

Michael LaJoice deemed competent to stand trial

■ Probable cause conference set for March 22

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Michael LaJoice has been declared competent to assist in his own defense.

On Feb. 23, the Tyrone Township man charged with

embezzling \$20 million from his former credit union employer, was in court again for a review hearing before Oakland County District Court 52-2 Judge Joseph Fabrizio.

A probable cause conference has been scheduled for March 22 at 1:30 p.m. at the Clarkston court.

LaJoice, 37, the owner of the now closed Chassé Ball-



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Michael LaJoice

room and Latin Dance Studio in Fenton, and “would-be” developer of a multi-million dollar, mixed-use development along the Shiawassee River called “Riverview,” was sent to the Center for Forensic Psychiatry for a competency evaluation.

He faces 14 felony counts of embezzlement after he turned himself in to the Oakland

County Sheriff’s Office on Jan. 6, and admitted to embezzling \$20 million from the Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union, where he worked as chief financial officer.

He was formally arraigned on Jan. 8 on the embezzlement charges, which allegedly took place between October and December of 2015.

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Family and friends say goodbye to Quasarano family at Saturday funeral



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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 Linden. (Upper right) Family and friends wait in silence and prayer at the vigil on Sunday at Linden High School.



Hundreds remember family at Sunday vigil

By Tim Jagielo

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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.

Vigil attendees held small plastic candles, and hundreds of paper bags lit the walkway up to the building, with special written messages.

Heather, 39, and Len, 35, Quasarano, 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

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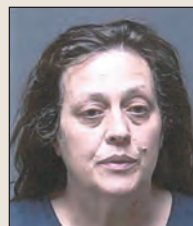
Jury selection begins for Mary Bigford

■ Accused of murdering granddaughter’s father

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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.

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Mary Bigford

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

By Hannah Ball

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Argentine Twp. — Argentine may not be able to call the Genesee County Road Commission to salt the roads at no cost in certain situations.

The GCRC has discussed adopting a policy that in

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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Judah Logan, 5, of Livonia participates in arts and crafts activities to learn about fire safety at North Oakland County Fire Authority's Winter Family Fun Day.



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North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) firefighters Kevin McKee and Dustin Lehto dressed in full safety gear so the kids could see the equipment up close.

Fun day of fire safety lessons

● 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 — unthankful 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 of, and thank God for, the miraculous good fortune to be born in America, and to live in Fenton.

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SWEDEN AND DENMARK are socialistic government-controlled societies with taxes as high as 80 percent on hard-working people. We fought many wars to prevent this kind of government takeover. It is ludicrous to make a comparison. We are a free market society.

THERE ARE CURRENTLY more GOP governors, senators, and congressman and that is because people are sick and tired of the same high taxes, high spending low debt and low jobs. Hillary and Bernie promise more of the same.

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THEY AREN’T JUST big mouths and do-nothings. Hillary is full of experience and good sense, plus help from her husband. Two is better than one.

BIG THANK YOU to the Genesee County Road Commission. Does

anyone know where I can get a job where I get paid for doing nothing at all?

I SEE THE Republicans are going nuts to think that someone outside of a lifetime politician is going to run for president. They’re scared to death they’re going to lose their grip on the Republican Party.

I’M GOING TO stick with the Democrats. I like my Social Security and Medicare and help for needy people. A certain person could take that away from us.

ALL OF A sudden Donald gets religious, which he never was before.

TO THE PERSON who says Finland, Sweden and Denmark are doing better than America in every area, why are you still here?

WHAT POLITICAL POSITION was Christie from if he endorsed Trump?

SHOUTOUT TO WOODY’S Towing. Your drivers are the best. I didn’t get the man’s name, but great service. Thank you.

WHY DON’T THEY pick up all your garbage and why do I have to pick up garbage on my road?

TO THE DOG walkers on and around Trealout Drive, could you please pick up after your dog after walking your dog on someone else’s property?

WE NOW KNOW that many of Hillary Clinton’s highly classified emails compromised sources, positions and lies. It’s no secret that she hates the military and she will forever be known as the ‘Benghazi Butcher.’

REGARDING BERNIE SANDERS vision for America. We’ve heard this rhetoric before from the likes of Lenin, Stalin and Hitler. Bernie won’t be happy until he has chased every company out of the U.S.

