

Don't step on that lake ice just yet

Ice on area lakes about 2 inches thick, needs to be at least 4 to 6 inches

By Tim Jagielo
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Fenton Twp. — Genesee County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) Dep. Jason Thomas tested the lake ice last Friday, by trying to break it.
Thomas stood on the ice beyond the docks at Skipper

Bud's Marina, wearing a vest, and tethered to Dep. Pat Shaw. He used a metal rod to poke holes into the ice to estimate its thickness.
GCSO Undersheriff Chris See **LAKE ICE on 11**

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Genesee County Sheriff's Dep. Jason Thomas tests the ice at Skipper Bud's Marina in Fenton Township on Friday, while safely tethered to Dep. Pat Shaw.



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Avoid vehicle registration fee hike

Buy tags before Dec. 31, even if not due until June 2017 to avoid increase

By Vera Hogan
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The day Michigan drivers have all been dreading is almost here, the day they have to shell out 20 percent more in registration fees for passenger vehicles and trucks.
The fee hike goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2017.
But there is good news for those who wish to be proactive.

According to the Secretary of State's (SOS) office, owners can register their vehicles up to six months early and avoid the 20 percent fee increase — if they register before Dec. 31.

According to SOS, early registration can be done online at www.expresssos.com or www.michigan.gov/sos.
"You can renew early for the lower fee as long as you register before Dec. 31," said an SOS spokesperson.

See **AVOID INCREASE on 6**

Wreaths to honor our veterans



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More than 1,000 volunteers came out to Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly Township Saturday to lay wreaths on the graves of veterans and family members who are buried there. Approximately 16,200 wreaths were placed on gravesites this year. This national event is organized by Wreaths Across America, which works to put wreaths in every national cemetery in the country. See story on Page 5.



Research leads historian to plane crash site in Holly

Military jet went down in what is now Holly State Recreation Area in 1954

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The following is a story shared by Jeff

Benya, an amateur researcher/historian who enjoys a unique hobby — aviation archaeology.
The story is about an F-86 jet crash near Holly in 1954, the pilot Lt. John See **JET CRASH on 11**

Today is the shortest day of the year

Yay — more sunlight each day beginning tomorrow

By Vera Hogan
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Hate getting up when it's still dark?
Hate leaving work every afternoon when it's still dark?
Well, that's all going to start to change after today. It's the December solstice, the longest night and shortest day of the year.
After today, those of us in the northern See **SHORTEST on 7**

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Insurance rates are high for one reason. Michigan drivers are ranked in the top five states in driver safety, and also the top five in highest insurance premiums because Michigan forces its drivers to carry insurance. Every one of those states rank at the top of the most expensive insurance list.



Christmas can feel like a lot of work, especially for busy moms. But when you look back on all the Christmases in your life, you'll find you've created life-long memories. Those memories are more precious than gold and can never be taken away. Merry Christmas everyone.



COMMENT OF THE WEEK
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It's official — Donald Trump will be president

■ Electoral College cast votes Monday, officially electing Trump and Pence

By Hannah Ball

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All 16 members of the Michigan electorate cast their vote for Donald Trump and Mike Pence for the 45th President and Vice President of the United States of America on Monday, Dec. 19.

The Electoral College has been widely debated since the Nov. 8 election, when Democratic Presidential Nominee Hillary Clinton won the popular vote by more than 2.8 million votes, according to USA Today, yet Republican Nominee Donald Trump won more than half of the 538 electoral votes required to win the presidency.

Trump won 306 electoral votes while Clinton won 232 in the Nov. 8 election. On Monday, Trump secured 304 votes, two fewer than he got in November. According to National Public Radio, three Democratic electors in Maine, Minnesota, and Colorado tried to vote for candidates other than Clinton on Monday. The electors' votes, however, were disallowed because of state rules binding them to the statewide popular vote winner.

Many now are debating whether the Electoral College system should continue to be the decider of U.S. presidential elections.

The college was established in 1787 in order to balance the power between

population and the states, according to archives.gov.

The size of a state's Electoral College matches the number of their U.S Representatives plus the two members of the Senate. The electorates meet and cast their votes on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December.

The 16 Republican electors were selected at Michigan's Republican Party convention in August, representing each of the state's 14 congressional districts and two Senate seats. Trump won Michigan's popular vote in the narrowest margin in Michigan's history, according to freep.com.

It is possible for electors to vote for someone other than the person who won their state's votes, but it's rare.

Many states, including Michigan, have laws prohibiting electors from casting their vote for someone other than the winner of Michigan's popular vote, according to freep.com. Michigan law states that if an elector dissents, they will be considered a "faithless" elector and their seat will be vacated. The other 15 members will approve the replacement.

Some electors have sworn not to vote for Trump even though he won the state's popular vote. In Texas, Chris Suprun, a Dallas paramedic, announced that he will not vote for Trump and Pence. One other elector said he will resign to avoid voting for Trump, and three others were expected to follow suit.

MICHIGAN VOTES

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, Dec. 9.

House Bill 5484: Authorize "hunter's pink" alongside "hunter's orange" for safety

To revise the law that requires hunters in the field to wear some high-visibility "hunters orange" apparel for safety purposes. The bill would also permit "hunters pink" as an alternative, and possibly other colors, but only if the state Natural Resources Commission determined a color is effective at enhancing safety.

Passed 36 to 1 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☒ YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) ☒ YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ☒ YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ☒ YES

Senate Bill 332: Reduce minor-in-possession of alcohol sanctions

To remove the misdemeanor penalties for a first violation of the minor-in-possession of alcohol law, but not on second or third violation, which carry potential 30 and 60 day jail sentences. First-time offenders would instead be subject to a \$100 civil fine. The bill also revises certain permissible police actions such as requiring a minor to take a chemical breath test. Senate Bill 333 also removes drivers license suspension as a first-offense sanction.

Passed 105 to 1 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES
Rep. Joseph Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES

House Bill 5821: Ban state contracts with entities boycotting Israel or other trade partner

To prohibit the state from contracting for products or services from a person, company, agency or other entity that boycotts a "strategic partner" (like Israel), unless it is done in a non-discriminatory manner and based on "bona fide business or economic reasons."

Passed 99 to 8 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES
Rep. Joseph Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES

Senate Bill 510: Restrict commercial use of student data

To prohibit websites or apps designed for K-12 school purposes to sell, share or use for targeted advertising any information in a student's educational.

Passed 83 to 23 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES
Rep. Joseph Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES

House Bill 6066: Require voters with no ID to prove identity within 10 days

To require a person who does not have a photo identification card when voting to verify their identification with local election clerks within 10 days or the vote will not be counted. Related bills facilitate poor individuals obtaining free IDs and necessary documentation.

