. My only question is where would I park? There’s hardly any empty spaces and I can’t walk far. Thanks.

OUR NEXT PRESIDENT will be the one who tells the most lies. That’s how Obama got the job. Thank you.

Michigan’s Presidential Primary

There is hardly a day that goes by without news of one sort or another about this year’s presidential election. Of course, one of the reasons for this may be the very intense comments (to be charitable), that some of the candidates have made about their opponents.

Since we live in a democracy, we know that as time goes on in every election cycle, candidates drop out for one reason or another with the main reason being that they don’t do well in state level primary elections or caucuses. This year is no exception and the field for the two main parties continues to narrow with Michigan holding its own presidential primary election on Wednesday, March 8.

Although it may seem that we’ve always had these elections it’s not true, as until 1912 there were no statutory presidential primaries.

Since then the legislature has abolished presidential primaries twice only to reestablish them. Currently Michigan has what is call a “closed” primary which requires voters to declare which party primary they wish to vote in-Republican or Democratic. At one time Michigan had an “open” primary which allowed for a ballot with both parties’ candidates.

It should be remembered that when you vote you’re actually voting for delegates to the national conventions and the rules are different for the Republican and Democratic parties.

For Democrats, there are 147 total delegates with 130 delegates to be pledged depending on the proportion of votes each candidate receives.

There are 17 unpledged delegates who may vote, irrespective of the results, for any candidate they choose at the national convention.

As for Republicans, there are 56 delegates, with each candidate also receiving a proportion of delegates depending on the percentage of votes they receive. There are also three unpledged delegates.

For both parties a candidate must receive at least 15 percent of the vote to share in delegates. For the Republicans only, if a candidate receives more than 50 percent of the vote they win all 56 delegates.

This is just a small snapshot of the process. For those interested in more information, the Michigan Secretary of State website (www.michigan.gov/sos) would be a good starting point.
**FAMILY**

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high winds that night. Police learned from a store receipt that the father went to Home Depot to purchase a generator at 10:06 p.m.

Pickell said this is the last known contact anyone had with the family.

The sister of the deceased husband attempted to get in contact with the family. She drove by the house and saw two cars parked in the driveway.

She called her father on Sunday, who broke into the house through the back door. He walked in and found the family and the generator.

The 911 call came in at 1:59 p.m. on Feb. 21 and Linden Police responded at 2:05 p.m., according to Pickell.

After police secured the scene, the Fenton Township Fire Department ventilated the house, which took about an hour and a half. The generator was not running when police arrived. Police entered the home and confirmed that the Quasarano family — Leonard, 35, Heather, 39, Luke, 11, Brenden, 9, Rachel, 7, and Grant, 23 months — were found dead in different rooms of the house.

The 10,000 BTU generator and a 40-gallon propane tank, which is believed to be the source of the carbon monoxide, was found in the basement.

There was no carbon monoxide detector in the house.

“Next to the generator was found the deceased father,” Pickell said. Investigators believe he was going to check on the generator.

As investigators proceeded through the house, they found 9-year-old Brenden on the main floor in the family room. Rachel, 7, was found on the same floor in the master bathroom. Luke, 11, was found in a bedroom on the second floor. Heather and Grant, 23 months, were found in the baby’s room.

“The carbon monoxide, it’s odorless, it’s colorless,” Pickell said. “They’re dropping on the spot. Usually when you hear about it, it happens in their sleep but obviously they weren’t sleeping.

“There was activity going on in different rooms,” he said. “It’s more tragedy than a community needs.”

Pickell said it’s possible the generator was running throughout the night.

The medical examiner is performing autopsies on all six victims to confirm cause and manner of death. “I want to honor the family,” said Pickell. “It is clear, based on the family and the love they showed, that this tragedy is hoped to be used to glorify the Lord as well as educate the public so this never happens again.”

He said their family is very spiritual, and they helped the investigation and have been very appreciative of police efforts.

“Of course they’re very hurt. They saw all six family members being carried out in bags. I think it’s only because of their faith that they’re able to get through this.”

Robert Pickell
Genesee County Sheriff

**LOSS**

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Patz added that Len’s parents lived less than a mile from their home in the Stony Book subdivision and he worked with his dad every day.

“They were very close,” he said. “Heather’s parents were originally from Fenton and now live in Florida. They’re on their way home.”

Patz said there are no funeral plans set yet, but there will be memorial services and vigils for the family.

A GoFundMe account has recently stopped accepting donations because their goal had been met.

Patz said, “You can also make donations for the funerals to Faith Baptist Church.”

He said that plans for funeral services will be made public on the church’s website, faith-linden.org and on their Facebook page, as soon as they have been scheduled.