I THINK CONSPIRACY theories are like coins. They have two sides. Those lead pipes were installed underground years ago and chemicals have been added by municipal systems to mask the effect of that. Now we know that water systems around the country for years have been hiding this fact.

TYPICAL LIBERAL RESPONSE. It’s all Home Depot’s fault because somebody didn’t explain it to me. Because I didn’t read the instructions or warning labels on the box.

MY HEART GOES out to the family members of the family that died last week.

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Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter, asking local fire personnel

What’s one of the weirdest calls you’ve responded to?



“A lady was using an electric wheel-chair and she went out to smoke. She got stuck in the mud. We were asking her to sit still but she kept trying to go forward.”

—Brandon Brown
Fenton Fire Fighter



“We had a truck carrying 2,000 live catfish. It overturned on southbound U.S. 23 before Owen Road. We tried to save as many as we could. We were trying to throw them into a tank with water. It was the middle of summer and it stank.”

—Bob Cairnduff
Fenton Fire Chief



“We had a guy call for a burn permit. Usually those are issued for people burning yard waste. A few hours later we were called for a structure fire. The man was burning his old barn down. That was kind of funny. It was a cheap and easy way to get rid of an old building.”

—Joe Durocher
North Oakland County Fire Authority



“A little girl called 911 because her cat climbed up a 70-foot tree and wouldn’t come down. We responded because what usually happens is a good Samaritan will attempt the rescue and we have the potential for another situation to deal with due to that person helping out. We arrived on scene. The cat ran down the tree and everyone was OK.”

—Ryan Volz
Fenton Township Fire Chief

streettalk

What are your chances of becoming a home burglary victim?

■ Keep your home and property safe with these tips

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.

Data from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) crime reports show that one in every 36 homes in the U.S. will be violated by burglary in a typical year, with an average loss of \$2,230 per break-in.

While the tri-county area is considered relatively safe from many violent crimes affecting big cities, it still has its share of burglaries and break-ins.

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 rash of incidents usually associated with a specific group or individual. They have been spread out over the calendar year."

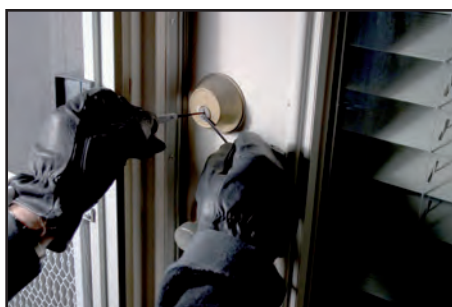
He added that larceny from an auto numbers are much higher than necessary.

"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 or just removing the valuable items and locking the doors would reduce our car larcenies."

With spring weather approaching, homeowners need to be more careful than ever to keep their property safe from theft, robbery and burglary.

According to Aro, good prevention strategies include:

• Good exterior lighting during the hours of darkness.



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A total of 34 percent of all home burglaries are made accessible through the front door, according to This Old House.

• Programmed or timed interior lighting to give the appearance that the home is occupied.

• Keep garage doors closed and exterior doors secured with good locks.

• Don't let newspapers pile up while you're away. 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.

• Most importantly, look out for your neighbors and report anything that seems suspicious around your neighbor's home or in your neighborhood.

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Rick Aro

Fenton city police chief

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 protected by an alarm system," rather than giving a detailed sign that identifies the alarm company.

SOURCE: FBI

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

Theft

Theft 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."

Daly said this problem does not happen often.

"Normally what our policy has been is that if the on-scene commander indicates to us that there's something that needs to be cleared, we usually will wait until normal working hours to do it," he said.

At the Monday Board of Trustees meeting, Argentine Township Supervisor Bob Cole said during the last snowstorm, a few people worked overtime for free to salt the roads.

The township might have to share the cost with the commission, cover the entire cost, or the township could take all the salt they needed from the GCRC to salt the roads themselves.

"I would think it would probably cost them a few hundred dollars to do it," Cole said.

Argentine roads accumulate more wind-blown snow because of the open fields.

"They don't have this problem closer to the urban areas because they have fire hydrants and they don't leak that kind of water all out over the road," he said. "When snow is loose it blows and it covers clear areas which usually are the roads."

