

# Community mourns Quasarano family

■ Vigil to be held Sunday at 6 p.m.

By Vera Hogan

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Sometimes there are no words to describe how people of all ages in the community

feel about the Quasarano family and their untimely deaths last weekend.

On Feb. 21, Heather, 39 and Len, 35, Quasarano,

“All of us at Linden El were blessed to build relationships with the entire Quasarano family.”

Robert Pouch

Linden Elementary School principal

along with their four children, Luke, 11, Brenden, 9, Rachel, 7, and Grant, who would have turned 2 on March 4, were discovered in their Stony Brook Pass home in Fenton Township.

They had died sometime over the weekend from accidental carbon monoxide poisoning.

Three of the Quasarano children attended Linden Elementary.

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## Area supervisor salaries — super high, to super low

■ No ‘rhyme or reason’ as to how they’re compensated

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When it comes to the salaries and benefits paid to area township officials, there does not appear to be a reasonable explanation as to why one local supervisor earns close to \$42,000 more than another supervisor in another township.

Robert DePalma, supervisor for Groveland Township earns \$61,037 per year. Township officials are not offered health care benefits, but are eligible for retirement benefit through MERS (Municipal Employees Retirement System).

“Salaries are adjusted annually based on what the Oakland County communities around us do,” said DePalma. “We look at the percent increase at Brandon, Independence, Springfield and Holly.

See SALARIES on 14A



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Rose Township Supervisor Paul Gambka earns the second highest salary among tri-county area supervisors. Gambka, who also works as a self-employed accountant, says he spends 30 to 34 hours on township duties.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELLO

Kathy O'Neil runs the “worm motel” table at The Family Science Night at Central Elementary in Argentine Township on Wednesday. The Sloan Museum provided activities.

See story and more photos on Page 8A

## ‘The more we dig, the more we keep finding’

■ School shooting plot case has pile of new discovery evidence

By Tim Jagielo

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**Flint** — The preliminary examination for the alleged Linden school shooting plot was already pushed into a second day in Judge David Goggins’ court room.

Due to new evidence gathered by the Argentine Township Police

See CASE on 13A

“It’s not something you get done in an eight-hour day... It’s going to be a while, we’re still finding stuff.”

Det. Doug Fulton  
Argentine Township  
Police Department

## Trial continues for man charged with death of trooper

By Hannah Ball

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The man charged with causing the death of Michigan State Trooper Chad Wolf in a vehicle accident last August was in court on Wednesday for a continuation of his preliminary exam.

Charles Raymond Warren Jr., 69, was charged on Oct. 23, 2015 with reckless driving causing death and failure to stop at the scene of an accident resulting in death.

See TRIAL on 18A



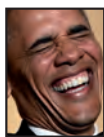
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Raymond  
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“A socialist, a muslim and an illegal immigrant walk into a bar. The bartender says, ‘What’ll you have Mr. President.’”



“I purchased a generator a couple years ago from (local) Hardware. They were very specific about how dangerous it is to operate a generator anywhere near your home and told me to be aware of the wind direction also. I did not know of the danger until they explained it to me.”



“In case you haven’t noticed, President Obama basically retired over a year ago. For more than two years as president, he has lived like a king at our expense, while doing nothing. He is not the first president to do this, but it is indicative of his character.”

“If Apple CEO Tim Cook had a son or daughter that was slaughtered in San Bernadino, you can bet that he would give the FBI the encryption code in a heartbeat. Americans need to remember this when buying technology. Don’t pay Apple, make Apple pay.”



COMMENT  
OF THE WEEK

“Woke up this morning still laughing after watching Trump at the latest debate. Ted Cruz accused him of repeating himself, and Trump vehemently replied, ‘I never repeat myself, I never repeat myself.’”



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**Stunning home** inside and out in demand Troy neighborhood. Completely remodeled within the last 5 years. Quiet living at the end of the street just a short stroll to Jaycee park! Beautiful hardwood Brazilian Chestnut floors. Tons of space for entertaining with living room and family room on main level plus finished basement.

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#### MUNDY TOWNSHIP

7149 Timberline

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**Great home** on all-sports Murphy Lake! Around 1400 sf with amazing lake views! Home can be used for year round living or winterize and use for summer getaway! Two kitchens for entertaining, two wood burning stoves. Seller has put 30k into the boathouse which contains a sauna!

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#### NEW LOTHROP

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**Beautiful family home** backing up to woods & creek! 3-5 bedrooms. Second floor Master suite with an office and a bonus area. Finished walk out basement with 2 bedrooms, full kitchen and bath could be used as in-law suite or a rental. First floor laundry. New 16x25 deck. 24x50 Pole barn.

**\$215,500**

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#### LINDEN

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**100 feet of sandy shoreline** on peaceful McCasin Lake. Contemporary 5 bedroom home offers lots of living space. Functional kitchen with plenty of cabinets and counter space. Roomy living room with great views or sit outside on your large deck and soak in the tranquility of living on the water.

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**Great location** in Flushing School District. Home on 3 acres. Updated ranch with 5 bedrooms and 4 baths. Great 2 Story Barn could be used for a home business. Equipped with new 2013 generator so you are never without power. Nice open floor plan. Home is Barrier Free for handicap access.

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#### HOLLY

12393 Fish Lake

**Very neat** 3 bedroom ranch located on 1.45 acres. Windows are all newer and basement is completely insulated and could be easily finished for additional space. 2 car detached garage and storage shed. Great country property at a great price.

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#### DAVISON

119 N. Genesee

**Wonderful location** right in the heart of Davison. Walking distance to just about anything you need. New hot water heater, roof and driveway all in the last 5 years. A large home in coveted Davison schools with a 2 car garage and beautiful fenced in back yard.

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#### LINDEN

625 Aldrich

**Charming home** in quiet downtown Linden. Beautiful walk to the Mill Pond, local shopping, eateries and schools. Beautiful hardwood floors and newer laminate floor in Kitchen. Large fenced in back yard great for kids and dogs. Huge beautiful deck. Furnace and electrical have been updated recently.

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On Wednesday, LeRoy Street VG's patrons shop ahead of the heaviest snow fall.

## DESPITE BIG SNOWFALL, FEW COLLISIONS ON LOCAL ROADS



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As the snowfall started on Wednesday, vehicles navigated the busier sections of downtown Fenton.

A winter weather warning was issued for Wednesday and Thursday, resulting in more than 10 inches of snow blanketing Fenton and surrounding areas over the two-day period. Despite the volume, few accidents were reported, according to Lt. Jason Slater of the Fenton Police Department.



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Residents were busy Thursday morning clearing snow from sidewalks on Shiawassee Avenue in Fenton.

## Presidential Primary is Tuesday, March 8

■ Two other items of local interest also on the ballot

By Vera Hogan

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Michiganders will have their turn at the polls on Tuesday, March 8, to decide which of the several presidential hopefuls can keep on going in the race for the White House.

The following candidates have not dropped out of the race as of this date:

### DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

#### HILLARY CLINTON

Secretary of State (2009-2013)  
U.S. Senate (2001-2009)  
First Lady of the United States (1993-2001)

#### BERNIE SANDERS

U.S. Senator (2007-Present)  
U.S. Representative (1991-2007)

#### ROQUE DE LA FUENTE

De La Fuente served as an At-Large Delegate for California at the Democratic National Convention in 1992.

### REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

#### BEN CARSON

Retired Pediatric Neurosurgeon

#### TED CRUZ

Current U.S. Senator (2013-Present)

#### JOHN KASICH

Governor of Ohio (2011-Present)  
U.S. House, Ohio, District 12 (1983-2001)

Ohio State Senate (1979-1983)

#### MARCO RUBIO

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## Come *Heller* high water

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### Winter driving tips for stupid people

In light of this week's snowstorm, I have decided to perform a public service about how to drive in the snow. From all the cars in the ditch, it's clearly needed.