Passed 57 to 50 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES
Rep. Joseph Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES

House Bill 4643: Establish legal recourse for target of illegal union picket

To revise a law that makes it illegal to picket a business for purposes of blocking access to individuals doing or seeking work there. The bill would allow an employer to ask for a court injunction to stop the picketing, and a union that disobeyed the injunction could be fined \$10,000 per day, and \$1,000 for individuals.

Passed 57 to 50 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES
Rep. Joseph Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES



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Michigan couple in tenth year of African ministry

■ They provide homes for orphans, most of whose parents died from AIDS

By Sally Rummel

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Dan Smither's workplace is the squalid slum area of Durban, South Africa, and his mission field includes the children whose lives have been torn apart by the global epidemic of AIDS and the HIV virus.

Durban, South Africa is the front line of the AIDS epidemic, and it's the children who feel its effects most severely.

Most of these children have no nuclear family — AIDS has wiped out an entire generation, leaving only the very young and the very old.

They live in shacks within just minutes of the wealthiest people in Durban, making South Africa the number one country in disparity of wealth between the rich and the poor.

Smither founded the Key of Hope in South Africa 10 years ago, growing a ministry that started out with just him and his wife, Rachel. Feeling gripped by the orphan crisis there after hearing about it through various news sources, Smith packed up his family, which included four daughters, 7, 5, 2 and 6 weeks old, and moved to Durban from their comfortable surroundings in Rochester.

"We researched the worst areas of Durban, the slums with the most crime, including murder, rape, carjacking, kidnapping and robbery, and began our work there," said Smither.



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While Christian ministry Key of Hope makes a point to "celebrate the beauty of African culture through music and dance," according to the organization.

"To this day, I'm the only white guy at every gathering. It's very racially segregated. Take Fenton High School versus Denby in Detroit, and magnify it by 100."

Their goal was to bring profound change to this region, one child at a time, building upon each success so they could truly impact lives and future generations of Africans.

"We meet kids on their turf, then take them out of their dysfunc-

tional environment to a healthy environment where they can learn to trust and to love," said Smither. "We began expressing the love of their Heavenly Father. It has really been amazing. God has opened all the doors. Parents are beginning to see the change in their kids and their communities. We don't leave an area until we've accomplished 100 percent of our goals there."

Key of Hope accomplishes its work

"I'm the only white guy at every gathering. It's very racially segregated."

Dan Smither
Pastor and executive director of Key of Hope

Shoveling snow safely

■ Seven surprisingly practical tips that could save your life

By Hannah Ball

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With snow shoveling leading to thousands of injuries and as many as 100 deaths a year, according to the National Safety Council, it's important to clear snow from your driveway and sidewalks the right way.

Here are shovel snow safely advice

from thisoldhouse.com.

Pick the correct tool

Ergonomic shovels are great tools for anyone. The aluminum shaft is lightweight, and its non-slip grip feature ensures you're putting your energy into shoveling, and not just holding on to the shovel.

Bigger isn't better

Using a big shovel means you'll be picking up a lot of snow at once, which can cause loss of balance. This also increases your chance of pulling a muscle

and pushing your blood pressure levels up too high.

Use proper form

Bending at the back increases your chances of hurting or back pain and lower back injury. Bend from the knees and avoid twisting your torso. Instead, turn your whole body.

Disperse the snow

Don't put all the snow in one big pile. Throwing the load in the same spot every time will require you to throw higher and higher. Create multiple smaller piles instead.

Switch hands

Using your dominate hand will feel more natural, but your upper body will feel better if you switch it up and use your non-dominant hand for a while.

Take breaks

Taking breaks is important. If you do not regularly exercise, pushing through and shoveling for an uninterrupted hour is dangerous because your body isn't used to it. Take regular breaks and don't ignore chest pain.

Take care after

If your muscles are sore, use a heating pad and an anti-inflammatory pain reliever.

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If I Were King...

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A Christmas Story

I vividly recall the December day my big sister dropped the bomb on me — ‘There is no Santa Claus,’ she jeered. ‘Even dummies know that’ she added as she went out the door.

Numb with shock, I sought out the smartest person I knew to find out if this could possibly be true. My Grandma, who lived with us, was not the gushy kind, never had been. I searched her out because I knew Grandma always told the truth. I found her, as usual, sewing in the little room at the back of the house. I told her everything.

‘No Santa Claus?’ she snorted. ‘Ridiculous! That rumor has been going around for years, don’t you believe it.’

She thought for a moment and then said, ‘Put on your coat and let’s go.’

‘Go? Go where, Grandma?’ I asked.

‘Where’ turned out to be McCulloughs Department Store, the one store in town that had a little bit of just about everything. As we walked through its doors, Grandma handed me a ten-dollar bill.

‘Take this,’ she said, ‘and buy something for someone who needs it. I’ll wait for you in the car.’ Then she turned and walked out the door.

I was only 8 years old. Though I’d often gone shopping with my mother, I had never actually shopped for anything all by myself. The store seemed bigger and more crowded than usual, full of people scrambling to finish their Christmas shopping.

For a few moments I just stood there, totally confused, clutching that ten-dollar bill, wondering what to buy, and who on earth to buy it for. I thought of everybody I knew — my family, my friends, my neighbors, the kids at school. I was just about thought out when I suddenly thought of Bobby McAllister. He was a kid with ragged clothes and greasy hair who sat right behind me in Mrs. Vicker’s class. Bobby McAllister didn’t have a coat. I knew that because for the last six weeks he never went outside for recess like the rest of us did. He always told the teacher that he had a cold, but all us kids knew better. Bobby McAllister didn’t have a cold — he had no coat!

I fingered the ten-dollar bill with growing excitement. I could buy Bobby McAllister a



coat. After much careful inspection, I settled on a red corduroy coat that had a hood on it. It looked real warm I thought, and he would like that. I couldn’t find a price on it.

‘Is this a Christmas present for someone?’ the lady behind the counter asked kindly as I laid my ten dollars down.

‘Yes,’ I replied shyly. ‘It’s for Bobby, he doesn’t have a coat.’

She seemed to hesitate for a moment, then she smiled at me. I didn’t get any change, but she put the coat in a bag and wished me a Merry Christmas. That evening, while Grandma was helping me wrap the coat, a piece of paper fell out of the bag and I saw Grandma glance at it briefly before tucking it in her Bible.