During this last snowstorm, the wind blew the snow on the west and east roads, while the north and south roads weren't bad.

"It just depends on which way the wind blows," Cole said.

Chief Dan Allen suggested that when the department requests the road commission come out to salt the roads, citing road hazard safety, police could make a request for the GCRC to salt more roads.

Cole mentioned how the township assists the commission frequently with blocking the roads and "babysitting" fallen power lines.

"I understand they have cost involved," Cole said. "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."

News briefs**Holly Academy Education Foundation grateful for big donation**

The Holly Academy Education Foundation (HAEF) has announced a second anonymous donation to its endowed fund.

"We are extremely grateful to receive this \$5,000 donation," said HAEF President Melissa Wiaduck. "Last year, we received a \$10,000 gift of the same nature. These two donations along with funds graciously donated by school families and our community, allow us to provide substantial annual grants which will benefit current and future students."

In December, 2015, the foundation granted more than \$5,100 for projects that covered STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), music, reading, writing, Spanish and play activities which benefit students in Young 5's through eighth grade. All selected projects allow for expanded educational opportunities not normally delivered from the school's general fund.

**Mark McCabe**

67th District Court

Ask the

judge**ROADSIDE DRUG TESTS IN MICHIGAN**

Michigan law prohibits a person from possessing or discharging a firearm while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance. In order to obtain a conviction for such an offense, proof of the defendant having alcohol or drugs in their system is normally introduced by the way of the results from a Datamaster breathalyzer instrument or a blood test.

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 swab 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. Laura "Nina" Quasarano, 20, is Len's sister, and Laura's daughter. She was the last speaker of the evening, thanking the community for their support and love.

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.

The vigil was meant to remember the lives that were lost. The funeral was meant to lay those lives to rest.

"The vigil turned out wonderful," said one of the organizers Trina Ayliffe, who thanked the businesses and volunteers who helped. "The community is truly blessed to have such wonderful people come together at a time like this." Ayliffe didn't actually know the family — she just wanted to help in any way she could.

THE FUNERAL

The funeral was held Saturday at the Central Church of the Nazarene on Bristol Road in Flint.

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 jailed since her arrest. She is charged with one count of open murder, one count of carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful intent, felonious assault and felony firearm violation.

Mt. Pleasant police say Bigford shot Howard to death on April 20, 2015 while he sat in his car at the Chase Run Apartments in Mt. Pleasant. He was there to exercise his parental right to visit his then-3-year-old daughter. The girl 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.

Laura "Nina" Quasarano said no words could describe the experience at the funeral. "We go through these roller coaster rides. We'll be really strong, and then we'll see one picture, and it's just, 'no.'"

"We're sad because we miss them, because we're at a loss... At the same



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After the vigil, sheriff's deputies and event volunteers handed out dozens of helium-filled balloons to be released outside.

time we're really happy because we know that they're in heaven," she said. "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.

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COMPETENT

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LaJoice appeared in court for the first time Wednesday, Jan. 20, at the 52-2 District Court in Oakland County for a probable cause hearing with Judge Joseph Fabrizio presiding.

Although LaJoice appeared attentive during the court proceeding, his defense attorney Michael Manley requested he be sent to the Center for Forensic Psychiatry for a competency evaluation.

"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.

Manley said previously that he does not believe LaJoice's wife, Ashleigh, knew anything about the embezzlement but the investigation is still ongoing.

He said LaJoice's attitude was "not very well. He's very down, he's very remorseful. Obviously, he went in and wanted to

clear his conscience with the sheriff's department."

Manley said they're trying to make sure the statements attributed to LaJoice are true. He anticipates federal charges and state charges.

"That's not uncommon in a case that has dual jurisdiction," he said, adding that they're actively working with state and federal authorities to find a resolution.

LaJoice remains in jail on a \$1 million bond. He cannot be released without a GPS tether, which subjects him to home confinement only.

Police&Fire
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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 out. The trail then went back down the driveway and out toward Grange Hall Road. 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 subject'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.

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."

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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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FENTON'S SARAH CUMMINGS & LINDEN'S MADISON MAXHEIMER



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Captures Metro League title.