My qualifications for writing such a piece are thus: Not only did I grow up in the U.P., where winters are winters and kids fall out of the womb knowing how to perform perfect slide turns in the snow. But I'm also the 'World's Only Perfect Driver', according to the lovely yet formidable Marcia.

She says it sarcastically but I know she's kidding. I think.



Andrew Heller  
FEATURED COLUMNIST

Anyway, how good am I? Suffice it to say I have never been stuck, never been in an accident and always make a point of going for a spin when there's a big snow. I love to marvel at how people in the

Lower Peninsula forget how to drive in the snow from one year to the next, often from one storm to the next.

If that's you, you definitely need what I'll call 'A Yooper's Guide to Not Sliding Into a Ditch Like a Damned Fool'.

**Do:** clear a teeny 3-inch by 6-inch rectangle of snow from your windshield, preferably down really low so you have to scrunch down in your seat to see through it.

**Don't:** clear the entire windshield or the other windows. Where's the challenge in driving when you can see? Plus, scrapers and brushes are very expensive.

**Do:** in icy conditions, remember to get as close to the car in front of you as possible. That way when he brakes you'll be the first to know. (That's called logic, my friends.)

**Don't:** increase the stopping distance between you and the car in front of you just because the roads are slick. It's a known fact that having more room to stop just means you'll hit him harder if you can't stop. (Again: Logic. Duh.)

**Do:** wait until the last second before jamming on your brakes at an icy intersection. It helps to wear down the ice

for the next guy.

**Don't:** begin slowing long before you get to an intersection. C'mon, that's how your grandma drives. You're no grandma. So you end up getting T-boned in the intersection, so what? You like T-bones, anyway. They're delicious.

**Do:** text like crazy while driving in the snow. How else are you gonna tell your BFF about the donut you just pulled coming out of the McDonalds parking lot?

**I love to marvel at how people in the Lower Peninsula forget how to drive in the snow from one year to the next...**

**Don't:** text later.

First of all, vital messages like "kk" and "wtf" can't wait - proven fact. Plus, think of your fellow motorists. By irritating them, you're raising their blood pressure, which gets the old ticker pumping, and that might be the most exercise some people get all day.

**Do:** leave that foot of snow on top of your car. It's pretty.

**Don't:** remove it so it doesn't blow off and blind the driver behind you. Don't be selfish, he might need washer fluid. Your snow is wet. He'll be grateful, trust me.

**Do:** follow all of these handy tips religiously.

**Don't:** tell the police or your lawyer where you got them. Let's keep it our little secret.

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**I HOPE ANDREW** Heller is like Rick Rockman. We need somebody in the paper who will print the truth no matter who it concerns and not worry about his political correctness and who's who and where they live and that crap. You go, Heller.

**WHILE I DID** not read the book by Vince Flynn, the first thought on my mind when I heard about the Supreme Court justice having a heart attack, I thought the very same thing. Politically motivated and especially since there was no autopsy required. It's sad.

**BOB ARCHAMBAULT WAS** the last one to fix the Fire Hall clock. He's gone now but I bet his sons, either Jerry or Jeff, could definitely fix it.

**THE KING WAS** correct about the lawyers. All those multi million dollar settlements come right out of our pockets in the form of higher insurance premiums. Look at the massive premium increases we've all had over the last few years.

**I REALIZE THAT** not very many teachers teach history mainly because they don't know history themselves

**I'M READING THE** article of 15 tri-county wrestlers headed to the state meet. Congratulations to all you guys.

**ONE QUESTION FOR** pet owners: Why do you let your dogs run free on garbage day?

**EARLIER THIS YEAR** before the Flint water crisis, the Flint City Council was again considering borrowing money from the water balance to help fund the \$6 million remaining budget deficit. With all the money from the state, is the Flint City budget going to be balanced now?

**SUCH A SAD** country we've become when our own justice department goes after states for requiring proof of citizenship to be able to register to vote.

**THE FENTON MUSEUM** volunteers are so grateful to Mike Reilly and Dan Czarnecki for their help and support in museum maintenance. They have been wonderful.

**HELLO, MY REGULAR** customers. I served you three or four drinks and then I went to clean up your glasses and empty bottles. There was only one problem. There was no tip. How come? You received good service.

**TRASH AND RECYCLING** pick up, why is there garbage left in our cans? Why is recycling stuff all over the roads, plastic everywhere, garbage cans that are half empty? Please take the time now to make sure the cans are empty and the recycling goes into the truck, not my yard.

**IF YOU WORK** for Fenton Township and are aware of illegal activity or corruption, please come forward. You are protected under whistleblower protections. Help us clean up our government.

**APPLE CEO TIM** Cook stated: "This would be bad for America. It would also set a precedent that I think many people in America would be offended by." What offends me is Apple's "profits over people" agenda. Just walk away from Apple.

**WE WOULD LIKE** to thank the person or persons who paid for our breakfast at the Fenton Big Boy last week. What a wonderful surprise and generous thing to do. We will definitely pass on this beautiful act of kindness. God bless.

**THE SENATE IS** outwardly saying they will block any SCOTUS nomination that Obama appoints. Vote them out. They are acting like children that don't get their own way.

**IF ONLY THE** Republicans took the constitution as literal as they take their bibles, we'd be getting somewhere.

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See **HOT LINE** throughout Times



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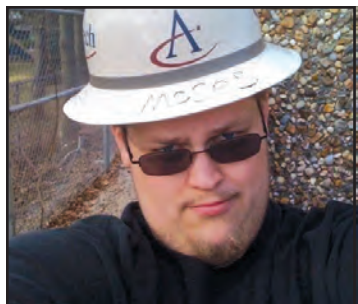
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Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter — Tri-County Times employees answer

## How did the snow storm on Wednesday affect you?

## streettalk



"I still had to come to work. I lost TV. Snow was on the dish. It's horrible. I was watching the news."

— Fred Moses  
Fenton



"It caused me to skip going to the gym and made me shovel out my driveway instead, which I think was a better workout. I had just joined the gym."

— Lorie Gavulic  
Linden



"It slowed me down for sure. You don't go around town as much as you normally would. We went to dinner at Leo's and that was pretty quiet."

— Bob Ouellette  
Tyrone Township



"It really didn't affect me that much except I had to clean off my car. I got to go home early from work on Wednesday. That was nice."

— Mindy Robertson  
Argentine Township



"It hasn't affected me too badly. I spent about an hour shoveling. This one wasn't too bad. I don't own a snow blower. No problems driving. I drive a man-van."

— Andy Westhoff, Fenton



## 65-year-old man dies in crash Wednesday

A 65-year-old Fenton man died in a Wednesday morning crash.

Witnesses reported seeing Mark Elms, who was driving an SUV, pull out of Pheasant Run Apartments in Fenton when he “shoots right across the road” and hits the Transfiguration Lutheran Church sign, said Genesee County Undersheriff Chris Swanson.

Elms, who wore his seatbelt, put the car in reverse and hit the telephone pole on the other side of the road, causing his car to spin and face north.

Swanson said that’s where he died. No other vehicles were involved.

Genesee County Sheriff’s Office paramedics performed CPR on the driver

before he was taken to Hurley Medical Center.

Swanson said the investigation is continuing and they do not suspect speed or alcohol were involved in the accident. The snowy weather also wasn’t a factor. Police suspect a medical condition caused Elms behavior, such as cardiac arrest, a stroke, diabetic reaction, or toxic levels of medication in his bloodstream at the time of the accident.

Swanson said they won’t know the exact cause until the medical examiner completes the autopsy. Elms apparently does not have any local family and police are working to contact them, said Swanson.

## Police&Fire report

### WINDOW BROKEN BY BB OR SLINGSHOT

On Feb. 20, a Holly homeowner came to the police station to file a property damage complaint regarding a broken window at the rear of his house. He said the incident occurred on Feb. 18, sometime between 10:30 p.m. and 7 a.m. The officer proceeded to the home and determined that someone had shot a BB or sling shot at the window, causing damage to the first pane of glass. There are no suspects.