“We just want to be a help to the family and community by sharing however we can,” said Patz.

**Grief counselors help students, staff cope with Quasarano deaths**

Help will be available to all three Linden elementary schools all week

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Grief counselors are on hand at all Linden schools all week after three elementary students were among the six family members found dead from accidental carbon monoxide poisoning Sunday afternoon inside their Fenton Township home.

The three students were among the four children in the Len and Heather Quasarano family, all of whom perished over the weekend from accidental carbon monoxide poisoning.

Linden interim superintendent Russ Ciesielski said grief counselors from the Genesee Intermediate School District joined the district’s counselors to help students and staff cope with the tragedy.

Three of the four children at the Stony Brook Pass home attended Linden Elementary, Ciesielski said. Linden Elementary Principal Robert Pouch addressed staff as a group on Monday morning, after reaching out and contacting most of them on Sunday afternoon and evening.

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Rare malignant melanoma prompts Fenton Township woman to tell her story

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Whether it’s sunny or cloudy, summer or winter, you’ll see Laurie Martin, 58, wearing sunglasses.

This retired Fenton Township teacher has been careful around the sun since she was in her 40s, but never more so since she was diagnosed last October with malignant melanoma in her left eye—a rare condition that affects only 1 to 2 percent of melanoma cases.

She’d like to share her story because skin cancer has become so prevalent, and people need to be aware that symptoms can be easily missed.

“I still remember that sinking feeling in the pit of my stomach when I got that diagnosis,” said Martin. “Malignant melanoma is the most serious form of skin cancer, and it’s very rare in the eyes.”

What made Martin’s case most unusual was the fact that when she went to specialists originally because of a small notch in the lower eyelid of her right eye. When she went to Kellogg Eye Center in Ann Arbor for a second opinion, the doctor noticed a suspicious lesion in her left eye that had gone undetected by the other specialist. Martin had no symptoms in her left eye and had not noticed any irregularities herself. A biopsy turned out positive for malignant melanoma.

Martin had surgery on Nov. 6 to remove the cancerous lesion and reconstruct the area. Dye was injected into the eye before surgery and traced to a lymph node in Martin’s neck. That lymph node was also removed and biopsied. A plastic disc was placed in her eye for six weeks to lessen the scar tissue.

“Melanoma doesn’t always present itself as a mole on your body,” said Martin. “If it had not been found by a specialist, it could have gotten into the lymph nodes and spread from there, making it a life-threatening situation.

“If I can have someone else have their eyes thoroughly checked and encourage everyone to wear sunglasses when they’re outside, I feel like it will be worth sharing my story.”

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Laurie Martin
Malignant melanoma cancer survivor

Malignant melanoma is the third major type of skin cancer, and is a more serious disease than basal cell carcinoma, the most common type and squamous cell carcinoma. About 54,000 new cases of malignant melanoma are diagnosed each year, resulting in 7,800 deaths. (Source: skin cancer.org)
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He owns the other original silhouette of his great-great-grandfather, which he displays in his office.
The silhouette was originally given to Citizens National Bank, where William Fenton had served as its first president. It had been the mystery “twin” of the other silhouette in Davison’s hands.
“I’d been trying to find its twin for years,” said Davison.
A chance meeting between Davison and Brad Fogleman, senior vice president at FirstMerit, found the missing silhouette hanging in the boardroom.
David Lochner, president of FirstMerit Michigan, made the formal presentation.
“There’s a convergence here of a lot of history,” he said. “William Fenton was the first president of Citizens National Bank. The beanery, an historic icon, is now an awesome part of Fenton’s new history, represented here by the Hagermans and Red Fox Outfitters.”
Phil Hagerman, who attended the ceremony with his wife, Jocelyn, said, “We are thrilled to have this as an anchor for the city. People can walk through here and see it anytime. Some things are just meant to be.”
He showed out-of-town visitors where his family’s former business, Hagerman’s Dairy, was once located, looking through one of the windows at Red Fox Outfitters.
For Davison, attending the ceremony was a trip back in time for his own family. In fact, he’s planning to attend the Fenton family reunion set for this summer.
“It’s fun being from a place that is named after my great-great-grandfather,” said Davison.

GRIEF
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Ciesielski commended Pouch’s remarks during the Monday morning staff meeting. “Together we can.”
Linden police, parents and community groups have been stopping by to offer their services, Ciesielski said.
“The support from the community is just tremendous,” said Ciesielski.

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From soccer balls to social media

Many people make dramatic career changes more than once in their lifetime.

By Hannah Ball
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The average person will change their career seven times in their life, according to career-advice-online.com.