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Linden's Cole Sarkon (right) attacks the basket against Fenton's Nick Wyrick in the Tigers' 62-49 victory Friday.

Tigers defeat Eagles, 62-49

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Linden — The Fenton varsity boys basketball team has been in a semi-funk lately. The Tigers needed a big win entering the final stanza of the season.

The Tigers got it.

Fenton (11-8) assured themselves of a winning record by defeating the Tigers' area rival, Linden, in the Eagles' home gym by a 62-49 margin Friday.

"The scorers, scored. The

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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 team state 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



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Lake Fenton's Kyle Sanders (left) keeps a hold of Remus Chippewa Hills' Seth Mitchell during Saturday's Division 3 Team State Wrestling semifinal match.

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 re-

alized 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 invitationals,

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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 Buccaneers 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 Buc's victory at

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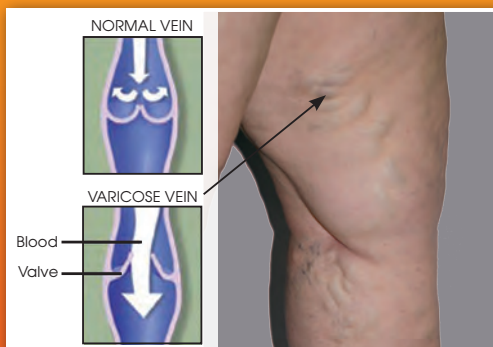
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Lake Fenton's Isaac Golson (left) drives during the Blue Devils' 55-39 loss to Beecher.

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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 fives.

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. Holly 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 has been really sweet."

"It seems like a tradition of excellence we have, and now we are building on it

each year, making ourselves better and building on the reputation that the previous seniors have left," senior Michael Fabatz said. "It's just natural."

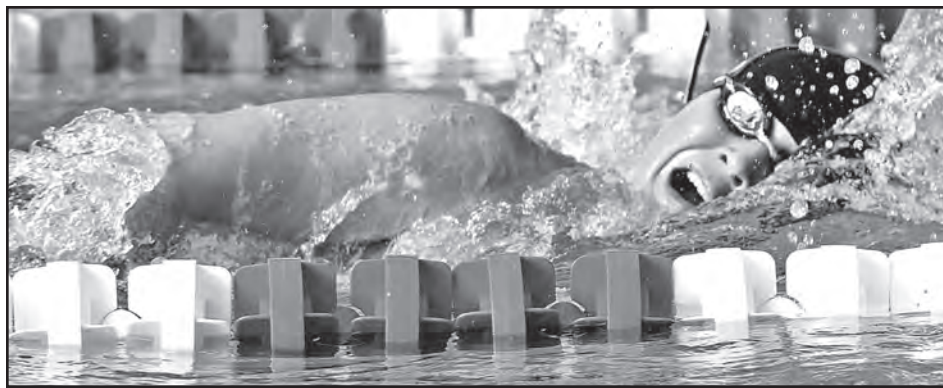
Miceli was the team's biggest star. The senior capped his Metro career with a meet and pool record in the 200 freestyle, capturing the title with a time of 1:45.78. He also took first in the 100 butterfly (55.65) and also teamed with Justin Beemer, Kyle Banner and Fabatz to win the 200 freestyle relay (1:33.22). Meanwhile, Fabatz and Banner captured the other two Fenton firsts. Fabatz won the 100 backstroke (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 (3:30.94). 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 ef-



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Fenton's Zac Miceli won two individual event conference championships at the Metro League meet on Saturday.

forts 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 Genesee 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.

Lake Fenton cut the gap to 25-19 when Foerster scored on a putback attempt, but from that point on in the third quarter Beecher ran its press defense. It was something the Blue Devils never figured out, turning the ball over 10 times in the third quarter. Of those turnovers, seven came off of steals, frequently resulting into transition buckets for Beecher. What was just a six-point lead with 7:19 left in the third period, quickly became a 20-point lead for the Bucs at 43-23 after two converted free throws by Ellison with 49.2 seconds left in the third period.



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Lake Fenton's Jake Zielinski (right) attacks the basket in the Blue Devils' loss to Beecher.

From that point, the Beecher lead usually bounced around 20 points, give or take a few points either way. The closest 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.