### COOL WHIP CAPER

On Feb. 12, at approximately 3:04 p.m., Holly police were called to a grocery store on N. Holly Road to investigate a report of someone stealing from the store. The store owner told police that his manager spotted an unknown female leave the store, get into a grey car, drive toward a fast-food restaurant and eventually to a nearby trailer park where she parked at one of the lots. The officer watched video footage and observed the unknown female eating something that turned out to be a “Little Debbie” snack cake in one of the aisles. The officer didn’t see the female take, without paying, what the store owner said was two spray cans of Cool Whip, valued at \$12. The officer went to the lot where the female parked. After attempts to talk with the woman failed, the officer left and the case is closed.

### TOOLS, BACKPACK STOLEN FROM TRUCK

On Feb. 22 at approximately 10:55 a.m., took a complaint on a larceny from a vehicle. A Holly man told police that on Feb. 21, at approximately 4 p.m., he went to his truck parked in his driveway and noticed his boat keys on the center console when he opened his truck and the truck was unlocked. The boat keys are usually kept elsewhere in the truck. Paperwork from the victim’s job were strewn about the interior, which is usually neat. Upon further checking, a backpack, a laser and black case and various small tools were missing; value about \$300. There were no signs of forced entry at which time the victim told police he forgot to lock his truck. At this time there are no witnesses or suspects.

## Col. Fenton’s Texas Hold ‘em poker tourney Thursday

■ Proceeds from annual event benefit Fenton Area Public Schools

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Those who “know when to hold ‘em, know when to fold ‘em,” still have time to buy in to the annual Col. Fenton Texas Hold ‘em Poker Tournament at the Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille.

This year’s 11th annual event will be Thursday, March 3. It is sponsored by the Fenton Education Foundation. Proceeds from the fundraiser benefit Fenton Area Public Schools in the areas of arts, academics and athletics.

According to Fenton history, in the mid-1800s, founding fathers Col. William Fenton and Robert LeRoy played a poker game. The winner would have the town named after him. The loser would have the main street in town named after him, and other streets in town named after his family members. Obviously, Fenton won the card game.

Doors open at 5 p.m., check-in is at 6 p.m. and play begins at 6:30 p.m. Buy-in is \$100, which includes the cost of one player, one spectator and free hors d’oeuvres until 10 p.m. A cash bar will be available.

Spectators not accompanying a card player are encouraged to attend for \$20 at the door, which includes a free hors d’oeuvres bar.

Following the card game, a section of LeRoy Street will be ceremonially renamed in the winner’s honor for approximately one year.

First-round winners will receive \$100, second-round winners will receive \$150 more (\$250 total), plus dinner for two at The Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille.

The final table winner will receive \$750 more (\$1,000 total), plus have a section of LeRoy Street named in their honor.

Tickets may be obtained from any foundation board member, at the Fenton schools’ administrative office, or The Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille. To learn more about the tournament or FEF, call (810) 591-4700 or visitfentoneducationfoundation.org



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We as a nation on the Western Standard American diet (SAD diet) are not eating the same quantities of raw organic fruits and vegetables as our ancestors. Instead live on processed foods with preservatives. Sadly, the body mass index (BMI) worldwide is increasing as a result. Processed foods have less live enzymes therefore we take on more calories to satisfy our cravings for proper nutrition. Changing a habit can often times be trying and a bit scary for some. I recommend adding greens to your diet on a daily basis as a starting point. My favorite is a green smoothie or green juice for breakfast and mixed greens with veggies of all different colors for lunch. I have personally found this to be very beneficial to the waistline and a “happier” way of nutrition over time.

The next step is to try to get the “white” out of your diet such as sugar and white flour. It is also a good idea to stretch your legs. Take a walk. It is good for detoxification of the body and studies have shown that walking and exercise can decrease the risk of macular degeneration, which is the leading cause of blindness in the age group of 55 and older. While you are taking a walk do not forget to take in a deep breath of clean air. If you smoke try to quit. Smokers have a 3x increased risk of developing macular degeneration. Also don’t forget to protect your eyes from UV radiation. Smoking and sunlight

can increase the risk of cataracts and Macular Degeneration. Less squinting in the sunlight can also decrease wrinkles!

While you are walking, taking a deep breath, and wearing sunglasses think about the word forgiveness. You might wonder what the word forgiveness has to do with the eyes? Everything is interconnected - your physical body, your emotional body, your mentality and your spirituality are all part of what makes up you and your level of wholeness. What you think sends a message to every cell in your body. You can exercise all you like and eat all the right foods, but if you are still holding onto anger, indignation and resentments, you still have poison in your body in the form of stress. Non-Forgiveness keeps you held in the struggle of fear, revenge, hurt, blame & jealousy. It keeps you a prisoner of past events and in the illusion of separation. If you are wanting to really embark on this journey of health, forgiveness plays a major role in your healing journey. Be aware of the body-mind connection.

Lastly, get quality sleep. Turn off all devices emitting blue light after 9 pm. This helps melatonin production for the body to repair and heal while you sleep. Children are especially vulnerable to blue light since we do not develop filters in the lens inside of our eyes to protect us until the age of 40. I advise no smart phone or tablet use for children prior to the age of 2 and eye protection for tablet or smart phone use after the age of 2.

A lasting change in your diet and eating habits begins with an awareness of what you currently consume and what you are thinking. **When we are young we use our health to gain wealth. When we are old we use our wealth to gain health.** Be smart and find balance.

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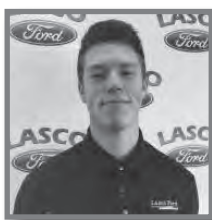
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## Quasarano family funeral held Saturday in Flint

By Hannah Ball

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The funeral for the family of six found dead in their home this past Sunday from apparent carbon monoxide poisoning was held on Saturday, Feb. 27 at Central Church of the Nazarene in Flint.

The Quasarano family are Leonard, 35, Heather, 39, and their children Luke, 11, Brenden, 9, Rachel, 7, and Grant, almost 2.

The family was laid to rest together in Fairview Cemetery in Linden.

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

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 due to extremely high winds

that night. Police learned via 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.

After no communication from the Quasarano family, relatives broke into the house through the back door on Sunday and discovered the family.

Responding police secured the scene and the Fenton Township Fire Department ventilated the house. The generator was not running when police arrived. Police entered the home and confirmed that the Quasarano family was found deceased in different rooms of the house.

The 10,000 Watt 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.

## Second case of carbon monoxide poisoning in eight years

■ Similar circumstances in June 2008 deaths

By Vera Hogan

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The deaths of six members of the Quasarano family in Fenton Township last week likely brings back heart-wrenching memories for one Argentine Township family.

On June 9, 2008, Jason Amy, who was 33 at the time, and his girlfriend, Rachele (Chelly) Schloegl, 26, were found dead in the bedroom of their Seymour Road home by Amy's sister, who had gone to the house to check on the couple because she knew they had no power.

The medical examiner at Hurley Medical Center confirmed the deaths to be the result of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Argentine Township Police Chief Daniel Allen said the couple began operating a portable generator from the basement of the home sometime after 11 p.m. on Sunday, June 8.

The doors and windows were closed when rescue workers arrived, and the chief said the levels inside the home were so high that someone would most likely be overcome in less than five minutes.

## Vigil rescheduled to 6 p.m. Sunday

A vigil to honor the lives and memory of the Quasarano family, originally scheduled for Thursday evening, Feb. 25, was postponed due to inclement weather. The vigil has been rescheduled to take place at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 28 at Linden High School, 7201 W. Silver Lake Road.

## MOURNS

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"All of us at Linden El were blessed to build relationships with the entire Quasarano family," said Principal Robert Pouch. "Linden El is full of amazing parents, including the Quasarano family."

