Family and friends say goodbye to Quasarano family at Saturday funeral

At the funeral, five hearses wait for the six caskets carrying the Quasarano family members on Saturday, outside the Central Church of the Nazarene in Flint. The family was interred at Fairview Cemetery in Argentine Twp. — On Sunday, Feb. 21. Vigil attendees held small plastic candles, and hundreds of paper bags lit the walkway up to the building, with special written messages.

Hundreds remember family at Sunday vigil

By Tim Jagielo

Argentine Twp. — On Sunday in the Linden High School gym, hundreds of friends and community members gathered to show support for the parents, siblings and other family members of the Quasaranos, who were found dead in their home from carbon monoxide poisoning on Sunday, Feb. 21.

Jury selection begins for Mary Bigford

By Vera Hogan

A second trial began Tuesday, March 1, for Mary Bigford, 52, the woman accused of killing her granddaughter’s father last April. Jury selection was scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. in Chief Judge Paul Chamberlain’s Mt. Pleasant courtroom.

Road Commission may stop salting county roads for free in water leak situations

By Hannah Ball

The GCRC has discussed the event that a fire truck is called to a structure fire, the water pump is leaking, and the water freezes on the road, the GCRC and the township would split the cost of salting the road in half, according to manager of the GCRC John Daly.
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Kids and parents enjoy exploring fire department equipment and meeting personnel

By Hannah Ball
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Holly Twp. — Kids learned about fire trucks, firefighter gear, and what to do in emergency situations at the first North Oakland County Fire Authority Winter Family Fun Day on Saturday.

The goal was to educate kids about fire safety in a fun way, according to NOCFA Public Education Specialist Janet McKee.

“Every year we try to find things that are outside the box because you can only do so much year to year,” she said. The department tries to keep up on social and educational changes, she added.

They showed the kids a video on fire safety, including using candles, electrical outlets, as well as carbon monoxide safety, smoke alarms, and “stop, drop and roll.”

“Something that we hope is true is that our fire prevention and our public education program is what makes our community a little safer when it comes to fires.” — Scott Blaska, North Oakland County Fire Authority sergeant

Afterward, the kids, ranging in ages from about 2 to 8, colored puzzles, played putt-putt golf, and met Sparky the fire safety dog.

The department set up a small “smoke-filled” obstacle course for the kids to crawl through. This was to show them how dark it is when firefighters crawl through buildings with a lot of smoke.

They were allowed to climb up into the department’s fire trucks, sit in the front seat and explore the giant vehicle. Parents took pictures of their kids sitting on the ATV, pretending to drive it through terrain.

Many kids ventured into the ambulance while the fire safety officers explained the use of certain equipment.

The officers dressed in head-to-toe gear, including helmet, boots, and breathing mask, to show the kids the function of each part.

“They’re loving it,” said Kay Logan of Livonia, who brought her four kids to the event.

“I love that they’re able to come and see the firefighters in their gear without them being scared.”

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An ‘attitude of gratitude’

Good Lord, what has happened to us as Americans? So many of us seem to be so unappreciative — unhateful if you will — about so much these days.

Watch the news, pick up a newspaper, listen to talk radio — all seem to be dominated by complainers. Republicans chronically complain about the Democrats and Democrats constantly complain about the Republicans. The blacks complain about the whites and the whites complain about the blacks. The rich complain about the poor being given handouts and the poor complain about the rich not being taxed enough. Those with jobs complain they aren’t paid enough, the jobless complain they can’t get a job. In major cities, the blacks complain about the police and the police complain about the blacks.

In a nutshell, we simply have become a nation of ingrates who aren’t appreciative for what we have. We take for granted the fact that 99 percent of the people reading this never go hungry. In fact, we complain about consuming too much food. Over 80 percent of the people reading this own their own home. As I have never seen a naked man in Fenton, I can only assume that we each have adequate and seasonally appropriate clothing to wear. Almost 90 percent of us have a decent paying job. And if we don’t, we have unemployment benefits that can tide us over until we do. Most of us are blessed to have good health due to easily available doctors and medications, unlike many in the world who have no defense against famine and disease.