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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 season went well," Lake Fenton junior wrestlers Trent Hillger 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. And helping matters, many of the wrestlers who did lose, kept their matches close. Keinan Hagenstein (152), Kyle Sanders (171) and Ryan Franks (189) all lost their matches, but did so only by decision, keeping the team score reasonably close. Even a major decision loss (215) by Lake Fenton's Leo Shustock wasn't damaging considering it came against fifth-ranked Billy Keopf.

The Blue Devils' expected comeback started with Hillger (285), earning a pinfall win against Andrew Vinton in 54 seconds. A. J. Geyer (103) followed that win with a 4-0 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



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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 10 entering the final two matches. Needing at least a technical fall victory to keep the Blue Devils' semifinal victory hopes alive, Devan 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.

"Our hammers wrestled fantastic today. They scored," Corcoran said. "They got their pins. But our middle-of-the road kids have been able to stay off their backs and not give up bonus points. Some did but others gave up bonus points."

The Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team is two victories away from capturing the school's first-ever Division 3 team state wrestling championship.

The Blue Devils (39-3) opened D3 action with a 46-27 quarterfinal victory against Birch Run on Friday.

The Blue Devils had six wrestlers post pinfall victories against Birch Run. They were recorded by Trent Hillger (285), A.J. Geyer (103), Jarrett Trombley (119), Hunter Corcoran (125), Saben Spangler (130) and Sean Trombley (135). Meanwhile, Hunter Hypio (112) and Devan Melick (140) also earned victories during the match.

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.

TIGERS

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rebounders, rebounded and the hustlers, hustled," Fenton varsity coach John Gilbert said. "We just hit some good shots. We defended very well tonight.

"We needed one. We were sitting at 10-5 at one time, so we needed a win. That was a big win."

The Tigers also had some key players put up some big efforts. Nick Wyrick netted 16 points and grabbed a team-high 10 rebounds, while Chris Gilbert finished with 24 points, including helping ice the game away with 8-for-8 free-throw shooting in the final quarter. However, the team's biggest player of the night may have been someone who didn't score a single point, Jake Cairnduff.

"Cairnduff was all over the place," John Gilbert said. "He must've had his hands on 15 to 20 balls. We just hustled. It was a high energy game and it was nice to see everyone go in there and do some stuff."

The loss ended what was a modest two-game winning streak for the Linden Eagles (4-13). The last time the two teams played, the Eagles dominated the first half only to see Fenton take over in the second half and win on a last-second shot by Chris Gilbert.

This game had a little different flavor. The teams were locked at 13-all in the opening quarter. Wyrick led the Tigers by netting six points in the opening period, while the Eagles had five players score to collect their 13 points. However, from that point on, the Tigers took semi-control of the game. The Tigers held Linden to just two three-pointers

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 Hajciar's five third-quarter points, the Tigers outscored Linden 18-10 during the period. Again, the key 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. Steiert had eight points and Garrett Strang had seven points.

Holly 38, Brandon 33

Playing without the school's all-time leading scorer Kaitlyn Smith due to injury, Paige Reid picked up the slack, scoring 22 points and grabbing six rebounds in the Bronchos' victory against Brandon.

Jenna Pepper had nine points and two assists, while Journee Kerner had four points, four rebounds and two assists. Holly begins Class A district action Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. against Grand Blanc.

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LADY TIGERS

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Cummings led the Tigers with 22 points, while Idoni had 19 points. DeGayner finished with 19 points for Linden.

In the district opener, the Eagles were within 28-21 at halftime. However, the Tigers had Idoni and Cummings combine for 11 third-quarter points, upping the Tigers' lead to 42-28 entering the final period.

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PUBLIC NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON

2016 BOARD OF REVIEW

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

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

* The Monday Board of Review session will be recessed for 1-hour meal breaks 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.**

TENTATIVE EQUALIZATION MULTIPLIERS

Property Class	Ratio	Factor
Commercial	49.08	1.0187
Industrial	48.16	1.0382
Residential	46.74	1.0697

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON

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 16, 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 and 1:00 PM-5:00 PM OR 1:00 PM Board Signing Session Only

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:

Oakland County Equalization, Holly Township Assessor
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Please use Parcel Identification Number when referring to your property so that records can be quickly located.