Len operated his own Computer Support Company called NextGen. Heather worked as an ultrasound sonographer for McLaren Imaging. Despite their busy schedules, Pouch said the parents were very involved with their children's school activities.

"Both parents were always willing to help out where needed, attend field trips and join their children weekly for lunch," he said. "Each and everyone one of us can learn a great deal from the Quasarano family, particularly the importance and priority of family."

Pouch said Luke, Brenden and Rachel were wonderful children, full of smiles on a daily basis.

"All three were very social children and loved sharing their stories with the staff and students at Linden El," Pouch said. "They always had something interesting to share with the staff about what they did the night before or were planning to do for the weekend."

"You truly could not ask for more positive, full of life students at Linden El," he added. "They will be dearly missed and we will forever cherish the memories we made with the Quasarano family."

Earlier in the week, Daniel Patz, senior pastor at Faith Baptist Church in Linden talked about the Quasarano family, who were members of the church.

"We surely are at a loss," said Patz. "They were a wonderful family. They lived their lives with deep faith in Jesus Christ in everything they did."

Pouch said Linden is a wonderful place to raise a family and the Linden El staff is very appreciative for all the local support during this time.

"We will continue to keep the entire Quasarano family in our thoughts," said Pouch.

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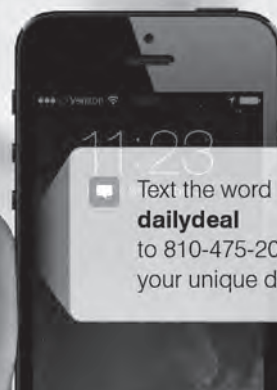
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# Carbon monoxide, 'the silent killer'

## ■ Fire chief gives safety tips for using generators

By Hannah Ball

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In the wake of the deaths of the Quasarano family, people have been questioning how to use generators safely.

The Quasarano family died from apparent carbon monoxide poisoning from a generator that was running in the basement.

Generators are used for electricity when camping, hunting and when there's a power outage, according to the Michigan Department of Community Health.

They're convenient, but can be extremely dangerous. These machines, like all fuel-burning appliances, release carbon monoxide, a poisonous gas.

City of Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said the carbon monoxide is dangerous because it's odorless and colorless.

"It's unlike natural gas that has the rotten egg smell, or smoke from a fire that you can see and smell," he said.

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include headaches, dizziness, confusion, fatigue, and nausea.

Carbon monoxide poisoning can lead

to death in a very short time, according to the MDCH, and people are often exposed to it without knowing.

Thus the name "the silent killer."

"So many people mistake the effects of CO as the flu and if they don't have a working CO detector in the home, they may not realize until it is too late," he said.

On average, Cairnduff said they respond to about a dozen carbon monoxide incidents a year.

"Not all of these end up having CO in the home, but a majority of them do," he said. "We have had deaths and many close calls in our responses."

The problem with generators, and other household items like a water heater, furnace or dryer, is when there isn't adequate ventilation and CO accumulates.

"They should never be used in a home, or in a garage. They should be outside and they should not be near a door or window," Cairnduff said.

They can also cause fire hazards when not installed correctly. Cairnduff recommends having a licensed electrician properly install the generator.

"Every home should have a CO detector in it," he said. "They are a true lifesaver."

There are a few simple steps to take

to ensure that you and your family will remain safe during your next vacation up north or during the next power outage by following these tips for safe generator usage:

- **Do read and follow** all of the instructions that come with all fuel-powered appliances, including generators.
- **Do not use** a generator indoors — ever.

• **Do use an** extra long extension cord with a generator. Be sure the generator is secured several feet from your home and is away from all open windows, doors and air intakes.

• **Do pay attention** to flu-like symptoms, especially if more than one person has them. Headache, dizziness, confusion, fatigue and nausea are all common symptoms of carbon monoxide exposure.

• **Do move outside** to fresh air immediately if a carbon monoxide leak is suspected.

• **Do go to the** emergency room or call 911 if you feel sick. Tell them that you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon monoxide poisoning can be determined by a quick blood test done soon after exposure. The faster you are treated, the better your chances for a quick recovery.

• **Do not ignore** symptoms.

Reporter Vera Hogan contributed to this article.

### SUMMARY

■ Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include headaches, dizziness, confusion, fatigue and nausea.

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#### LINDEN MOSQUITO CONTROL

Voters in the city of Linden will decide whether to renew their Mosquito Control Millage.

All precincts in the city of Linden vote at Faith Baptist Church, 4518 East Silver Lake Rd, Linden.

The city will levy a millage not to exceed .40 mills in order to fund the cost of mosquito control. If the millage is approved by voters the cost shall be borne through the millage. There is no impact on the city's general fund. The city will levy no more than .40 mills, as

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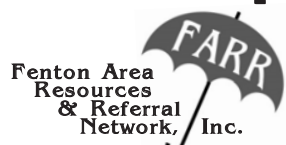
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# Science night fun and educational for all

■ Activities incorporated new Michigan science standards

By Hannah Ball

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**Argentine Twp.** — Kids weren't the only ones with wonder on their faces as they played with worms, made diagrams on plant and frog life, and made catapults out of tongue depressors.

Approximately 100 kids and parents enjoyed the Family Science Night at Central Elementary last Wednesday, put on by the Sloan Museum, and learned a thing or two about the physical world with hands-on projects.

Jody Jackson, a member of Parents Actively Involved in Linden Schools (PALS), said "At each station the kids get to do something interactive which they get to take home. We wanted to get the families involved, get the kids involved. It's a great thing for the families to do."

Alida Smith, 9, said "I like science and school and stuff like that."

Her mother, Tonya Smith, said "I think it's fantastic. She heard about it and she wanted to skip her gymnastics tonight to come. I wasn't sure what to expect, but this is neat."

Attendees learned about how force and motion works by trying to build a roller coaster out of a foam pipe and putting marbles down it. They learned about kinetic energy by building mini catapults out of tongue depressors and how to create a worm habitat with a living worm.

The kids were allowed to take the worm home.



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Alida Smith deposits a worm into her "worm hotel" at a booth run by the Sloan Museum at Central Elementary's Family Science Night on February 17 in Argentine Township.

At the solar system station, the kids constructed a glow-in-the-dark flip book to learn the different phases of the moon, as well as bead necklaces to learn about the order of the planets.

Each station was packed with enthusiastic kids from the moment the event started to the minute it ended.

Laurie Bone, senior curator of projects at the Sloan Museum, said they had a bigger than average turnout for this event at Central Elementary.

The hands-on projects are an effective way for kids to learn, she said, and the kids are excited when the project helps them understand something.

In her station, the life cycles of plants and frog, uses cut-out pictures and paper plates to show the different stages of plant and frog life.

"The one I'm doing is so simple...but when you put plates together and then start folding, it surprises them. They're surprised it looks like that," she said.

The Sloan Museum puts on these science nights at different Michigan locations.

Cheryl Thomas, principal for Central Elementary said they coordinated with the Sloan Museum to make sure what was taught correlates with the next generation science standards to create parallels with that the kids are learning in the classroom.

Thomas said these next generation science standards still include the basic scientific principles, but it expands on those concepts more.

"They still maintain categories such as physical earth and life science but next gen-



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This station is used to illustrate the structure and properties of matter, starting with the area of a surface.

eration is going deeper... using other kinds of thinking concepts like scales, proportion, quantity, structure, function, cause and effect," she said.

Sloan has introduced activities to get kids to do more math and engineering. In certain stations, students had to compute the area of a surface.

At the catapult station, they had to figure out how to construct the design for the catapult and learn trial and error to figure out the trajectory when shooting the little ball into the bucket.

"That's what we're looking for," Thomas said. "We really wanted hands on activities."

Thomas said the new science standards, introduced this past November, aim to make the kids higher thinkers.