We even complain about the weather — the same weather that provides our country with such diverse beauty. From the majestic glaciers of Alaska to the rocky and rugged beaches of California. To mysterious anomalies like Old Faithful in Yellowstone to our world famous Great Lakes. From the sandy beaches of Florida, to the Badlands of South Dakota, to the Louisiana bayous, to the amber waves of grain in Iowa — there is so much to see and experience in America that it would take us a lifetime to visit it all. What a gift — right in our own backyard.

It was just a generation or two ago — when I grew up — that we didn’t have a lot of material things. What we did have back then, and something that seems to be lacking in so many families and individuals these days, is contentment. We were grateful for what we had, not focused on what we didn’t have. That’s a shame — to live a life surrounded by beauty and abundance unmatched in the world and not recognize or appreciate it. We most certainly could solve so many of our social ills if we were to simply take the time to be more thankful for all the gifts and blessings we enjoy each and every day — and to share this “attitude of gratitude” with our friends and family.

As for me and my house, we will try harder to be appreciative and thank God, for the miraculous good fortune to be born in America, and to live in Fenton.
What are your chances of becoming a home burglary victim?

By Sally Rummel

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What are the odds that your home will be burglarized this year?

SUMMARY

With warmer weather on the way, homeowners need to be more careful about protecting their homes from burglary.

Five break-ins have been reported so far this year in the city of Fenton, according to Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro.

Five break-ins were reported last year in the city of Linden, and so far, none in 2016, according to Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter.

“In 2015, we had 37 breaking and entering, forced entry incidents, compared to 27 in 2014,” said Aro. “The number has increased, but I don’t think we can call it a trend. We haven’t seen a number of incidents usually associated with a specific group or individual. They have been spread out over the calendar year.”

He added that larceny from an auto numbers are much higher than necessary.

“Unfortunately, too many people make it easy for thieves by leaving their car doors unlocked and valuable items in plain sight,” Aro said. “I don’t understand why people leave wallets, computers and other expensive electronics in their cars overnight. Securing your car in the garage overnight. Securing your car in the garage or just removing the valuable items and locking the doors would reduce our car larcenies.”

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According to Aro, good prevention strategies include:

• Good exterior lighting during the hours of darkness.

Other tips include:

• Avoid hiding valuables in the bedroom. While it is your home’s private cozy retreat, it’s also the first place burglars look for valuables, money and jewelry. Use a safe-deposit box or hide valuables in an unsuspecting place like removable ceiling tiles, in the garage or fake soup cans designed for this purpose.

• Don’t hide windows with overgrown landscaping. Tall bushes and shrubs allow burglars to jimmy windows without being seen.

• If you have a burglar alarm, make sure it’s on, even if you’re out running errands for a few minutes. Buy a generic sign saying “This house is occupied.” Have neighbors pick up your newspapers and mail, and ask them to drop by at different times of day to generate activity around your home.

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What’s the difference between theft, robbery and burglary?

Theft

Thief is the most basic of the three crimes. A theft occurs any time there is an unauthorized taking of property from another with the intent to permanently deprive that person of that property.

Robbery

Robbery is essentially taking something from a person accomplished through the use of physical force or the threat of force.

Burglary

The crime of burglary is often equated with theft, but you don’t necessarily have to take any property to be convicted of this crime. Burglary is simply the unlawful entry into a structure, such as a home or business, with the intent to commit a crime within it.
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The township has the ability to recover these funds from the property owner, he said. “We recommend the fire trucks could carry some salt on it.”

“The township might have to share the cost with the commission, cover the entire cost, or the township could make a request for the GCRC to salt the roads themselves.” Cole said.

“The township assists the commission frequently with clearing roads. It’s just something we need to have worked out. If it costs us money, if it comes to the safety of our firefighters and our residents, I’m willing to deal with that.”

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On Feb. 18, the Michigan Court of Appeals ruled in the case of People v. Booker, that the results of a roadside preliminary breath test (PBT) (which measures alcohol content), could be used to establish guilt for this offense.

In the past, PBT results have only been admissible in drunk driving cases under limited circumstances. This is a unique first impression-case.