Some of these career changes, like taking a management position in the field you work in, may not be very drastic, but many can be.

Tony Shard, who created Shard Marketing and Branding and now helps businesses develop, used to run a youth soccer company called Midwest Soccer Academy.

That changed when his son was diagnosed with autism during the summer of 2013.

“I decided that I needed to create a life, and work life, for myself that wasn’t as time consuming,” he said.

Using his master’s degree in marketing, Shard launched Shard Marketing and Branding December 2013.

Entering a field where he could help businesses develop was a “natural progression” for him.

Now, Shard helps businesses, like Shard Financial, Flint Firebirds, Mancino’s of Fenton, Uncle Ray’s Dairyland and other businesses, by creating web pages and developing a social media presence.

“You see a lot of small businesses who put everything on the line to create the American dream and they’re looking at me to help them do that,” he said. “That’s very cool.”

Shard said his work is all about community engagement and that giving back is the way to grow.

The 50 to 60 clients he helps a year are much different than the thousands of children he managed as a soccer coach.

“Working with children is the best experience ever, seeing a child grow and develop to a teenager to an adult,” he said.

“Soccer stays the same but marketing and social media change by the week.”

He said most of our lives are spent with our colleagues and it’s important to love what you do.

“You only live once so be sure to enjoy what you do,” he said.

“We never know what tomorrow brings. We really have to make the most of what we have.”

John Thompson, who used to live in the tri-county area and hopes to move back soon, worked as an engineer at Delphi, owned his own cleaning company, and now works as a nurse.

After working for Delphi for 11 years, Thompson, his wife, and three kids moved to Florida where he bought into the cleaning business franchise, Molly Maids.

“I’ve always wanted to own a small business. I wanted to do something related to engineering but I didn’t know what,” he said.

He sold his cleaning business in 2003 and looked for engineering jobs but couldn’t find any.

“I decided to go to nursing school,” he said.

The transition might seem odd, but Thompson said it made sense. His siblings and many past co-workers were nurses.

“All my nursing instructors thought that it was a weird transition from engineering to nursing, but deep down I know I’m a pretty compassionate person and that’s why nursing is so wonderful for me,” he said.

Now he works at a women’s health clinic in a nurse management position.

The big difference with engineering and nursing is that his choices in engineering affected thousands of cars, but with nursing the care is personal.

“You look in someone’s eyes and pat them on the shoulder and say ‘I’m here to help you,’” he said.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IT’S GOOD TO see that Obama finally made it to his lame duck year of presidency. It goes right around his lame brain year. Just like all the others. He’s going to try to conquer the world in the next 10 months and ruin America in the process.

I HAVE A question for the Home Depot salesman. When you sell a generator to somebody, do you give them instructions on it? Like where to use it and when you can’t use it? If you don’t, you should be.

THE DAY YOU make me get a building permit to work on my travel trailer will be the day I will drive that right through the doors of your township hall. What do you expect?

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THE TOWNSHIP HALL. What do you expect?

THE DAY YOU make me get a building permit to work on my travel trailer will be the day I will drive that right through the doors of your township hall. What do you expect?

IT’S THE BUSINESSES, man. IT’S THE BUSINESSES, man. We can’t all be raising our little girls to be nurses.

THE BIG DIFFERENCE WITH NURSING is that his choices in engineering affected thousands of cars, but with nursing the care is personal.

“You look in someone’s eyes and pat them on the shoulder and say ‘I’m here to help you,’” he said.
HOT LINE CONTINUED

I RECENTLY TURNED on Fox 12 o’clock news and I can’t figure out the guy with the mustache, who keeps interrupting all the women when they’re talking. Seems like he thinks he’s the only one who knows everything in the world.

ABSOLUTELY SPOT ON with the songs dedicated to Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders.

DON’T LISTEN TO any of those calls on your phone if you don’t know them. They’re just scams to get you. They’re very good actors.

FIVE MINUTES TO 10 Saturday morning Feb 20. Sitting in front of Argentine police station. They’re not open. You can’t call them and get a hold of anybody. When you need them they’re not around. (Editor’s note: Anyone needing police assistance over the weekends are encouraged to call 911.)

WHEN DID THESE GoFundMe accounts become nothing more than electronic panhandling?

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TO THE GIRL who was rude to the owners of the deli on Wednesday, your behavior was inexcusable. You were the talk of the restaurant when you left.

ONCE IN A while the city should say a ‘thank you’ to the many volunteers.

ONCE IN A while the city should say a ‘thank you’ to the many volunteers. Many citizens put in countless hours and no one says a word.

SUCH A SAD country we’ve become when a political party holds the U.S. justice system hostage by refusing to vote a Supreme Court justice into office.