Hyatt Elementary plans to have a family science night next month.



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To learn about physics, these boys make a track from insulating foam. The goal is to use gravity to roll a marble through the track. From left are Brady Cook, 7, Arlo Oppen, 8, and Wyatt Joki, 8.

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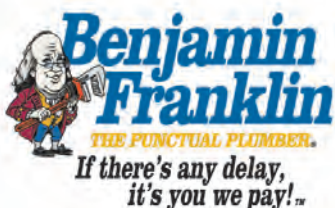
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# 'Leap Year babies' celebrate rare birthdays

■ Technically, only have a birthday once every four years

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One 79-year-old Fenton woman will celebrate her 20th birthday with family on Monday at an undecided restaurant.

Feb. 29 is a special birthday. It only comes once every four years.

Pat Goupil was born on a Leap Year and while she celebrates her birthday every year, it's usually not the day of her birth.

"There are good things and bad

things," she said.

Since certain restaurants give patrons free food on their birthdays, she's had to explain that her birthday is on a Leap Day because Feb. 29 doesn't show up on computers every year.

"It really wasn't a problem until computers became so popular," she said.

Goupil has even had to choose if she wanted her birthday on Feb. 28 or March 1 in certain situations.

People born on Feb. 29 are known as "leaplings" or "leapers."

Leap years occur every four years because it takes the earth a little more than 365 days a year to complete one rotation around the sun.

The rare day is a birthday to Goupil and 187,000 people in the U.S. and four million people in the world, according to infoplease.com.

In fact, there's actually a Leap Year Club called the Honor Society of Leap Year Babies, according to timeanddate.com. There are more than 10,000 members.

Goupil's birthday celebration this year was supposed to be a surprise, but the idea leaked.

"I said let's just do a family thing, that will be enough," she said.

Goupil said she's had fun birthday parties.

For her 64th, (or 16th birthday) her friends from Swartz Creek, from where

**“It's kind of a novelty for her. Everyone wants to know 'how old are you, how many birthdays have you had?'”**

**Ted Goupil**

Husband of Pat Goupil, a Leap Year baby

she graduated, arranged a party for her at a restaurant.

"They called and said they were having a party for a 16-year-old," she said. "In I walk. I was 64. The restaurant was kind of

taken aback from that."

She only knows one other person who has a Leap Year birthday.

Goupil said she likes her birthday date, and so does her husband, Ted.

"The nice part about it from my point of view is that I don't have to worry about her birthday," Ted joked. "It's kind of a novelty for her. Everyone wants to know 'how old are you, how many birthdays have you had?'"

A Byron second-grader, Corey White, is excited to watch the monster trucks at the Monster Jam at Ford Field this weekend for his second birthday.

"He doesn't really understand that Leap Year only comes around once every four years," his mother Amy White said.

She said the 8-year-old gets upset when they go to the dentist or the doctor and they tell him he doesn't have a birthday this year, but they always celebrate it on Feb. 28.

For his actual birthday on Monday they're going to have a small dinner at their house with family and friends.



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Corey White, 7, of Byron is a Leap Year baby, who will celebrate his 2nd birthday on Monday.



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The White family, Shawn, Amy, Corey, and Ava, 2, celebrates Corey's birthday on Feb. 28 on non Leap Years.

The rare birthday date doesn't cause many issues for the White family, beside some doctors double checking the date.

When Amy had Corey at the hospital, they told her "'You don't want to have a Leap Year baby' and I was like 'I don't have much of a choice'," she said.

## WHY DO WE HAVE LEAP YEARS?

The Earth takes approximately 365 days, five hours, 48 minutes, and 45 seconds to complete one solar year, or one rotation around the sun, according to timeanddate.com. Since an extra 24 hours accumulates every four years, an extra calendar day, Feb. 29, was added every four years by Roman General Julius Caesar over 2,000 years ago to keep the calendar balanced with the sun's position, according to timeanddate.com. It was integrated into the Gregorian calendar over 1,000 years later.

## WHAT IF WE DIDN'T HAVE LEAP YEARS?

If we didn't have a Leap Year, the seasons would slowly move back in the calendar which would create confusion with weather, ecology, and hours of daylight. After 100 years of not having a Leap Day, our calendar would be off by 24 days, according to timeanddate.com.

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Argentine Township Police Chief Dan Allen sits through court proceedings on Wednesday.

**CASE**

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Department, it will be pushed ahead again. The snow storm, which closed the courts, didn't help either.

Ryan Stevens, 18, of Linden, Kody Brewer, 15, of Wolverine Lake (formerly of Linden), and Lamarr Dukes, 15, of West Bloomfield, all appeared with their attorneys before Judge David Goggins again Wednesday, Feb. 24.

The teens have been charged with conspiracy to commit first-degree, pre-meditated murder, a felony punishable by up to life in prison and false report or threat of terrorism, a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

The alleged incident occurred on Oct. 27, 2015, over a series of Instagram posts, direct messages and text messages, which suggested there might be a shooting at the school perpetrated by the three teens.

The preliminary examination was set to carry on, picking up with an interview with FBI agent Henrik Impola.

But as the police investigation continues, more evidence was expected to surface, and a great deal of it surfaced Wednesday morning. The assistant prosecutor and all three defense attorneys had little time to go over the CDs and stack of papers. The discovery packet contained new information downloaded from the teens' cell phones, and included FBI interviews.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney David Guinn received the pack that morning and had copies made for everyone.

After the session, Argentine Township Det. Doug Fulton said, "The more and more we look, the more and more we dig, the more and more we keep finding. It's a lot of information we've uncovered, and we will be finding even more."



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | TIM JAGIELO  
Ryan Stevens, 18, enters court once more for the alleged shooting plot at Linden schools last October. He was followed in by Kody Brewer, 15, and Lamarr Dukes, 15, who couldn't be photographed due to being minors.



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | TIM JAGIELO  
Ryan Stevens' attorney Marc Hart holds a new discovery packet he and the other attorneys had just received. They asked for an adjournment and settled on March 16.

He said another packet is coming.

Fulton said the investigation is ongoing. "It's not something you get done in an eight-hour day...It's going to be a while, we're still finding stuff."

The defense attorneys urged Judge Goggins to adjourn again to allow the discovery to be digested by all parties. Judge Goggins agreed, also citing the accumulating snow.

The teens and their attorneys will be back in court March 16, and 10 a.m.

**LAWYER PLEADS FOR CLIENT'S RELEASE**

At the session's onset, Kody Brewer's attorney Elbert Hatchett made an impassioned plea again to allow his client out on bail and a tether instead of sitting at the regional juvenile center. "The delays are unconscionable," he said. Gesturing to Brewer's parents watching from the audience, he said, "Judge, do something for us."

Attorneys Gwendolyn Gordon for Dukes, and Marc Hart for Stevens made the same request. Goggins remained resolute, denying bail again, citing the seriousness of the charges.

**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

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**HOT LINE** CONTINUED

**WHAT HAPPENED TO** the family in Linden is tragic and a sad reminder for everyone on the proper use of generators.

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**TYRONE TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES** are getting a raise? All their services are offered on their website. If anything, they should only be open two days a week like Deerfield Township.

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**HOLLY RESIDENTS, WE** have four seats opening up for this year's election. Three of the four have been sitting in those Village Council seats far too long. It's time for Village of Holly residents to run for council.

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**DEAR FENTON A.D.,** may I ask what you were thinking when the opinion of one person made the decision of letting a great high school coach go instead of getting all the facts and talking to other families? Shame on you.

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**SALARIES**

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"Over the last 20 years I have been supervisor our average (increase) is 3 percent, and has ranged from 0 to 5 percent," he said. "After the recession of 2008 we had five years with 0-percent increases."

DePalma does not have another job or business. He works at the township hall all day Monday through Thursday, and until 7 p.m. on Wednesdays.

"This is my full-time job," he said. "I do not have any dedicated staff or deputy."