Speaking of unique, two plus years ago there was a bill introduced in the Michigan legislature which would allow roadside saliva testing for drugs by the police using a hand held testing device. This legislation ultimately was dropped but a new bill was introduced last year renewing this general proposition and which was passed by the Senate on Jan. 20. It is presently before the House.

Some highlights of the bill include the Michigan State Police establishing a one-year pilot program to conduct roadside saliva drug tests to determine if a driver was under the influence of a controlled substance or had drugs in their system.

The program would be in five yet-to-be-determined counties. The drug testing machines would analyze the driver’s saliva using a saliva system for the presence of six different controlled substances. The results of these tests could be used in the prosecution of criminal driving offenses.

After one year, the Michigan State Police would make a full report to the legislature as to all pertinent details of the program.

This type of testing is already allowed in England, Belgium, Germany and some other countries in Europe. It is also allowed in some Australian states.

There have been some criticisms of the bill concerning the reliability of the testing equipment and the entire concept of a pilot program.

If this bill passes, Michigan will join at least 14 other states which allow a form of this type of drug testing.

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FAMILY
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Pass home in Fenton Township. A power outage likely compelled the parents to run a generator, which was found inside the home leading to the poisoning.

Laura, Len’s mother, sat with other direct family in the front row of the vigil, and listened to speakers who shared memories of Len and Heather, and their children.

She said the support has been amazing. “The outpouring’s been great, the love has been beautiful.” She said the community has wrapped their arms around them, and faith has helped them get through this.

Echoing her mother, she said the support has been “absolutely overwhelming. It’s devastating to lose most of your family, but when the community comes together, it’s bearable.”

She appreciated the teachers, who found children with stories about the Quasarano children, which resonated with her own life and experience with them.

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MURDERER
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During the first attempt at a trial in January, Chamberlain declared a mistrial during opening arguments. This, after several days of interviews and jury selection from a pool of 96 candidates.

The mistrial was the result of critical evidence not shared in time with the defense attorney.

Chamberlain expressed frustration that never during four days of jury selection was the late evidence issue brought to his attention.

Bigford’s court proceedings and retrial were scheduled to begin again at the end of February.

Bigford, who is from Isabella County’s Gilmore Township, has been tried and found guilty of sexually abusing their daughter, who lived with her mother Latesha Bigford in the apartment community at the time.

Bigford’s daughter had accused Howard of sexually abusing their daughter, but numerous investigations failed to substantiate the abuse allegations.

Outside the church, Louis Schultz of O’Guinn Funeral Services directed traffic. His company was subcontracted by Sharp Funeral Homes. He had been told that 500 sat inside for the funeral.

The sheer number of hearses parked outside told the story — that a shocking tragedy had occurred.

Five were parked out front — one for Len and Heather, and one for each child.

The large parking lots and sanctuary were able to house the equally large crowd. Vehicles representing the Linden Police Department, Genesee County Sheriff’s Office (GCSO) and Fenton Township Fire Department waited outside. These agencies responded to the call the previous Sunday.

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“It couldn’t be any other way except all of them together.”

After the vigil, GCSO deputies and event volunteers handed out dozens of balloons to attendees.

In the rain, the flicker of the fire truck lights, they released them into the sky following a quick prayer.
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FIRE SAFETY

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Logan said if they were involved in a fiery incident, her children would recognize the fire safety officer uniform and not be scared to accept their help.

The children and parents enjoyed the approximate 40-pound machine called “jaws of life’’ because it’s strong enough to open cars that have been jammed shut by accidents, said Sgt. Scott Blaska.

The parents had fun lifting it and realizing how heavy it was.

Blaska said they wanted to hold an event during winter to give the kids something to do.

“Fire departments don’t normally have anything in the winter,’’ he said.

“Every year if we keep doing it around the same time it’ll get bigger and better, hopefully.’’

He said they based the activities on what age groups they predicted would come.

“We just try to choose stuff they can do quick and easy... and a lot of stuff they can take home,’’ he said. “Something that we hope is true is that our fire prevention and our public education program is what makes our community a little safer when it comes to fires.’’

BUSH DIDN’T CREATE Middle East instability.