‘To Bobby, From Santa Claus’ I wrote on the tag. Grandma said that Santa always insisted on secrecy. Then she drove me over to the McAllister’s house. We parked down the street and she and I snuck quietly up the walk and hid behind the overgrown bushes by the driveway. Grandma gave me a nudge. ‘Alright, Santa Claus,’ she whispered, ‘get to work.’ I took a deep breath, dashed for his door, set the package down on the step, rang the doorbell twice and, my heart pounding, ran back to the safety of the bushes and Grandma. Together we waited breathlessly in the darkness for the front door to open. Finally it did, and there stood Bobby.

The years haven’t dimmed the thrill of those few moments spent breathless and shivering beside my Grandma in Bobby McAllister’s bushes. That night I realized that those rumors about Santa Claus were just what Grandma said they were — ridiculous. Santa was alive and well, and we were on his team.

It was 30 years later that my grandma passed away. For whatever reason, I ended up with her Bible. I was sitting in my living room late one evening not long after we buried her, fingering the cover on her Bible and imagining how many times over the years her fingers had caressed the same tattered, timeworn leather. For no reason at all, I whispered softly, ‘Talk to me Grandma.’

I flipped the Bible open to a random page and a small piece of paper fell out and fluttered to the floor. It was a yellowed, cracked tag from McCulloughs Department Store. The price on it read \$19.95.

I still have the bible and the tag today.

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“Santa was alive and well, and we were on his team.”

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■■■
I WOULD LIKE to say thank you to a very nice guy who pulled over to see if I needed help with a flat tire on East Holly Road on Thursday morning. It was so cold. It was nice to see someone care. Hope you have a very Merry Christmas.

■■■
JUST WATCHED MICHAEL Moore run his mouth about disrupting the inauguration.

■■■
IN THE SPIRIT of the season, I would like to wish every person reading our wonderful Times newspaper a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

■■■
SAW OBAMA'S NEWS conference. There is no doubt he is delusional. The last eight years he described is only in Narnia.

■■■
NARCISSIST PERSONALITY DISORDER is a mental illness (Trump). The RNC should be ashamed of themselves for letting him happen. They knew this but wanted to protect their own careers and they thought he would implode himself. Our country is in grave danger with him.

■■■
CARRIER BUILDING AIR conditioners in Mexico to sell in America is not the same as Trump building hotels and golf courses in other countries. You should think about that if you can figure it out. Ask anyone else if you can't.

■■■
EVERY YEAR IT'S the same thing. The not so bright among us have to relearn how to drive in snow and ice, causing damage to others' cars. Put the damn phones down and drive the car.

■■■
THE SALVATION ARMY is a great charity, but stop and do a little research. Their surplus at the end of 2015 was in the billions, yes with a 'B.'

■■■
SO ACCORDING TO your logic, if the King 'is merely giving his opinion,' he can use any language he wants no matter how nasty it might be. I don't agree; hateful rhetoric is hateful rhetoric under any circumstance. I try very hard never to call people derogatory names when I'm expressing my opinion, especially in a public venue.

■■■
ANSWER TO THE 'Comment of the Week: No guns, no America.' The second amendment protects all the other amendments. Period.

■■■
WOULD INSURANCE BRING back a loved one? Of course not. It would ensure that my family would not lose their home and everything else. Were someone left in a vegetative state, that person would receive the care they deserve. Remember a jury determines the guilt or innocence of the defendant.

■■■
TO THE PERSON who's upset about the boy getting in trouble wearing a Confederate flag coat: Golly gee, it's totally not that the flag is a huge hate and racist symbol against black people. It's just a flat out mystery why they would do something.

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What is your favorite thing about Christmas?



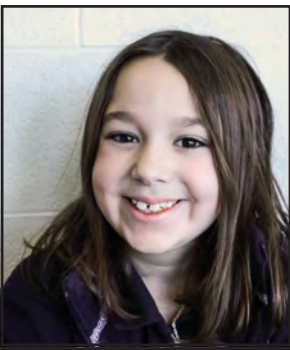
“Santa. He brings presents for me at night.”

—Stephen O'Rourke
Junior kindergarten



“Sitting on Santa's lap and saying, 'We want presents!'”

—Kellyn Conley
Preschool 4



“I decorate the Christmas tree.”

—Mason Sharp
Third grade



“I like being able to see my family who I don't see all of the time.”

—Method Hagan
Eighth grade



“That I got to put up my Christmas tree with my mom and my family.”

—Anderson Schaal
First grade



“Being with my family and everyone being really happy.”

—Molly Killian
Sixth grade

Question was asked to St. John School students

streettalk

Honoring our fallen soldiers

■ Wreaths Across America event raises \$243,000 in donations

By Hannah Ball
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Holly Twp. — Many families are incomplete this holiday season, due to the sacrifices made by the men and women of the United States Armed Forces.

Wreaths Across America worked to bring some Christmas cheer to those fallen veterans and family members by placing thousands of wreaths on their gravestones in national cemeteries across the world Saturday.

At Great Lakes National Cemetery (GLNC) in Holly Township, more than 1,000 of volunteers walked the site, placing 16,200 wreaths on gravesites, according to Dave Watts, location coordinator for GLNC.

“Everyone who sets foot in that cemetery realizes there’s an importance in remembering our veterans,” he said.

They were about 100 wreaths short this year, but they’re hoping to get every grave covered by Christmas. The program started in 2005, when the GLNC opened.

“This year the wreath count was up and the crowd was smaller, and that’s because of the weather,” he said. Last year they had over 5,000 people and this year they had between 1,000 and 2,000.

Four Walmart semi trucks carried in the thousands of wreaths; each cost \$15. The event raised about \$243,000 in donations from sponsors around Michigan to cover the costs, Watts said.

After the wreath laying, the cemetery held a ceremony honoring each branch of the U.S. Armed Forces. The keynote speaker was a captain who fought in Afghanistan.

“We don’t forget anybody. It makes people remember that there’s a cost to this,” he said.

This is the 10th year Watts has participated in this event.

“I didn’t think I’d ever get this deep into this program. Years and years we’ve cried with families at gravesites, we’ve laughed with families,” he said.

Watts said the event means something different to each person.

“It’s a chance to give back. I’m not a veteran but this is my way to give back to the guys who have given us our freedom,” Watts said. “For the families, sometimes it’s a chance to finally be able to visit that gravemarker. It’s all about seeing the smiles on families’ faces and never forgetting.”

Two volunteers, Julia Kornas of Grand Blanc and Jason Maliniak of Washington Township, helped place wreaths on many of the gravestones, and chatted about many of the names they saw.

Kornas, whose mother and father-in-law are buried at the cemetery, did the sign for the mother, the father, and the Holy Spirit every time she laid a wreath down.