Protest at the Board of Review is necessary to protect your right to further appeals to the Michigan Tax Tribunal for valuation and exemption appeals and/or State Tax Commission for classification appeals.

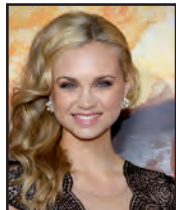
HOMEOWNER'S PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE AFFIDAVIT INFORMATION IS REQUIRED BY P.A. 105 of 2003: If you have purchased your principal residence after December 31 last year, to claim the principal residence exemption for next year if you have not already done so, you are required to file an affidavit before May 1 this year.

Persons needing assistance in attending an appointment should call the Township Clerk's Office at (248) 634-9331 ext. 301 at least 7 business days prior to the appointment.

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?

— Bridget G., West Palm Beach, Florida

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 left her infant, Sadie, in the care of her paternal grandmother, unaware that the bitter, resentful woman isolated the girl, never allowing her to socialize with other children, leaving Sadie ill-equipped to handle real life. Fiona had fun playing this different kind of role, telling me: 'What's so great about the film is that it could be just silly, like, 'Would a kid really do this?' But what the writers did so brilliantly — and as



Fiona Gubelmann

Celebrity Extra

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

well as under the direction of Curtis Crawford and Pierre David, our producer — is that they made sure the story was motivated by true feelings and emotions of this little girl just wanting to be close to her mom. It's a psychological thriller, and you actually feel bad

for the little girl, even though she's scary, and at the same time, it's a sad story. They did a great job of balancing the fun 'popcorn flick' aspect of it with that."

Q: Please tell me that 'Outlander' is returning soon! I can't take the wait!
— Pauline T., via email

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?
— Linda F., via email

A: The former 'Hannibal' star returns to the small screen — 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.

Obituaries

Times

Louise Berry Kenney

1929 - 2016

Louise Berry Kenney - age 86, of Fenton passed away on February 27, 2016.



Book-keeper for 54 years with Engineered Products in Flint. Loving mother of Cherry

Howell (Steven) and Lori Delecki (Tony). Cherished grandmother of Shannon Howell, Kevin Delecki (Courtney), Griffin Howell, 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 Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (between 13-14 Mile Rds.), 248-549-0500. Services 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, Fenton or Make-a-Wish Foundation of Michigan. View obituary and share memories at www.AJDesmond.com.

Michael L. Gatza

1940 - 2016

Michael L. Gatza - age 75, of Fenton, formerly of Flushing, passed away on February 26, 2016 at his home.



He was born in Flint on October 2, 1940, the 11th child of Anthony and Margaret (McAlindon) Gatza.

He attended St. Michael's School where he excelled in every sport. Then he went on to play baseball at Western Michigan University and earned a B.S. in Education. After teaching a few years at St. Paul's in Owosso, Mike began working for GM in financial accounting. Upon retiring, he was recognized for 30 years of service. Mike married the love of his life, Julianna Speiser, from Napoleon, Ohio, on August 21, 1965. Together they raised nine children and are the proud grandparents of 27 grandchildren. Last fall their children sent them to The Grand Hotel to celebrate their 50th anniversary. Mike loved to travel! By motorcycle, with his brothers, or sons across the country to California or to the Trail of the Dragon in the Smokies. By RV, a local trip camping, or a 10,000 mile trek to Alaska. Mike also enjoyed reading, playing the harmonica, discussing politics, and other challenging subjects. Mike was preceded in death by his parents; seven siblings and a daughter, Tricia Ellen Gatza. He is survived by his wife, Julie and children, Molly Carl, of Chicago, Jeni Kumarc (Tony), of Huntington Beach, California, Tom Gatza (Andrea), of New Lothrop, Penny Shanafelt (Matt), of Flushing, Sara Seymour (Frank), of Fenton, Joe Gatza (Missy), of Grass Lake, Mike Gatza (Sarah), of Milford, Cara Keay (Rory), of Owosso. He is also survived by siblings, Sr. Marie Gatza, IHM, of Monroe, John Gatza (Marcia), of Linden, Eileen Wichlacz (Larry), of Flint, and Robert Gatza (Carol Ann), of Chicago. Visitation will be at St. John Catholic Church in Fenton on Friday, March 4, 2016 at 11 AM. Funeral Mass will follow at noon. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation or the Order of IHM sisters in Monroe, MI. Tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Mr. Stephen H. Wilson