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MY COMMENT ON Heller is ‘oh no.’

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Because of a prior breaking and entering incident at the same residence off a Grange Hall Road side street in Holly, police called in a K-9 Unit to help in their search for suspect(s). On Feb. 19, officers arrived at the residence and saw that the rear sliding glass door was broken. Upon doing a check of the house, no one was found to be inside the residence. Officers found a trail of footprints going up the driveway, to the right side of the house, then onto the back porch, where the window to the glass door was broken open.

The canine was able to get a good scent on an empty box of cigarettes. The dog continued tracking heavily along two streets before losing the scent.

The homeowner has an alarm system with a camera. The camera showed a male subject walking up the driveway toward the house. He appeared to be walking with some type of cane object and was smoking a cigarette.

He walked around the garage area for a few minutes before walking up and ringing the doorbell. The camera shows the subject finish smoking his cigarette before flicking it down to the ground in the front of the porch area. The subject then disappeared to the side of the house. The window was broken at approximately 1:26 a.m. and the alarm activated at 1:28 a.m. Unseasonably warm weather resulted in the melting of the suspect’s footprints. Police viewed camera footage again and saw the suspect at approximately 1:38 a.m. walking down the street to Grange Hall Road and eventually out of sight.

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“Based on my conversations with him, I’m asking this court to consider sending him to the Center for Forensic Psychiatry as it relates to competency only,’’ Manley said previously. “I do have concerns whether or not he is able to rationally assist his counsels at this time.’’

Fabrizio granted the request, which was due within 60 days.

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Lady Tigers defeat Linden twice in four days, advance to district semis

By David Troppens
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Linden — The victory didn’t come easy for the Fenton varsity girls basketball game against the squad’s biggest rivals, the Linden Eagles, but the victory eventually did come in what was mostly a pretty tight and entertaining contest at Linden High School on Friday.

With the exception of a 19-19 tie less than a minute into the third quarter, the Fenton Tigers always led during the final 16 minutes but the Eagles were as close as 32-31 with 3:21 left in the contest. However, a conventional three-point play (a layup, a foul and a converted free throw) by Chloe Idoni and a three-point bucket by Sarah Cummings, about 30 seconds later put the Tigers up 38-31, eventually resulting in a 48-35 victory against Linden. The Tigers also defeated Linden in the opening round of Class A districts on Monday by a 56-45 score at Brandon High School.

The Eagles have been a team that has struggled to find their offense all season long. Both games followed Linden’s traditional pattern with one exception. On Friday, in the opening half, the Eagles were able to find a source for offense. Sterling DeGayner had 12 first-half points, and had Linden leading 17-9 with 5:45 remaining in the half after netting an eight-foot jumper. However, the Tigers’ offense exploded with a 10-0 run to end the half. Idoni did most of the damage with five of the points, but Cummings also added three points. Fenton led 19-17 at half.

It remained close until the Tigers blew the game open in the waning minutes of the contest.

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Blue Devils fall to Beecher, 55-39

By David Troppens
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Lake Fenton — The Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team saw why the Beecher Bucaneers are a defending Class C state championship team which is ranked No. 2 in the state this season.

In a contest that would’ve put the Lake Fenton Blue Devils in a tie for first place if they would’ve won the game, Beecher’s press in the third quarter blew open what was only a Beecher six-point lead into a 55-39 Bucs’ victory at

See BEECHER on 11

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Devils fall in state semis

Semifinal finish is LF’s second best in school history

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Mt. Pleasant — When Lake Fenton’s Jackson Nevadomski wrestled against Remus Chippewa Hills’ Jaycob Sharp, there were a few long faces on his Blue Devils’ wrestling teammates’ faces.

It had nothing to do with Nevadomski’s performance. In fact, he put together an outstanding individual effort. Nevadomski recorded a 4-3 victory against third-ranked Jaycob Sharp, giving the Blue Devils the final victory of their Division 3 state semifinal match against the Warriors.

However, the team results were already decided before the match began, meaning all Nevadomski’s result did was improve the team’s margin of defeat. Lake Fenton, who had hopes of capturing their first-ever state team championship in wrestling, had to settle for the second-best season in school history after losing to Chippewa Hills 31-27 in the semifinals at Central Michigan University’s McGuirk Arena on Saturday.