“I believe that they need to be honored. They served our country,” she said. She’s been volunteering at the event for the past three years, and said more people need to come.

“We have freedom and there’s a reason why,” she said. “My father did it. My brother did it. My husband did it. His father did it.”

Jason Maliniak, whose father served in the Marines, said his mother is buried at Great Lakes National Cemetery. “They need to be remembered. They served our country and they deserved to be honored.”

He thinks the weather turned a lot of people away this year. He added that many of the fallen veterans might not have any family to come visit them, so it’s important that volunteers help.

Wreaths can be sponsored year-round at

wreathsacrossamerica.org.

“It’s all about seeing the smiles on families’ faces and never forgetting.”

Dave Watts
Great Lakes National Cemetery
location coordinator



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Two volunteers carry wreaths around the Great Lakes National Cemetery Saturday, looking for gravesites that didn’t yet have the decoration.

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Lahring Road to be closed from 4 p.m. Wednesday until 2 a.m. on Thursday



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The Lahring Road U.S. 23 overpass was damaged in an accident in June when a contractor hauling too tall of equipment struck the bridge.

MDOT works on fixing bridge over U.S. 23 after accident in June

By Hannah Ball

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Lahring Road at U.S. 23 in Fenton Township will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 4 p.m. due to construction by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

The road will reopen Thursday, Dec. 22 at 2 a.m. after construction is complete.

MDOT will replace the existing concrete barrier wall in anticipation of beam replacements, which will take place in the

spring of 2017.

MDOT has been reconstructing parts of the bridge after a contractor hauling a tall piece of excavating equipment on a trailer struck the bottom of the Lahring Road overpass in the southbound lanes this past June. There were no injuries, but the bridge was damaged.

Five of the eight beams on the bridge were damaged. The two beams that sustained the most damage need to be replaced. The remaining three damaged beams were fixed with a heat straightening technique.

According to MDOT, 100 percent of the costs for repairs will be covered by the trucking company.

Cornerstone condo owner won't be home for Christmas

■ Burst pipes a 'bump in the road' for Sagano, but condo restoration could take months

By Tim Jagielo

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During the evening of Thursday, Nov. 15, two condominiums and one business were drenched in freezing water, from a pipe that had burst on the third floor of the Cornerstone building in Fenton.

The city's "downtown icon" was completed in November 2014. It houses 23 condominiums in the upper three floors and four businesses on the bottom level.

That night at approximately 8 p.m., two condo units were damaged — one on the third floor, and the condo directly below it. Water also poured into Sagano Japanese Bistro & Steakhouse.

The restaurant was closed Friday, and able to re-open for lunch on Saturday Dec. 17. Partner Jim Teuber said that because of the hard surfaces of the restaurant, the site was able to be cleaned quickly. Some non-essential insulation was soaked and had to be removed, and new temporary walls installed.

Teuber said the only reason they weren't open right away on Friday, was due to coordinating an inspection from the health department and a visit from the fire, and building department to sign off on the repairs.

The condo unit owners won't be

so lucky. One of the residents was already staying out of state. The other is planning to stay with family for two months.

Kelly Zeislost is regional property manager at Piper Management. She said that both units are damaged, but the second floor condo's damage is "substantial." Both the ceiling and floor are damaged and have to be repaired or replaced. She's not sure when the units will be restored, or what it will cost.

The repairs will be covered by a private homeowner's insurance, and homeowner's association insurance.

There are currently large drying units in the condos to pull out any remaining moisture. Once they are dry, restoration can continue.

Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said that a 1.5-inch sprinkler pipe leading out to a third floor condominium balcony froze and burst Thursday just before 8 p.m. Municipal water from the building's fire suppression system soaked that condominium, the condominium below it, and Sagano Japanese Bistro & Steakhouse at the ground level.

Cairnduff said this was the first instance of burst pipes his department has seen this winter, though it is not uncommon. He recommends insulating pipes ahead of sub-zero temperatures.

That night, the fire department worked quickly to shut off the flow, and contain and control the existing water. Cleaning and restoration services were on hand through the night.

AVOID INCREASE

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The increase is part of a \$1.2-billion road funding package that in addition to registration fees, will hike fuel taxes. It was signed by Gov. Rick Snyder on Nov. 3, 2015.

The road package is aimed mainly at funding major road fixes in Michigan.

According to the most recent data from the Federal Highway Administration (FHA), 38 percent of Michigan's roads are in poor to mediocre condition. The 2013 report claims 27.4 percent of Michigan bridges are structurally deficient and/

or functionally obsolete.

The annual total for extra vehicle repairs and operating costs due to driving on roads that need fixing is just over \$2.5 billion per year in Michigan, which equates to \$357 per motorist.

Michigan's road funding package calls for \$600 million a year from the state's general fund to fix and maintain Michigan roads and bridges.

The \$1.2-billion won't be fully devoted to transportation until 2021. Many critics said major road fixes are overdue and needed immediately.

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Our system of justice and the presidential recount

It is now 'semiofficial.' The Electoral College votes have been cast and Donald J. Trump will undoubtedly be the 45th President of the United States next year. I say semiofficial because under the law, the votes aren't officially counted by Congress until Jan. 6, 2017.

For President-Elect Trump it was an election that had many twists and turns including the very well-publicized recount petition filed by candidate Jill Stein. As the song goes 'it's all over now,' but here in Michigan the final answer as to whether there would be a recount or not came from our courts and our justice system.

I won't go into any great detail about how this all went except to say that it started with candidate Stein filing her recount petition and paying the statutory filing fee of \$937,000, which by all estimates was far less than the actual costs would have been. The petition was approved and immediately thereafter both the federal and state courts were utilized by all parties concerned with requests to stop the recount or have it continue.

Ultimately, the Michigan Supreme Court in a 3 to 2 decision held that candidate Stein had not shown that she was an 'aggrieved party' under the recount statute thus bringing the saga to an end.

This is analogous to a court dismissing a lawsuit in a civil action because the party bringing it had no right to do so.

Although some people applauded the decision and some did not, the most important point was that all parties were given the opportunity to be heard and at the end of the day, a final decision was made.

As a result of this, calls have been made to review Michigan's recount procedures and statutes. For example, a bill was recently introduced in the legislature requiring a recount petitioner to pay the actual costs.

I said a few weeks ago that I hoped this would all go well. In my opinion the entirety of this process showed how, when all was said and done, our justice system did what was required under the law. On balance, it did go well and at least we now have a final answer.

Still looking for Christmas gifts?