1949-2016

Mr. Stephen H. Wilson "Big Guy" - age 67, passed away suddenly on February



28, 2016. He was preceded in death by his beloved mother, Lorraine Bernette; his un-

cles, Garnet, Ken, George and Alfred. Stephen leaves behind many close cousins and family members. His funeral service will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2016, 5 PM, at Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main St., Fenton. Deacon Ron Kenney officiating. Friends may visit beginning at 3 PM. Contributions may be made to help cover funeral costs, C/O Temrowski Family Funeral Home.

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Phyllis I. Laier McKenzie

1932-2016

Phyllis I. Laier McKenzie - age 83, a resident of Tuscon, Arizona and former



resident of Howell, died at her home on February 27, 2016. She was preceded in death

by husbands, Alvis Laier, Jr. and Douglas McKenzie, her parents, John Nelson Briggs and Helen Briggs, and a brother, John Briggs. She is survived by her children, Susan (David) Ray, Mike (Karen) Laier, Ed (Deb) Laier, Tom (Kim) Laier, Judy (Joe) Trudeau III, David (Debbie) Laier and Kathy (Tim) Reed; sisters, Dora May (Dr. Richard) Charlick, Charlotte Lemon and Barbara (Greg) Cook; brother, James Briggs. She was blessed with twenty-seven grandchildren; forty-three great-grandchildren and a great-great grandson. Visitation will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 600 E. Main Street, Brighton, on Friday, March 4, 2016 from 2-4 and 6-9 PM, with a Rosary at 7 PM. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 2099 N. Hacker Rd., Howell, on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at 11 AM. Burial at St. Augustine Cemetery. Memorials may be made in her name to Littleton Community Food Bank. For further information please phone 810-229-2905 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

CELEBRITIES INTERVIEWED BY THE TIMES

(TO NAME A FEW)

Tiger Woods



Shania Twain

Bob Seger

Bill Cosby



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 AC Spark Plug. She enjoyed traveling (especially with 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); daughters, Andrea (Bob) Christensen, Annette (Ryan) Franse; granddaughter, Ashley Pichiotino (Ray McGillis); great-granddaughter, Aspen McGillis; step-granddaughter Andrea (Sam) Watson; special friends Delores Franse and Ruth Ann Kaiser; a brother, nieces and nephews. Carol was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Patricia Dietrich. The family will have a memorial at a later date, yet to be determined. Family and friends are also invited to attend the U of M memorial service for anatomical donors, September, 27, 2016. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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WEDNESDAY JUMBLE

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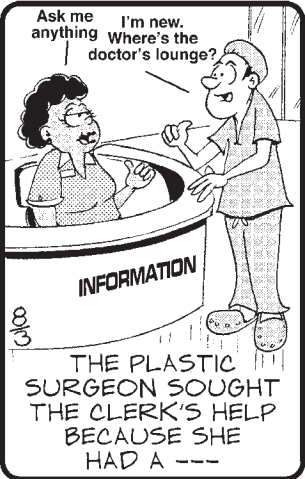
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Answer here: " " " "

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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FEATURES

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- 1 Relative of reggae
4 Crazy
8 Reed instrument
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24 Unforeseen problems
28 Napoleon's downfall

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- 56 Met melody
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59 Fender bender result
60 Heidi's range
61 Crafty
- 7 Seeks restitution
8 Insult
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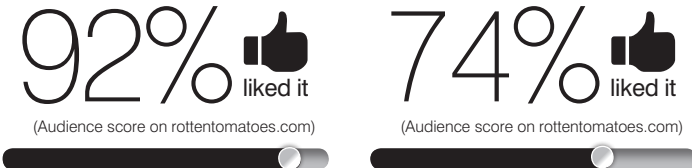
Adonis Johnson Creed (Michael B. Jordan), the son of former heavyweight champion Apollo Creed, attempts to follow in his father's footsteps and become a boxing legend in his own right. Apollo died in the ring in the 1980s at the hand of Russian pugilist Ivan Drago, forcing Adonis to grow up without his 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.

PG-13, 2 hr. 12 min

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

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

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