The long faces didn’t last long. Moments after the match, the Blue Devils got together, discussed the match, discussed the season and discussed the future. By the time the session was over, there were smiles on many faces because the team realized it had a great season.

Ranked among the top three teams in D3 most of the season, the Blue Devils finished the season with a 39-4 mark, captured many weekend invitational, See DEVILS on 11

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Fenton swimmers capture fifth straight title

By David Troppens

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Fenton — Ever since swimming became a Metro League championship sport in 2004, the Fenton varsity girls squad has dominated, earning a pennant for Fenton’s pool wall each year.

For years, the Fenton varsity boys swim team sat with none, sometimes not even being able to field a team of 12 swimmers and divers. However, during the last five years something has changed. When one looks on the pool wall below the girls’ pennants, one sees a nice string of four straight Metro League crowns for the varsity boys. And soon the Fenton boys will be adding a fifth one to the string of four flags.

The Fenton varsity boys swim and dive team captured firsts in five events and had individual top-five performances in 18 events, helping the Tigers dominate the Metro League Meet held at Brandon High School on Friday and Saturday. The team’s 651.5 points easily defeated Swartz Creek/Flushing’s second-place total of 523. Coupled with the Tigers’ perfect 4-0 dual record, the Tigers ended the meet as outright Metro League champions. Hollow finished fifth at the meet.

“It’s really fun and it’s really a great experience,” Fenton senior Zac Miceli said about the team’s five-year Metro League championship streak.

“I’m just glad our team has grown over the years. We started around the lower 20s in team size. Going over 30 people this year, making ourselves better and building on the reputation that the previous seniors have left,” senior Michael Fabatz said. “It’s just natural.”

Miceli was the team’s biggest star. The senior capped his Metro career with a meet and pool record in the 200 freestyle, capturing the title with a time of 1:45.78. He also took first in the 100 butterfly (55.65) and also teamed with Justin Beemer, Kyle Banner and Fabatz to win the 200 freestyle relay (1:33.22). Meanwhile, Fabatz and Banner captured the other two Fenton firsts. Fabatz won the 100 breaststroke (1:01.16),

“I’m really proud of these guys,” Fenton coach Brad Jones said. “Michael Fabatz and Zac Miceli as captains have done a tremendous job this year.”

Banner earned the Tigers’ other championship taking first in the 500 freestyle (5:04.29). Banner also was runner-up in two other individual events — the 200 freestyle (1:51.91) and the 100 freestyle (52.65).

The Tigers had four other seconds, including two in the other relay events. Fabatz and Miceli teamed with Noah Sizemore and Joe Perrera to take second in the 200 medley relay (1:45.29) while Banner, Beemer, Perrera and Evan Bartow placed second in the 400 freestyle relay (3:39.94). Beemer earned a runner-up spot in the 50 freestyle (23.63), while Bartow was second in the 500 freestyle (5:16.84).

It was Fenton’s depth that was outstanding, filling up the event finals and consolation finals for all of the events with many swimmers or divers. Other Fenton individual performers who earned top-five efforts included: Sizemore, third in the 100 breaststroke (1:07.06) and fourth in the 200 freestyle (1:58.58); Jake Iddings, fourth in the 200 individual medley (2:17.58); Noah Maier, fifth in the 200 individual medley (2:19.69); Perrera, third in the 100 freestyle (53.14) and fourth in the 50 freestyle (24.08); Ethan Krantz, fifth in diving (2:42.90); Fabatz, fourth in the 100 butterfly (1:01.14); Andrew Gabler, fourth in the 500 freestyle (5:37.98) and Hunter Smith, fifth in the 100 backstroke (1:06.52).

Holly had one performer finish within the top five spots. That was Michael Butler who placed fourth in diving with a score of 250.40.

BEECHER

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Lake Fenton High School Friday night. The victory means Beecher are the Gen-
esee Area Conference Red Division champions, while Lake Fenton, winners of 10 straight games entering the Beecher contest, is now out of the title race.