"I also attend meetings at night, Fridays, and weekends," he added.

On the other side of the tri-county area is Argentine Township, where Supervisor Bob Cole earns \$19,195 a year for his services, and receives an additional \$5,000 a year for attending meetings outside of Argentine Township. He does have health care benefits.

"I work at least 30 (hours) and sometimes it's 40 or 50, depending on what's going on," Cole said. "Technically they pay me as a part-time official but I'm the supervisor 24 hours a day."

Along with his township duties, Cole serves on several county and local boards and commissions and attends numerous meetings on a regular basis.

Cole said he occasionally still does some work for the extended Cole family business, but only when needed.

Paul Gambka, supervisor for Rose Township, earns \$45,000 per year, the second-highest salary for township supervisors in the tri-county area. Another \$4,500 goes

into a pension for him. He enjoys just over \$14,000 in Blue Cross/Blue Shield benefits per year, plus nearly \$700 for dental and vision.

In addition to his township duties, Gambka is the owner of Gambka & Co. P.C., an accounting firm in Highland.

"I am a certified public accountant by profession," Gambka said. "I prepare tax returns during tax season."

Gambka said much of his time as supervisor is spent at meetings outside of the office. "I would say somewhere around 30 to 34 hours a week," he said.

Gambka said the supervisor's salary has been the same since 2004.

Holly Township Supervisor Dale Smith earns \$33,768 per year. He is considered a part-time official also attending board and commission meetings. He receives health benefits and a 10-percent pension deposit each year. Outside of the township, Smith is a successful attorney.

Fenton Township Supervisor Bonnie Mathis earns \$33,333 per year. She also enjoys a \$5,414 vehicle allowance. She, as well as the other members of the Fenton Township Board of Trustees, is eligible to participate in the township's defined contribution pension plan. All board members are also covered by \$40,000 term life insurance benefits.

Mathis is the owner of Interiors by Bonnie, a long-time interior design business in the city of Fenton.

Tyrone Township Supervisor Mike Cunningham earns \$32,214 per year. He also receives \$9,110.20 in annual health insurance benefits.

Tyrone Township is open four days a week, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

"I am here most of the day every day unless meetings pertaining to township business dictate otherwise," Cunningham said. "I also attend meetings from time to time on Fridays. So this is a full-time position."

All township officials decide their own salaries based on a number of variables including the county in which they're located, tax base, etc.

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**TYRONE TOWNSHIP****Supervisor:** \$32,214**Treasurer:** \$32,214**Clerk:** \$32,214

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(Supervisor receives \$9,110.20 per year for health insurance benefits.)



**DREW DERIDDER**  
Fenton goalie wins  
gold medal.  
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## LF win streak extends to 10 games

By David Troppens  
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If the Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team wanted to have a wave of good vibrations entering its pivotal GAC Red division battle with Beecher on Friday, the Blue Devils have done just that over the last month.

The Blue Devils made it 10 straight victories with a pretty decisive 64-47 victory at Kearsley High School during the Metro League vs. GAC Coaches vs. Cancer series on Tuesday.

"That's 10 in a row, so hopefully that keeps us going," Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Jake Erway said. "Hopefully we can build upon that on Friday."

See **STREAK** on 17A

## Beecher edges Bronchos, 61-59

■Holly's final shot falls just short as Bucs earn win vs. area powers

By David Troppens  
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It was a perfect night in many ways.

It was a marquee matchup of two of the best teams in the Flint area.

Detroit Pistons television broadcaster George Blaha was at the Horseshoe doing the starting lineup announcements. And it was a tight game not decided until the final shot.

The only thing that wasn't perfect was the final score. Adam Tooley's three-point shot at the buzzer was missed, allowing the defending Class C Beecher Buccaneers to escape Holly High School with a 61-

59 victory during the first-ever Metro League vs. GAC Coaches vs. Cancer Challenge.

"We expect to win every time we step on the floor," Holly varsity boys basketball coach Lance Baylis said. "I made the non-league schedule the toughest it's ever been for a purpose. But we turned the ball over 19 times and were outshot 27 to 14 on the free-throw line and we lost to Beecher by two. They are the No. 1 Class C team in the state. But those are telling signs — we turned the ball over 19 times and they had nearly twice as many free throw attempts."

The teams bounced back and forth with the lead throughout the night. Holly trailed 11-4 early, but answered back with by taking a 20-15 lead by the end of the first quarter. That was about as big a lead as any-



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | MARK BOLEN

Holly's Adam Tooley attempts a game-winning shot with his bench and the fans anticipating the shot against Beecher. The shot didn't go in and Beecher won 61-59.

one had the rest of the entertaining contest. Beecher took the last decisive lead when the Buccaneers led 55-49 late in the

fourth quarter. However, Holly's Kyle Woodruff netted five quick points, cutting the gap to  
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# Fenton's DeRidder leads Team USA to gold medal

By David Troppens

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Drew DeRidder is just like a lot of younger hockey players.

To fuel his hockey ambitions, he plays on the Oakland Junior Grizzlies U16 squad out of Troy. And occasionally the Fenton resident will travel to compete in hockey tournaments.

DeRidder did just that from Feb. 12 to 21. What separates DeRidder's trip over most youth hockey players is that he was a member of the U.S. Youth Olympic team which headed to Lillehammer, Norway to compete in the 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games.

And while he was there, DeRidder was the starting goalie for United States' squad that captured the gold medal by avenging a previous loss to Canada by recording a 5-2 victory in the gold medal game.

"It was pretty amazing," DeRidder said about the experience. "Just playing with the best 17 kids from each country is amazing. There was some great talent."

DeRidder's U.S. team included five players from the state of Michigan. He was one of two goalies on the squad. He earned his spot on Team USA through several tryout camps. He went to a district camp last summer, and he was selected to go to a Michigan camp. From there, he was invited to a national camp in New York. He found out

he was selected during early December. He was one of 24 goalies at the final camp.

"It was amazing being picked," DeRidder said. "I was incredibly proud and honored to go to the Youth Olympics and represent my country."

DeRidder never played with his other 16 teammates until they went they played their first game at the tournament. It didn't seem to matter as the United States advanced out of pool play with a 3-1 record. DeRidder was the starting goalie in two of those victories. He helped the US defeat Norway 8-0, making 11 saves. His second round-robin contest was against Russia. During that contest, DeRidder saved 22 of 24 shots, leading the U.S. to a 4-2 victory.

His performance also earned him the starting nod in the semifinals, another contest against Russia. DeRidder was even more impressive in this game stopping all 19 shots provided by the Russians in a 3-0 Team USA victory.

It was during the semifinals that DeRidder had his biggest moment. The US was up 1-0 when Russia had an amazing opportunity.

"The guy got the puck right in the slot and skated in," DeRidder said. "I had an amazing pad save. Everybody on our team was falling off the bench, basically. It was pretty intense."

DeRidder enjoyed playing the



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Fenton resident Drew DeRidder (right) makes a save during the 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games. DeRidder was the goalie in Team USA's gold-medal winning victory against Team Canada.

Russians.

"It was great playing two games in a row (against the Russians)," DeRidder said. "The second time we played them they knew our tactics and we knew theirs. We had two great games with them."

The U.S. faced Team Canada in the final. The United States lost to Canada 4-2 in the preliminary round, but DeRidder didn't start in net during that game. This time he did and he played outstanding. DeRidder recorded 22 saves, leading the US to the gold medal.

DeRidder said the team was

confident entering the finals.

"We knew we had a great group of guys and a great team," DeRidder said. "In the first game (against Canada) we strayed a little from what we did and our teamwork fell apart a bit as a team. In the gold medal game we came back hard with everyone working together."