THIS MORNING I was driving through Linden and saw a Linden police cruiser speed-trapping individuals on Bridge Street. Not a bad thing until a county truck went by going 40 in a 25. Police car did nothing.

CAN YOU BELIEVE Hillary Clinton telling the voters that the Flint water problem was because everyone was black? Are you for real?

PLEASE STOP LISTENING to faux news. Bernie is not a Communist. Democratic Socialism is not Communism, Please Google Finland, Sweden or Denmark to find out more. You will find they are doing better in every area than America.

I AM AMAZED at the hostility towards liberals. This must be coming from conservatives who like the idea of eliminating Social Security or raising the retirement age to 67. Please don’t vote against your best interest.

REPUBLICANS LIED TO get us into the Iraq war, which destabilized the Middle East and put it on the credit card. They lie when they tell us Bush kept us safe, and you call Obama the worst president we ever had?

REAL AMERICANS SUPPORT and defend the Constitution of the United States. As a conservative, I hate it that Obama should nominate the next Supreme Court judge.

WHO ELSE IS old enough to remember the only time you had to vote a Supreme Court justice into office.

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Fifteen tri-county wrestlers headed to state meet

By David Troppens
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Fifteen tri-county wrestlers’ dreams of a potential individual state championship remain alive after Saturday’s regional round. Five enter the individual state meet being held at the Palace of Auburn Hills starting on March 16 as regional champions. Two programs are at least co-Metro League champions after Flushing’s 59-32 result in a game that the Fenton girls needed to win in order to have a chance of at least a share of the Metro League championship, the defending champ Raiders held the Lady Tigers to just 10 field goals all night long, resulting in Flushing’s 59-32 Metro League title victory. On the boys’ side of things, Flushing’s defense limited the Tigers to just two second-half field goals, leading the Raiders to just 10 field goals all night long, resulting in Flushing’s 59-32 Metro League title victory.

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Lake Fenton has seven wrestlers headed to the D3 state meet and own both of the defending state champions looking state champs. Twelve other area wrestlers lost regional title matches, finishing second. Lake Fenton had three of those wrestlers — Hunter Trombley (top) works on pinning a recent foe. He was one of five area regional champions.

Defense leads

By David Troppens
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The Blue Devils remained right in the thick of the GAC Red race by using its defense to earn a 68-25 league victory against Montrose Friday night. The Blue Devils had 67-45 in the regional final. Melick (48-2) won his opening two matches by pinfall and by decision. Holly had five wrestlers qualify for state and had one regional champion, while Linden had three qualify and one regional champ as well. Holly’s regional champ was Jimmy Gray (215). Gray defeated Inlay City’s JayKub Shaw by pinfall in just 58 seconds to win his crown.

Eagles play complete game vs. Dragons, 66-54

By David Troppens
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Anthony Wright was a happy man on Friday night. The Linden varsity boys basketball coach witnessed his team lead all 32 minutes as the Eagles defeated Swartz Creek 66-54 Friday night.

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Fenton hoons teams lose contests to champion Flushing squads

By David Troppens
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Fenton — The Fenton varsity basketball programs found out why both Flushing varsity programs are at least co-Metro League champions after Friday night. Both squads made life on the offensive side of the court miserable for the Fenton Tigers’ teams, resulting in a double-header sweep against Fenton at Fenton High School.

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Lake Fenton’s Chris Bell (middle) attempts a shot during a recent contest. The Blue Devils defeated Montrose 68-25 on Friday.

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The Blue Devils (8-1, 14-2) won his open -3 as regional champions. Two

Fifty enter the individual state meet being held at the Palace of Auburn Hills starting on March 3 as regional champions. Two enter as defending individual state champs.

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WRESTLERS
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Corcoran (125), Jackson Nevadomski (140) and A.J. Geyer (103). Linden’s Aaron Steedman (189) was a runner-up as was Holly’s Mitch Nelson (125).

Others qualifying for state were Holly’s Cade Dallwitz (171), Linden’s Bryce Davis (152) and Lake Fenton’s Sean Trombley (135) with third-place finishes; and Holly’s Colton Cleaver (152) and Collin Dallwitz (215) with fourth-place finishes.

Linden varsity wrestling coach Todd Skinner is pleased with his state-qualifiers.

“I’m very excited about our two captains advancing, along with Aaron,” Skinner said. “Dawson Blank, along with Alex, has been extremely hard during the offseason so to see them finish this way is great. I like all of their chances to get to the podium.

The first round of the state tourney is on March 3. The state meet continues through March 5.