Neither squad looked particularly sharp in the opening half. Beecher (11-0, 16-2) sprung out to a 15-5 lead behind the strength of Malik Ellison’s seven first-quarter points, but the Blue Devils (8-2, 15-3) played better in the second period. The Blue Devils actually closed Beecher’s lead to just 19-15 with 4:16 left in the opening half when Andrew Foerster nailed two free throws after being fouled on a drive attempt. However, the Bucs ended the half with a semi 5-2 run, taking a 24-17 lead into the break.

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Lake Fenton ever got in the final period was the final score, at 55-39 with 1:40 left on a Chris Bell steal and breaking layup.

The Blue Devils’ offense never really ever got comfortable in the contest regardless if Beecher had the press on or not. Andrew Foerster was able to produce 12 points, but no other Lake Fenton player had more than nine points. Bell had nine, while Parker Mitchell netted eight points. Bell also had a team-high 12 rebounds. Ellison finished with 18 points. Aquavius Burks netted 13 points.
DEVILS

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collected their first-ever Genesee Area Conference championship and cruised to a district and a regional title. All this success came with just two seniors.

"The team went well," Lake Fenton junior wrestlers Trent Hilgier said. "We only have two seniors in our starting lineup, so just making it here is a big deal and a big goal for a lot of teams. To make it to the semifinals, we are still the second-best team in Lake Fenton history outside the 2011 team."

"We have a young team, losing just two seniors this year," Lake Fenton varsity wrestling coach Zach Corcoran said. "I expect us to be back and expect us to be in the No. 1 role instead of a No. 3."

The match started at the 135-pound weight class which meant the Blue Devils would be going through a part of the lineup that favored second-ranked Chippewa Hills during the early portion of the match. That worked out to be the case as the Blue Devils lost each of the first five matches resulting in a 19-0 deficit. However, at the time, it looked like a manageable point difference considering the Blue Devils' strength was coming up.

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The loss ended what was a modest two-game winning streak for the Linden Eagles (4-13). The loss ended the match started at the 135-pound weight class which meant the Blue Devils would be going through a part of the lineup that favored second-ranked Chippewa Hills during the early portion of the match. That worked out to be the case as the Blue Devils lost each of the first five matches resulting in a 19-0 deficit. However, at the time, it looked like a manageable point difference considering the Blue Devils' strength was coming up.

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The Blue Devils' expected comeback started with Hilgier (285), earning a pinfall win against Andrew Vinton in 54 seconds. A.J. Geyer (103) followed that win with a 4:40 decision victory against Bray Haynes. Even after Hunter Hypio (112) lost to Mason Hayes by a 4-2 decision, the Blue Devils trailed just 22-9 with six matches to go. The gap quickly turned to just one point after Jarrett Trombley (119) pinned Brandon Russell and Hunter Corcoran (125) pinned Kaden Ellis. Suddenly, Lake Fenton looked in good shape.

However, at 130 Austin Young posted a pinfall win against Lake Fenton's Saben Melick (140) also earned victories during the second quarter, enabling the Tigers to sneak out of the first half with a tight 24-19 halftime lead.

Fenton blew the lead to double-digits during the third quarter. Sparked by Gilbert's eight-third-quarter points and Ben Hajcjar's five-third-quarter points, the Tigers outscored Linden 18-10 during the period. Again, the try was Linden's key way of staying reasonably close to Fenton, netting a three-pointer each by Cole Sarkon, Tyler Hoeberling and Gavin Lund. Fenton was able to hold the lead during the fourth quarter, and able to ice the victory at the charity stripe.

Fenton netted 11-of-16 free throws during the final quarter to earn the win.

LINDEN's last chance of getting back into the game came when the Eagles cut the gap to 58-49 on two converted free throws with 1:10 left. However, the Eagles missed their final six shots from the field as the Tigers cruised to the road win.

Sarkon led Linden with 13 points, while Hoeberling netted 12 points. Stei
erd had eight points and Garrett Strang had seven points.

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(Top photo) Lake Fenton's Hunter Corcoran won his semifinal match by pinfall. (Immediately above) Ryan Franks (right) tries to turn his foe to his back at the state meet.