The tournament ends DeRidder's commitments to the youth squad. He's still playing out his season with the Oakland Jr. Grizzlies, a Tier 1 elite hockey league team. He could be drafted at the junior hockey level during the sum-

mer, possibly playing in the Ontario Hockey League, the league the Flint Firebirds and Saginaw Spirit play in. He eventually wants to play for an elite Junior Hockey League team or collegiately and eventually play in the National Hockey League. The fact DeRidder was the starting goalie for Team USA proves he's on his way.

"I'm hoping (playing on the team) just keeps pushing me to keep going," DeRidder said. "My goal is to make it to the NHL. I'd love to play in college or in the OHL. I want to play in the pros."

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## Eagles win second straight verdict, defeat Mt. Morris 59-31

By David Troppens

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The Linden varsity boys basketball team suffered a lot of close losses early in the season.

Coach Anthony Wright always professed that the team's fortunes would turn around.

Recently, they have done just that.

The Eagles won their second straight game, defeating Mt. Morris 59-31 in one of the Metro League vs. GAC Coaches vs. Cancer contests hosted Tuesday night.

"It was good, but we did start very slow, very sluggish," Wright said.

"We were winning 7-6 after the first quarter. We were sluggish with turnovers. But we answered the bell at half-time. We held them defensively and finished some possessions on the offensive end. It was a good win."

The one-point lead after one quarter was a 23-14 edge at halftime. The Eagles extended their lead to over 20 points for a good chunk of the second half.

"The kids were able to buy in defensively and that gave us energy," Wright said. "Everyone played and almost everyone scored. Overall, it was a good game."

Cole Sarkon and Collin Hoerberling led the Eagles (4-12) with 12 points each. Gavin Lund netted eight points, while Logan Steiert had five points and eight rebounds. Hunter Michael and Connor Faught had five points and six rebounds each in the Eagles' home non-conference victory.



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Cole Sarkon (right) scored 12 points in the Eagles' 59-31 victory against Mt. Morris on Tuesday.

### Goodrich 53, Fenton 45

The Tigers were outscored 10-6 and never totally got back on track resulting in the non-league home loss during the Metro League vs. GAC Coaches vs. Cancer series.

Fenton's offense picked up after the first quarter, netting a game-high 17 points in the third quarter. However, Goodrich responded with 21 points during that same period, making sure the Martians stayed on top.

Chris Gilbert led the Tigers with 20 points, while Peyton Coffman netted 12 points. Carrington Wiggins led all scorers, netting 28 points for Goodrich.



## Holly struggles without Smith, lose to Durand

By David Troppens

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The Holly varsity girls basketball team had to play the game against Durand without their all-time leading scorer, and it hurt the squad.

Holly's offense struggled as only three Lady Bronchos scored points in Holly's 38-28 loss to the Durand Railroaders on Tuesday.

The Bronchos lost Kaitlyn Smith's services during the opening jump ball in the previous game.

The Bronchos led 12-10 after one quarter. The Bronchos even held Durand scoreless during the second quarter and led 15-10 at halftime. However, the Railroaders outscored Holly 28-13 in the second half, resulting in Durand's victory.

Holly was paced by senior Jenna Pepper who netted a team-high 17 points and three rebounds. Paige Reid netted nine points, eight rebounds, and three assists.

### Flint Southwestern 52, Lake Fenton 39

The Blue Devils scored only single-digits in three of the four quarters, resulting in the non-league loss.

Lake Fenton trailed 25-12 at the half, but did post an 18-point third quarter, cutting the Southwestern lead to 34-30, but Southwestern responded with an 18-point fourth quarter, earning the win.

Autumn Beardsley led the Blue Devils with 13 points, nine rebounds, four blocked shots, two steals and two assists while Haley Whittecar had eight points and five rebounds. Saige Fuller netted six points and five rebounds.

## BRONCHOS

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just one point. Later, Woodruff hit a three-pointer, tying the game at 59-all.

The game remained tied until Beecher's Aquavius Burks hit two free throws with 19.9 seconds left. Holly turned the ball over on its next possession, but Beecher followed with its own turnover when Woodruff earned a steal. Woodruff followed by driving to the lane and kicking it out to Adam Tooley with a three-pointer from the baseline. However, his shot didn't fall, earning Beecher the thrilling road victory.

"We've won 33 of our last 38 games and in all five losses it was a two-point game with under a minute to go," Baylis said. "We had multiple chances to win the game but our execution down the stretch hurt us."

Woodruff led the Bronchos (14-4) with 19 points, while Ian Hodges netted 16 points, Austin Harless had 10 points. Beecher's Malik Ellison led all scorers with 21 points, while Burks finished with 20 points.



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Holly's Steven Redmond (on the floor) battles to keep possession of a ball during the Bronchos' 61-59 loss to Beecher on Tuesday.

## STREAK

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The Blue Devils were only leading 33-31 at the half, but then turned on the defensive screws during the second half, allowing just 16 points during the final 16 minutes.

"We weren't very good defensively in the first half," Erway said. "Kearsley had a ton of easy looks at the basket. We were great for about a 13-minute stretch when we gave up only three points. We kept the ball out of the paint and got it to about a 24- or a 25-point lead. We played a much better and more complete game in the second half."

The Blue Devils may have not had a chance to win the game if not for Jalen Miller's first-half performance. He scored 21 points, with 19 of them coming in the first half. He also had

10 rebounds and six assists. He left the game due to injury.

Isaac Golson netted 12 points and three steals, while Jon Sanders netted 11 points. Andrew Foerster had nine points while Chris Bell had nine rebounds and three assists."

Friday's home contest with Beecher was a battle for first place in the GAC Red Division. Lake Fenton needed to win to earn a tie in the league stand-

ings. Results of Friday night's game can be found at tctimes.com or in Wednesday's publication.

"We know we have to get out to a quick start throughout the game. We can't have one of those lulls we have at times during games," Erway said. "We just have to play our game and not worry about things out of control. If we do that, we have a good opportunity to win the game."

## PREP REPORT

### SKI

► **Fenton/Linden at SEMSL League Meet:** The Fenton/Linden girls ski team placed third at the South Eastern Michigan Ski League championships.

Zoe Weinberg led the squad. Weinberg became a back-to-back SEMSL giant slalom champion, winning the event with a two-run combined time of 44.67 seconds, beating the rest of the field by over a second. She tried to become a back-to-back champion in the slalom as well, but was edged out by North Farmington's Amelie Perez. Weinberg had a time of 56.87 seconds. Weinberg will complete her prep ski career at the state meet to be held on Monday.

Milo Kernanen had a strong showing, finishing the giant slalom in 18th (47.46), while also placing 24th in the slalom (1:06.07). Ashlyn Smith finished 36th in the slalom (1:07.79), while Rachel Smith was 44th (1:10.90). In the giant slalom, Ashlyn Smith was 26th (47.81) and Rachel Smith was 39th (48.50).

In boys' action, Brendan McNerney took fifth in the giant slalom (44.84), while Tommy Kemp was 26th (45.96) and Chad Booher was 32nd (46.13). In the slalom, Kemp was 41st (1:01.96), McNerney was 51st (1:03.88) and Booher was 74th (1:23.22).

### COMPETITIVE CHEER

► **Division 2 district at Fenton:** The Fenton Tigers missed out on qualifying for regional action by a place, taking fifth with a team score of 710.36. Clio earned the final fourth-place regional-qualifying spot with a 711.78. Fenton ended the meet with a strong 301.10 round 3 score.

Holly placed eighth with a team score of 687.40, while Linden placed ninth with a 670.10.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

► **Linden freshmen 48, Mt. Morris 30:** Linden took an early 18-3 lead and cruised from that point, leveling their record to 8-8. Travis Klocek led the Eagles with 16 points, while Max James netted 11 points. Hayden Mahakian had nine points.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

► **Lake Fenton JV vs. Montrose, Flint Southwestern:** The Lake Fenton JV team defeated Montrose 34-24 and beat Flint Southwestern 37-21. In the victory against Montrose, Savannah Shustock netted nine points, while Monrae Prentice netted six points.