■ Think creatively to find the right present

By Sally Rummel

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The countdown to Christmas is on, but that doesn't mean you're doomed if you haven't finished your Christmas shopping yet. In fact, if you're a guy, you may be just getting started.

Retail stores are geared this week for last-minute shoppers and you may find some of the best deals yet. Stores are open earlier and stay open later, and many of the items on the shelves are meant to entice you as you go through your list.

Having a list will make your shopping easier, and will ensure that you don't forget anybody, and that you don't over-buy.

Why not spend this week shopping smarter and thinking outside the box?

You might not usually think of buying your wife or significant other something from a "farm store" like Family Farm & Home in Fenton, but you can find lots of unexpected gifts there — from pink camouflage clothing to Columbia fleece and jackets, western-style boots and Carhartt outerwear and apparel for women.

"We'll be open for holiday hours on Friday, the 23rd until 9 and on Christmas Eve from 8 to 6," said store manager Jake Lumsden.

If you and your wife like to travel, why not get a gift certificate from a local travel agent like Superior Travel or Travel Brokers, both with offices in Fenton.

You can wrap the certificates with a piece of luggage, a Vera Bradley travel bag from Elections in Fenton, luggage tags or a Fodor's travel book from Fen-

ton's Open Book.

Another travel gift could be membership in a travel club like Delta Sky Club, or a single visit pass for an upcoming trip you're planning.

For music and concert lovers, you can score an early ticket for Tim McGraw and Faith Hill's Soul2Soul World Tour 2017 on Friday, Sept. 8 at The Palace of Auburn Hills, or the 40th Anniversary Tour of Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers at DTE Energy Theater on July 18.

There are literally hundreds of concerts of every musical genre and plenty of shows at The Fox Theatre or the Fisher Theater that would make wonderful Christmas memories.

If you want to stick closer to a list given to you by your wife or significant other, check out her "Wish Lists" at local retailers — from jewelers to boutiques and spas. You'll be glad you took a little time to find just the right gift, and nobody has to know you waited 'til the last minute to find it . . . it'll be Santa's secret!

News briefs

Holly Academy helps local families

Thirty-one people will benefit from the generosity of Holly Academy staff and students this holiday season. For the 16th year, the Holly Academy community participated in the Adopt-a-Family project, which delivers complete holiday gifts to families in need. Staff members embrace this project as it teaches students the importance of helping others while exhibiting the characteristic of giving. Adopt-a-Family is run through the local Salvation Army. Each homeroom receives a wish list for a family member and students deliver wrapped gifts to the classroom. Many families donate gift cards, which are given to the family member or used to purchase additional gifts. Staff members complete any necessary shopping and then deliver the gifts to the Salvation Army branch, which delivers the packages to the families within a week.

SHORTEST

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hemisphere enjoy just a little bit more daylight than we did the day before.

No matter where you live on Earth's globe, a solstice is your signal to celebrate.

According to earthsky.org, for all of Earth's creatures, nothing is so fundamental as the length of daylight. After all, the sun is the ultimate source of all light and warmth on Earth.

If you live in the northern hemisphere, you can notice the late dawns

and early sunsets, and the low arc of the sun across the sky each day. You might notice how low the sun appears in the sky at local noon. And be sure to look at your noontime shadow. Around the time of the December solstice, it's your longest noontime shadow of the year.

In the Southern Hemisphere, it's the opposite. Dawn comes early, and dusk comes late. The sun is high. It's your shortest noontime shadow of the year.

Today may be the first day of winter, but it also means spring is on the way.

Police&Fire report

PHONES STOLEN FROM APARTMENT

At 12:20 p.m. on Dec. 12, Fenton police responded to an apartment in the 1000 building of Georgetown Apartments to investigate a larceny complaint. The 38-year-old resident told police that he is an independent representative for LG phones and he had four LG V10 cell phones in his apartment that he uses for demonstrations. On Dec. 12, he noticed all four phones were missing. There were no signs of forced entry. Total value is \$900.

SHOT FIRED IN ALLEGED FENTON TOWNSHIP BREAK-IN

The Genesee County Sheriff's Office responded to the area of Butcher and North Fenton roads in Fenton Township Tuesday at 6:50 a.m. to investigate a suspicious situation. Undersheriff Chris Swanson said an elderly man, suffering from dementia, believed someone was breaking into his home. Believing he could be harmed, the resident fired his shotgun at the door of his home. Several patrol units responded to the area to assist with the investigation. Unaware motorists entering the area were turned away while the search of a possible suspect was being conducted. It was determined that there was no break-in and no suspect. The resident was transported to an area hospital for medical attention.

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Eagles collect two more weekend victories

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Anyone want to guess who's among the leaders in the Flint Metro League boys basketball standings after two games?

One of those teams is Linden.

The Eagles (3-1) improved to 2-0 in Metro play with a 64-58 home victory against the defending Metro League champions from a year ago, the Brandon Blackhawks. The squad also played a rare Sunday afternoon game, defeating Marine City Cardinal Mooney 70-41 at the 175

Challenge. The win against Brandon didn't come easy. Brandon led 15-9 after one quarter and took a 30-21 lead into the half.

"We just weren't being aggressive," Linden varsity boys basketball coach Chris Root said. "They were beating us up on the boards. They scored a lot off of putbacks. We were fouling too much. We were just kind of off in the first half."

Things changed in the second half. Linden outscored Brandon 17-11 in the third quarter, cutting the Blackhawks' deficit to 41-38 entering the final period. Linden eventually took a lead and then

iced it at the free-throw line.

"We definitely got to the line more in the second half and were more aggressive in the second half," Root said. "It was kind of an interesting week. We didn't play well in the second half on Tuesday (a loss to Rochester) and we did not play well in the first half tonight, so we have to learn how to be consistent."

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The Linden Eagles are off to a flying start with a 2-0 Metro League record and a 3-1 mark overall.

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Round one goes to Beecher

■ Turnovers cost Lake Fenton in first contest with Beecher, 71-57

By David Troppens

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Lake Fenton — The good news for the Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team is they learned something on Friday night during their home contest with Beecher.

The Blue Devils learned that if they play their own game, they have a chance at beating the state powers.

But they also learned if they don't, Lake Fenton can lose.

The Blue Devils (1-2) did just enough things to hurt their cause resulting in a 71-57 home loss to Beecher Friday night, in a game that was closer than the final score may indicate.

The Blue Devils turned the ball over 24 times, pretty much setting up the tough loss. When Lake Fenton was in one those periods where they turned the ball over, they struggled. When they didn't, they outplayed the Bucs. Another thing that bothered Lake Fenton was its rebound-

ing, but the turnovers were the biggest key. Beecher turned it over just 10 times.