Spangler during the last second of their match. It was a match Spangler was winning prior to the pin. That loss put Lake Fenton behind 28-21. It was followed by a Sean Trombley (135) loss to Slade Todd. That meant Lake Fenton trailed by one entering the final two matches. Needing at least a technical fall victory to keep the Blue Devils' semifinal victory hopes alive, Deman Melick (140) did post an impressive 5-2 decision win against Austin Spedowski, but it wasn't enough of a victory to keep Chippewa Hills' semifinal win with just Nevadomski's match remaining.

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GAYNER

The Tigers had Idoni and Cummings combine for 11 third-quarter points, upping the Tigers' lead to 42-28 entering the final period.

Fenton's lead grew to as many as 46-28 with 6:55 left in the contest on a converted free throw by Madison Shegos.

Idoni had a team-best 19 points, 11 rebounds and three steals on Monday, while Cummings had 15 points, eight rebounds and three steals. Maddie Carr had six points, five rebounds and four assists, while Margaret Berry had six points.

Cam Williams had 12 points to lead Linden. Bella Blank had eight points.
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2016 BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review of the Charter Township of Fenton will meet at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantatouqua Drive, Fenton, Michigan at the dates and times listed below.

Monday March 14, 2016
Tuesday March 15, 2016
Wednesday March 16, 2016
Thursday March 17, 2016
9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.*
4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*
4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

* The Monday Board of Review session will be recessed for 1-hour meal break at approximately 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.
** The Wednesday Board of Review session will be recessed for a 1-hour meal break at approximately 12:00 p.m.

At these sessions the Board of Review will hear any appeals or objections and review potential corrections to the assessment roll.

Property owners may file their appeals in writing, provided they are received by the Board of Review no later than 9:00 p.m. on March 17, 2016.

Property owners wishing to appeal in person may do so on a first-come-first-served basis on the dates and times indicated above. APPOINTMENTS WILL NOT BE SCHEDULED.

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NOTICE of 2016 BOARD OF REVIEW FOR THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOLLY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Review of the Township of Holly will meet at the Holly Township Hall, 102 Civic Drive, Holly, Michigan as follows:

Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM Organizational Meeting to receive 2016 Assessment Roll from Assessor [MCL 211.29(1)]

Appointments will be taken for:

Monday, March 11, 2016 from 1:00 PM-4:30 PM and 6:00 PM-9:00 PM
Tuesday, March 15, 2016 from 1:00 PM-4:30 PM and 6:00 PM-9:00 PM
Friday, March 18, 2016 ONLY IF NECESSARY from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

The 2016 tentative equalization ratio is 50% and the estimated multiplier is 1.0000 for all property classification.

Appointments before the Board of Review may be made for the dates listed above by calling Oakland County Equalization, toll free, 1-888-350-0900 Extension 85583 or 248-858-5583. Appeals may also be made in writing and must be received prior to the closing of the Board of Review. All written appeals should be addressed to:

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Q: I was watching ‘Castle’ the other day, and there was a blond actress who looked really familiar. She played a lawyer who started a nonprofit for disadvantaged women, and it turned out her husband accidentally killed one of the women. Can you tell me about her?

A: You are thinking of the gorgeous and talented — and super-sweet — Fiona Gubelmann. She’s best known for co-starring with Elijah Wood in ‘Wilfred,’ but she’s done a ton of stuff before and since. In fact, she’s guest-starred on many of my favorite shows, including ‘Castle,’ ‘Californication,’ Don’t Trust The B—— in Apartment 23’ and ‘Modern Family,’ as well as the feature films ‘Blades of Glory’ and ‘Employee of the Month.’ You can catch Fiona on Saturday, March 19, at 8 p.m. ET/PT in the original Lifetime thriller ‘Mommy’s Little Girl.’ Fiona plays Theresa, a young woman whose husband died shortly after they were married, so she turned to a life of helping single mothers.

Q: Please tell me that ‘Outlander’ is returning soon! I can’t take it the wait!

A: You’ll have to wait just a little longer. Season two of the historical time-travel fantasy premieres April 9 on Starz. This 13-episode season will transport viewers to France during the Jacobite uprisings, wherein Jamie and Claire try to prevent a war, especially the Battle of Culloden, which wiped out entire Scottish clans, Jamie’s being one of them.