By David Troppens
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HOCKEY
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**EAGLES**

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we played well defensively and shared the ball on offense. Making shots helps as well.”

The Eagles used their defense to help create the early lead. Lindern (3-12) led 18-7 after one quarter and 31-17 at halftime. The Dragons did cut the gap to 45-36 at halftime. The Dragons lead. Linden (3-12) led 18-7 after three quarters, but didn’t hurt the situation, either.

Tyler Hoerberling helped spark the Eagles to the victory, netting 18 points. Cole Sarkon netted 13 points, while Trent Strang and Logan Steiert had 10 rebounds each.

The Eagles enter a stretch with a lot of winnable games. It started with a home game against Mt. Morris on Tuesday. Linden hosts its area rivals on Friday.

“All these kids on both sides are 16 and 17 years old. We are going into every game realizing we have a shot,” Wright said. “It’s all about buying in.”

**FENTON**

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to at least a share of the Metro League crown in a 42-20 victory.

Both games were eerily similar. In both the Tigers did just enough in the first half to stay within reach of the Raiders. However, things got tougher for both teams in the second half when both Flushing teams tightened the screws defensively, resulting in large victories.

In the girls’ game, Fenton’s final lead came at 4-2 on a 16-foot jump shot by Sarah Cummings with 5:45 left in the opening quarter. However, Flushing went on an 8-0 run, taking a 10-4 lead. Cummings hit a three-pointer with 2:07 left in the opening quarter, but that was the last time the Tigers were within three the rest of the game.

Flushing led 15-9 after one quarter and used its defense to take control the rest of the contest. It seemed there was a Flushing girl ready to break into every passing lane as the Lady Raiders forced the Tigers into 33 turnovers. Somehow, the Tigers were still within 24-14 at the half, but Flushing was only getting started.

The Raiders forced Fenton into seven steals during its first 11 possessions of the second half, helping spark the Raiders to a 44-20 lead when the run was over.

Flushing’s 25-point third quarter was set up by those steals, usually resulting in quick transition hoops.

“We didn’t make any huge mistakes, some little ones, but you can’t do that against a team like Flushing,” Fenton coach Becki Moore said. “They will capitalize on every little issue you have. They are a good team. We knew we had to play well and we have to get better. We have to get better.”

Fenton netted just 10-of-35 shots from the field, while Flushing netted a sizzling 14- for-22 in the second half alone. Chloe Idoni led the Tigers with 10 points, while Cummings finished with seven points, all coming in the opening quarter. Cummings also had nine rebounds. No one else had more than three. Flushing had nine players score points.

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Holly 67, Clio 45

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5 Praise to the skies
9 Banned
12 A-line
13 Choir
14 Playwright
15 Went on a tangent
17 Weep loudly
18 Approimately
19 Makes less intense
21 Military group
24 Sandwich shop
25 Colors
26 Sight-seers
30 Dadaiest Jean
31 Debtors’ woes
32 Take to court
33 Type of parking
35 DNA carrier
36 And others (Lat.)
37 Fragrant wood
38 Founded (on)
40 Ethereal
42 “Of course”
43 Talked over
48 Pirouette

DOWNS
1 Tack on
2 Midafternoon, in a way
3 Pooch
4 Mistakes
5 Highland girl
6 As well
7 Multipurpose
8 Truck
9 Walks feebly
10 Permitted to leave
11 Filing aids
12 Before
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21 Bloke
22 Emanation
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24 Boring
26 Cash drawer
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28 Albacore, e.g.
29 Palm reader, for one
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34 Chowed down
35 Old Faithful, e.g.
37 French vineyard
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39 Ages and ages
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THE GOOD DINOSAUR
“The Good Dinosaur” asks the question: What if the asteroid that forever changed life on Earth missed the planet completely and giant dinosaurs never became extinct? Pixar Animation Studios takes you on an epic journey into the world of dinosaurs where an Apatosaurus named Arlo makes an unlikely human friend. While traveling through a harsh and mysterious landscape, Arlo learns the power of confronting his fears and discovers what he is truly capable of.

PG, 1 hr. 40 min

SECRET IN THEIR EYES
A former Los Angeles DA inspector (Chiwetel Ejiofor) spends 13 years hunting the killer who raped and murdered the teen daughter of his colleague (Julia Roberts). But when he finds the culprit and the district attorney (Nicole Kidman) refuses to reopen the case, he is forced to pursue justice on his own, which ultimately leads to a shocking discovery. This English-language remake of Juan José Campanella’s 2009 Argentinian film of the same name was written and directed by Billy Ray.

PG-13, 1 hr. 51 min.

68% liked it

46% liked it

(Audience score on rotomtomatoes.com)
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