"We have to rebound. We were plus-one on the boards and our goal was plus-four," Lake Fenton senior Jalen Miller said. "We have to stop turning the ball over as well. Our goal was 13 and we had 24 turnovers. As a team, if we would've met our goals, I believe we would've beaten them."

"We emphasize playing a clean basketball game with not a lot of turnovers and we had 24 turnovers," Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Jake Erway said. "We had a stretch from the end of the second quarter until the end of the third quarter where we had two turnovers in a 12-minute stretch and outplayed them. We can beat any team if we play our game, and I thought in the fourth quarter, we did not play our game. We played their game. We did not get in our right



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Lake Fenton's Dalon Earnst (13) finds himself in a middle of a pile trying to collect a loose ball in the Blue Devils' loss to Beecher on Friday.

sets and started throwing the ball around, a lot of unforced turnovers. Whether the case may be we have to clean it up if we want to achieve our goals and want to win a

league championship."

Lake Fenton had nine turnovers in the first quarter and trailed 17-7 after one period.

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Bronchos moving back up, place third at Oakland County

By David Troppens

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It wasn't long ago when the Holly varsity wrestling team would spend seasons ranked within the top 10 in the state, with realistic expectations of making it to the team state tournament.

In recent seasons, the program fell into a bit of a lull and those expectations of about five years ago, vanished for a little bit.

But if the program keeps improving as it has this season, those bright days may be back. Holly had another one of those sunny days when they proved just how much they have improved by taking third at the Oakland County Wrestling Championships.

"The team was outstanding the whole tournament," Holly varsity wrestling coach Don Pluta said. "From the start on Friday, we were aggressive and wrestled with solid technique. In the first round we won 12 matches with 11 pins. Obviously the competition got stronger as we progressed through the tournament. We qualified 10 for day two and all 10 wrestlers placed in the top eight."

Holly placed 10 wrestlers in the top eight, including one champion.

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Lake Fenton's
Trent Hillger

Blue Devils take first at Caro

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The Lake
Fenton
wrestling

team decided to bypass the Genesee County Tournament to head to the Caro Tournament on Saturday.

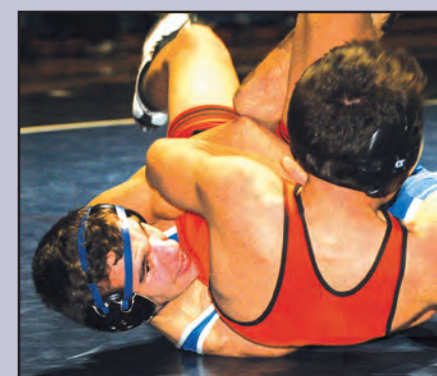
Apparently the Blue Devils made the right decision. Lake Fenton won the 16-team Caro event with 195 points, 31 points ahead of second-place Caro.

Lake Fenton took 11 wrestlers and placed 10 with five winning weight championships. The cham-

pions were A.J. Geyer (119), Hunter Corcoran (125), Jarrett Trombley (135), Jackson Nevadomski (160) and Trent Hillger (285). Logan Julian (171) also made it to the finals but had to settle for second place.

Four others finished with victories in third-place matches. They were Hunter Hypio (130), Sean Trombley (145), Ryan Franks (189), and Zolen Marron (215).

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Lake Fenton's Hunter Corcoran (left) works on rolling over an opponent for a potential pin in a recent match. Corcoran was one of five individual champions for the Blue Devils at Caro.



Lady Bronchos keep on winning

■ Remain undefeated in Metro League play

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Holly — The Holly girls' basketball team has been a force in the Flint Metro League for the past seven or eight seasons, including a district title and 22-1 record in 2014.

Led by players like Alyssa Copley and Kaitlyn Smith, the Lady Bronchos continually challenged for league supremacy. This year there is no Copley, nor is there a Smith. But, there are senior Paige Reid and sophomore Becca Fugate.

The Holly twosome combined for 45 out of Holly's total 55 points as the Bronchos rolled over the visiting Clio Mustangs, 55-48, at the Horseshoe.

The diminutive Fugate, five-foot-six but slight of build, used her quickness, both on the floor and on the shot, to power the Bronchos to an early lead with seven points in the first quarter that helped keep Holly close as the Mustangs led 12-10 after one. Then a smooth 3-pointer from senior Erick Reddy and two more by Reid and the Bronchos were up 22-15 in the second period. The Bronchos used that spurt to lead 29-25 at the half.

Midway through the third quarter an-



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The Holly Bronchos are 4-0 overall and 2-0 in Metro League action after defeating Clio by a 55-48 score on Friday night.

other Fugate three and another by Reddy put Holly up by 10 at 37-27 and Clio never came closer than the final margin of seven points.

This is Reddy's first year as a starter after playing limited minutes last year. Her six points were timely and key in this win.

"It feels pretty good because I didn't play that much last year," said Reddy. "I knew that we lost some people and I had to step it up." Reddy also added four rebounds.

Reddy also said that her hard work in the off season helped with her outside shot.

Early in the fourth quarter, Reid dropped in another "long bomb" to put the Bronchos up by 12 at 45-33. Holly then used the superior ball handling skills of both Reid and Fugate to run precious time off the clock and hold any threat of serious Clio comeback at bay.

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Fenton varsity hoops teams swept by Flushing Raiders

By David Troppens

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It was a tough night for the Fenton varsity basketball programs on the road at Flushing High School on Friday.

Both Fenton teams lost.

The Fenton boys lost 63-36 while the Fenton girls lost 58-36.

The Fenton boys fell behind 18-8 after one quarter and the Raiders never looked back. The lead was 32-17 at halftime and 49-30 after three quarters. Flushing netted 10 3-pointers. Joe Kujat led the Raiders with 25 points. David Pietryga led the Tigers (1-2) with 10 points.

The Fenton girls trailed 12-6 after one quarter and 29-15 at the half. The Tigers never seriously cut into Flushing's lead in the second half.

Taylor Mowery led the Tigers with seven points and seven rebounds while Chloe Idoni had seven points and five rebounds. Lauren Newman paced Flushing with 13 points while Breanna Perry netted 10.

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Holly boys lose to Clio Mustangs, 62-54

By Dale M. Smith

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Holly — The Holly varsity boys basketball team looks little like the teams of the past few years on paper.

After losing players like Jake Daniels, Kyle Woodruff, Ian Hodges and Adam Tooley, the Bronchos' future was a bit cloudy heading into the 2016-2017 season.