In the victory against Flint Southwestern, Hannah Hellebuyck netted seven points, while Sophia Clements netted six points.

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Pictured here are Jeff Coon (left), head brewer; Matt Cornell, chef, and co-owners Jeff and Denise Fortin.

## 'Taking you on a beer journey'

■ Northern Oak Brewery is Holly's first, developing a community of beer lovers

By Sally Rummel

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Northern Oak Brewery in Holly has become a destination for people who enjoy the full-flavored experience of craft beers, since opening their doors in September 2015.

The brewery was born from the home brewing hobby of Jim Fortin, who owns and operates Northern Oak Brewery with his wife, Denise, and business partner Ed Krupa. The entire project has been a labor of love, as Jim and Ed did much of the interior and exterior work of the building themselves.

Able to serve seven different beers on tap, Northern Oak Brewery takes each

customer on a beer journey with flavors that touch just about everyone. "We're developing a community here," said Jeff Coon, head brewer, formerly of the Frankenmuth Brewery.

Customers will enjoy the view of Bevins Lake across the street, and a number of house-made entrees, salads, soups and burgers to accompany the brews. Lending his own creative touch to the menu is Chef Matt Cornell, a culinary arts school graduate. Many of the menu items incorporate beer, from Beer Bread to the Belgian Bourbon Brownie.

"We want to be known as a brewery with food, not a restaurant with beer," said Denise. "We are licensed to sell only what we brew here on-site, no other beers, wines or cocktails."

Northern Oak Brewery is at 806 North Saginaw St., next to Beacon & Bridge gas station, telephone (248) 634-7515. For a full menu, visit [northernoakbrewery.com](http://northernoakbrewery.com).

## TRIAL

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On the morning on Aug. 28, 2015, Wolf was on patrol driving his motorcycle when he was hit by a vehicle pulling a trailer on Dixie Highway, near I-75.

He was dragged about four miles on the highway at speeds of up to 65 mph until Warren, the driver, pulled over at a rest stop. He then discovered Wolf.

Warren had originally been on house arrest until early November, 2015 when 52-2 District Judge Kelley Kostin had him jailed on several bond violations.

"It's getting very clear to me that Mr. Warren's decision is 'I'm going to do what I want to do and I'll explain it later,'" Kostin said in November, [themorningsun.com](http://themorningsun.com) reported.

She cited three violations: failing to appear for a Nov. 3 alcohol and drug testing; stopping for fast food when the court told him to drive straight home from a doctor's appointment, and failing to check in frequently with his case manager and others.

Warren's driver's license had been taken away and wife had been driving on Oct. 29, 2015 when they stopped for fast-food after a doctor's appointment because Warren reportedly hadn't eaten all day.

Two other violations include making a trip to Home Depot and Meijer in Waterford.

Kostin modified his previous \$100,000 personal bond to \$100,000 cash or surety, with 10 percent payment allowed.

Warren's attorney, Southfield-based Neil Rockind, disagreed with Kostin's decision but said Warren posted the \$10,000 in order to leave custody of the court.

Warren issued this statement through his attorney:

"Michigan State Police Trooper Chad Wolf tragically passed away on Aug. 28, 2015. Our thoughts and prayers have been with Chad Wolf, his family and friends every day since this tragedy.

"My family and I appreciate all of those who have reached out to Chad Wolf's family and to my family ..." Warren, a real estate professional and antique book collector, has no criminal record. According to records from Michigan Secretary of State's Office, he had at least 12 driving citations from 2007 to 2014, and his license was suspended from September 2008 to March 2010 with the stipulation that he could drive to work.

Wolf, of Fenton, left behind a wife and four children.



# MICHIGAN VOTES

WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS VOTED ON RECENTLY

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**Senate Bill 599: Revise, increase register of deeds fees**  
To authorize a flat \$30 fee for recording a document with a register of deeds regardless of how many pages, instead of the current charge of \$8 plus \$3 for each additional page. The bill also increases related fees, and would index the fees to inflation.  
**Passed 31 to 7 in the Senate**  
Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ YES  
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☒ YES  
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) ☒ NO  
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ☒ YES  
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ☒ YES

**Senate Bill 56: Raise and index judges' pay**  
To increase judges' salaries to increases in the salaries paid to executive level state civil service employees going forward. After the change, salaries would range from around \$150,000 to \$163,000, depending on the level of court.  
**Passed 97 to 6 in the House**  
Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ YES  
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☒ YES  
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) ☒ NO  
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ☒ YES  
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ☒ YES

**Senate Bill 680: Rename a state facility**  
To rename a state building in Lansing after a former state government department director.  
**Passed 79 to 27 in the House**  
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES  
Rep. Joseph Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES

**House Bill 4651: Increase penalty for operating a motorcycle without license**  
To increase the fine for operating a motorcycle without a motorcycle endorsement on the operator's drivers license from a \$100 to a \$500 fine. The bill would retain the current misdemeanor penalty of up to 90 days in jail for a first offense, and add a new penalty of up to a year for subsequent offenses.  
**Passed 87 to 19 in the House**  
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES  
Rep. Joseph Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☒ NO

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**House Bill 4634: Create vehicle registration late fee exception**  
To not impose an extra fee on vehicle registration renewals after the previous registration had expired if within 120 days the owner brings evidence to a Secretary of State branch office that the vehicle had been in storage.  
**Passed 88 to 17 in the House**  
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES  
Rep. Joseph Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES

**House Bill 4418: Authorize load limit exceptions for maple sap haulers**  
To allow an exception to seasonal road weight limit restrictions for trucks hauling tree sap used to make maple sugar.  
**Passed 76 to 29 in the House**  
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES  
Rep. Joseph Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES

**Senate Bill 136: Rebate Flint water bills**  
To appropriate \$30 million from state revenue (not federal) to provide water bill refunds to Flint households that were paying for contaminated water.  
**Passed 106 to 0 in the House**  
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES  
Rep. Joseph Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES

## News briefs

**LINDEN KIWANIS CHANGE MEETING TIMES**  
The Linden Kiwanis Club will change the time it meets. Effective in March, the club will meet t 7 a.m. on the first Wednesday of the month, and at 6:16 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month. Meetings are held at the Shiawassee Shores club house, 1515 W. Rolston Rd., Linden.




### YOUR SMILE MATTERS!

By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

#### HEALTH IN AMERICA

About five years ago I was diagnosed with prostate cancer. At the time it was quite a shock, to say the least. I had always thought that I'd taken good care of myself, so how could this be? After my successful treatment I decided to start investigating what being truly healthy means and what I found was alarming. We have a problem in this country. The United States of America, the greatest country on the world, spends more per capita on healthcare than any other country and we have the best healthcare money can buy. People travel from all parts of the world to seek treatment here. However, if you look at statistics, the United States ranks 38th out of the 43 industrialized democracies in longevity. Even though we have the best and most expensive healthcare, we are not living as long as people in other countries; we are dying before our time. People in Slovenia live longer than we do. Evidently, it hasn't always been this way. Back at the turn of the 20th century, only about 5-10% of the U.S. population would contract and ultimately die from heart disease. Here we are 116 years later with the best healthcare in the world and about 50% of us will develop heart trouble and die before our time. Type II Diabetes rates have tripled since 1990 with over 26% of U.S. seniors over 65 diagnosed and 1.4 million new cases added each year. Cancer rates are also trending upward. When you look at some other countries, however, you just don't see this same increase in disease numbers. Dr. Michael Greger summarizes our situation best when he says, "Most deaths in the United States are preventable, and they are related to what we eat. Our diet is the number-one cause of premature death and the number one cause of disability." The Standard American Diet is killing us before our time. See my next article for more information on this topic - March 13th, 2016.

I welcome your questions and comments. Feel free to e-mail me [drsulfaro@comcast.net](mailto:drsulfaro@comcast.net)



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