Q: I remember a while back you wrote that Hugh Dancy would be in a new drama series. Is that still happening?

A: The former ‘Hannibal’ star returns to the small screen — or your computer screen, that is — when he co-stars in the original Hulu series ‘The Path,’ which premieres March 30. Aaron Paul, Kathleen Turner and Michelle Moynihan also star in this 10-episode drama, which was formerly called ‘The Way’ but was changed due to legal reasons.

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**Celebrity Extra**

BY CLAUDIA ELDERS

**Louise Berry Kenney**

1929-2016

Louise Berry Kenney, age 86, of Fenton passed away on February 27, 2016, at the Bookkeeper for 54 years with En-ginered Products in Flint.

A loving mother of Cherry Howell (Steven) and Lori Delecki (Tony). Cherished grandmother of Shannon Howell, Kevin Delecki (Courtney), Griffin Hope Delecki and Everett Delecki (Kristyn). Great-grandmother of Caden, Levi, and Isabelle Delecki. Dearest friend of Jill and Lauren Lofthouse. Family will receive friends Friday 2-8 PM at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers, and Craig), 2099 N..um Orchard (between 13-Mile Rd. 248-549-0100). The remains and burial will take place privately at Sunset Hills Cemetery, Flint. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorials to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Benton or Make-a-Wish Foundation of Michigan. View obituary and share memories at www.AJDesmond.com.

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**Obituaries**

**Carol Sue Allan**

1938-2016

Carol Sue Allan - age 77, of Linden, passed away on Friday, February 26, 2016 surrounded by family. Carol retired from AG Spark Plug. She enjoyed traveling (especially to the forget-me-nots), bird and wildlife watching, gardening, reading library books, Scrabble games, casino gambling and most recently, Friday “dates” with her son. Surviving are her son, Bruce Allan (Michelle), daughter, Andrea (Bob) Christensen, Annette (Ryan) Franke, grand-daughter, Ashley Picchiotto (Ray McGillis); great-grand-daughter, Stephany Gaddis (Andrea) (Sam) Watson; special friends Delores Franse and Ruth Ann Kaiser; a brother, nieces and nephews. Carol was preceded in death by her parents, sister and her brother, Patricia Dietrich. The family will have a memorial service at one of later dates, yet to be determined. Family and friends are also invited to attend the U of M memorial service for anatomical do-nor on December 27, 2016.

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Mr. Stephen H. Wilson

1949-2016

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**Phyllis L. Laier McKenzie**

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20. Witness
21. Corn eaters’ castoffs
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39. 1998 Sandler movie, with “The”
41. Censorial sound
43. Classic theater name
44. Shell game item
46. Furlough
50. Nixon-era scandal
55. Fleur-de- —

DOWN
1. Resorts
2. Bagpiper’s attire
3. Big name in PCs
4. The Big Apple
5. Mex. neighbor
6. Skin art, for short
7. Seeks restitution
8. Insult
9. Feathery necklace
10. Lubricate
11. Right angle
12. In medias —
13. Expert
14. Huffed and puffed
15. Echolocation method
16. Bedouin
17. Energetic
18. Fix, in a sense
19. “Dragnet” star
20. Uzbekistan sea
21. Container
22. weight
23. Director
24. Preminger
25. Neuter
26. Say again
27. “Catcher in the —”
28. Apiece
29. Taj Mahal city
30. Charitable donations
31. Test tube
32. Catch sight of
33. Bankroll
34. Exist
35. Can material
36. Have a bug
37. Upper surface

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CREED
Adonis Johnson Creed (Michael B. Jordan), the son of former heavyweight champion Apollo Creed, attempts to follow in his father’s footsteps and become a boxing legend in his own right. Apollo died in the ring in the 1980s at the hand of Russian pugilist Ivan Drago, forcing Adonis to grow up without his dad in his life. The young man travels to Philadelphia to find his late father’s nemesis-turned-best friend, Rocky Balboa (Sylvester Stallone), in order to recruit him as a trainer.

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