The young Bronchos dropped a hard fought battle to the Clio Mustangs Friday night at the Horseshoe, 62-54.

The Bronchos also played without stand-out center, Paris Partee. Partee is still nursing a knee injury incurred in the team's first game of the season.

But, that future is not necessarily a dark one. Led by seniors Austin Harless and Devon Williams and a talented corral of underclassmen, it won't be long before Holly will again be one of the teams to beat in the Flint Metro League.



■ Linden, Fenton wrestlers do well at county meet

The Linden and Fenton varsity wrestling teams had many placers at the Genesee County Meet on Saturday, but none left with a county championship.

Linden had five wrestlers place while Fenton had four place. The Eagles did have two wrestlers make it to the finals, but each lost tough decision matches against tough Davison wrestlers.

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■ Lake Fenton girls basketball falls to Beecher

The Blue Devils hung with Beecher competitively until about the midpoint of the third quarter.

But Beecher's talented squad finally took over in the second half as the Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team lost to Beecher 64-43 Friday at Lake Fenton High School.

PREP REPORT

BOYS BOWLING

► **Fenton 27, Linden 3:** The Tigers captured their first victory of the season, defeating their rivals. Alex Keith led Fenton with a 221-174-395 series while Troy Smigielski had a 176-179-355 series.

► **Flushing 28, Fenton 2:** Alex Keith had a 243-232-475 capturing both of Fenton's points against Flushing.

GIRLS BOWLING

► **Fenton 26, Linden 4:** The Tigers captured their first win of the season, led by Angela Hanners who bowled a 159-132-291 series. Destiny Flood had a 139-117-256 series.

► **Flushing 30, Fenton 0:** Angela Hanners led the Tigers with a 155-157-312 series, while Laura Albrant had a 145-154-299 series.

BOYS BASKETBALL

► **Linden JV 48, Brandon 40:** The Eagles jumped to a 32-16 halftime lead and never trailed. Seeger De-Gayner led the Eagles with 13 points while Brendan Miller netted 12 points. Max James had six points while Richie Linn, Braden Banasiak and Evan Hill had four points each. Luke Kenney and Lewis Walterhouse had two points each.

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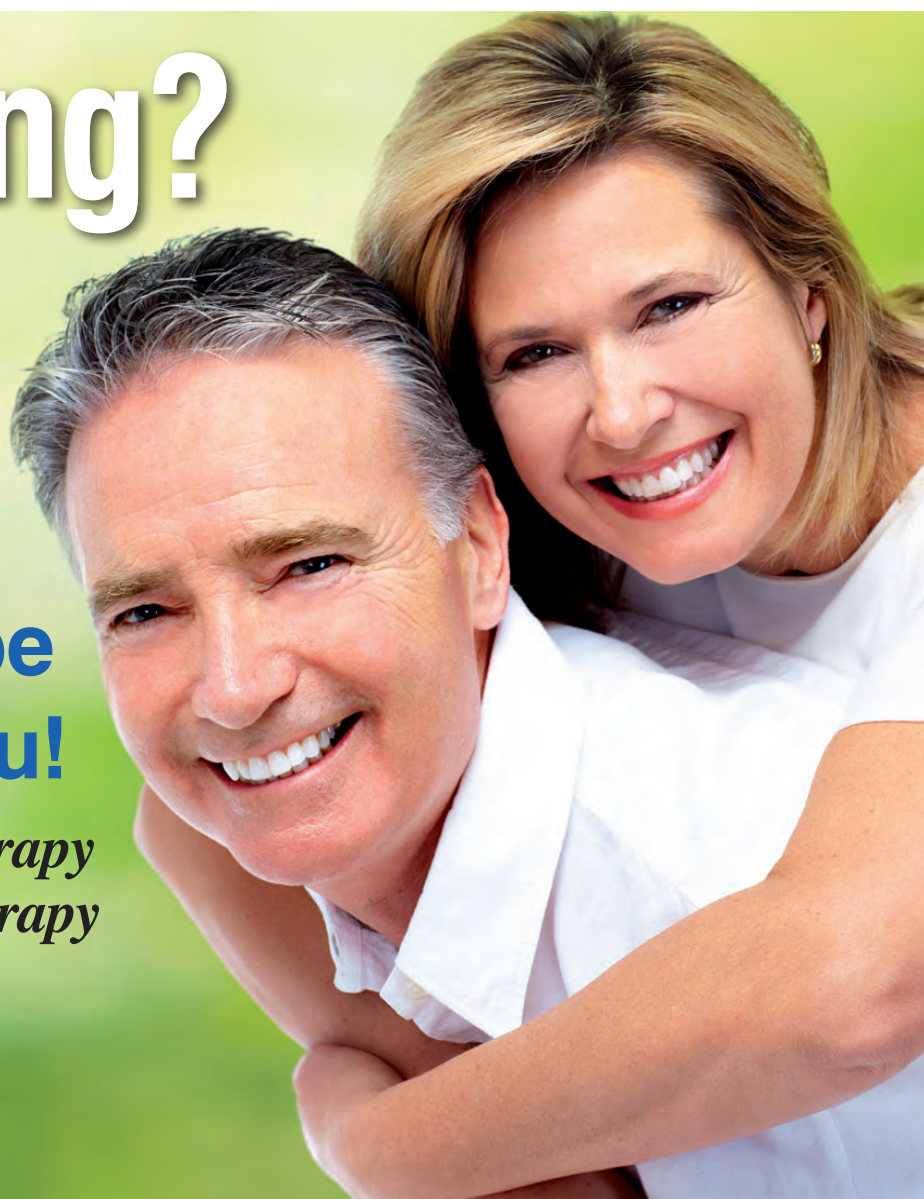
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JET CRASH

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Brown perished in the crash on Dec. 16, 1954.

Here's what happened, according to Benya.

"It was a clear mid-December night in Holly, when Bruce Berckman went to his back porch to check the weather. He and his wife saw two jet aircraft flying in the distance and watched as the two planes crossed over Dixie Highway. As they drew closer to the house, he noticed that the lower-flying aircraft appeared to be in distress — he could not see the glowing tailpipe exhaust from that one as he could from the higher flying jet.

"The two continued watching as the lower jet raised up slightly, just barely clearing the highest trees on their property and disappeared over a hill. At about 9:35, immediately after they lost sight of the stricken plane, they heard a large explosion and saw a billowing mushroom of flames. They were on the phone with the Michigan State Police (MSP) the instant they witnessed the flames.

Seconds later, Emil Perlick heard the crash and went to his window to see the flames from the crash flare up several times. The plane had crashed just 1,700 feet from his house in his farm field.

At 9:18, Parasite Green left Selfridge Air Force Base on a night training flight. Flying the F-86 Sabre jet, the two plane flight was on an instrument landing approach system mission to Bishop Airport in Flint.

"Green leader was Lt. John Brown and his wingman, Green 2, was Lt. Robert Kienzle. They had been briefed to expect clear skies; but in the event of adverse weather, they were to head back to Selfridge.

"Somewhere between Utica and Flint, the weather became marginal with an intermittent haze and Brown, the flight lead, decided to turn back to Selfridge. Soon after this, control requested that the flight change radio channels. The two jets began their turn and in the process, Green 2 lost sight of Green Leader.

"Kienzle made several attempts on different channels to make radio contact with Brown and failed. Control was also attempting to hail Brown, but to no avail.



Pilot Killed in Jet Plane Crash on Farm Near Holly



Within minutes, control was notified by the MSP of a jet crash in the area of Brown's last known position. Green 2 maintained an orbit in the vicinity until search and rescue units arrived.

Holly police and firefighters were the first on the scene at the Perlick farm. Patrolman Robert Prose and Fire Chief Maynard Lowe located Lt. Brown about 20 feet from the cockpit of his F-86 Sabre.

"Sadly, 1st Lt. John D. Brown perished in the accident. He was survived by a wife and two young daughters, one and three years of age. It was just nine days before Christmas, 1954.

Benya said he first learned of this incident in early February of 2016, 62 years after it had occurred.

Jeff Key, a 5-year-old boy who witnessed the aftermath of the crash had remembered the incident from his childhood and wanted to know the details of that almost forgotten day.

"While researching on the internet he came across my website (www.mi-aviationarchaeology.com) and enlisted my help in finding the details," said Benya.

With his recollection, Benya said it was easy enough to figure out the exact date and time of the crash as well as the pilot involved.

Utilizing historical plat maps we were able to locate the 160 acres owned by Emil Perlick in 1954 and determined that most of that land was now part of the Holly State Recreation Area, likely sold to the state when I-75 was built.

With the use of metal detectors, Benya and fellow researchers got lucky. "In all, we found close to 30 artifacts, many of which can be positively identified as coming from a military aircraft," he said.

"I am in the process of obtaining permission from Holly State Recreation Area and the Holly Cloud Hoppers to erect a small memorial plaque to Lt. Brown.

"Brown sacrificed his life in service to our country as have many other men and women," said Benya. "His wife and family sacrificed a husband and a father as have countless other families. They all deserve to be remembered."

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TIM JAGIELO

Undersheriff Chris Swanson (right) invited local media to share ice safety tips with residents.

LAKE ICE

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Swanson pulled the demonstration together with local media to make a point — despite the cold, the lake ice may not be ready for you. It may still be too thin for safety.

This weekend alone there were two cases of people falling through lake ice. A Highland Township man fell through the ice on Highland Lake. He was assisted to safety by neighbors and his snowmobile will have to be removed from the lake.

In a separate tragic incident, a dead fisherman was also pulled from the ice on Dec. 17 in Ostego County.

In that stagnant part of Lake Fenton, Thomas estimated the ice was about 2 inches thick, which is not safe for walking. This surprised Undersheriff Chris Swanson, who guessed the ice would have been 4 to 6 inches. "Even I was taken aback by that," said Swanson. "It's been below freezing for two weeks now." Swanson said that ice that is less than 4 inches thick is not safe to walk on.

While there is a rule of thumb for ice safety, he said, "Not all ice is created equal. It depends on the flow of water, the depth of water and ice cracks."

If one must walk on the ice, or rescue someone from the ice, sliding across on a sled may be safer than walking.

Ice safety rule of thumb

Actual safe thicknesses depend on the location on the lake, whether the water below is moving, or if there are cracks. Never assume ice is safe, and always test first.

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be with child, and
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and they shall call his
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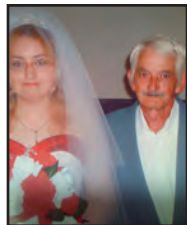
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Obituaries

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Paul E. Rowe 1945-2016

Paul E. Rowe - age 71, of Fenton, died Saturday, December 17, 2016. Funeral services will be held at 1 PM Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly, with Pastor Philip Martyn officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Holly. Visitation was held from



2-9 PM Tuesday, December 20, 2016. Mr. Rowe was born in Elkhorn City, KY on March 3, 1945 to Ray and Bertha Rowe. He was retired from GM after 30 years of service as a dedicated and hard worker. He was a good husband, father, and provider for his family. Surviving are his wife of 48 years, Bertha; five children, Paul Rowe Jr. of Flint, Arthur Rowe of Fenton, Daniel Rowe of Fenton, Crystal (Justin) Guinn of Rose Twp., and Christina Rowe of Fenton; grandchildren, Ashley Rowe, Audrey Rowe, Angel McCallister, Malachi Markley; great-grandchildren, Graysin, Ava, and Don; brothers Ernest and Billy Rowe; and sisters Brenda and Mary Kay. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Jerry, and brothers Roger, Johnny and Randall. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. **www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com**

Anna Mary Firestone 1926-2016

Anna Mary Firestone - age 90, of Grand Blanc, died December 17, 2016. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Rev. Don Neuville will officiate. Burial will follow in Crestwood Memorial Cemetery. Visitation was held 2-9 PM Tuesday, December 20, 2016 and will be from 10 AM until the time of service Wednesday. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Heart Association or American Cancer Society. Anna was born July 28, 1926, the daughter of John and Bertha (Vargo) Kosik. She worked as a dairy farmer, then as a bus driver for Lake Fenton Schools. She also was employed by Holly Spring Factory in Holly. Anna was a wonderful cook. She is survived by her children, Bruce (Elizabeth) Firestone of Mukwonago, WI, Paul (Barbara) Firestone of Clear Lake, WI, Sally (Ken) Chance of Grand Blanc; grandchildren, Todd, Tonya, Brandi, Adam, Jared, Jacob, Chad, Brett and Chelsi; great-grandchildren, Belle, Boden, Jordyn, Hendrixs, Zane, Brock, John, George, Jack, Gracie and Corbin; brother, Joseph; sisters, Verna and Theresa "Kitty". Anna was preceded in death by her parents; husband, George Firestone Jr., five brothers and a sister. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of **www.sharpfuneralhomes.com**.



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Per Einar Holthe 1948-2016

Per Einar Holthe - age 67, of Argentine, formerly of Dearborn, MI, died at DMC Hospital in Detroit on December 11, 2016. Born December 27, 1948 in Dearborn, to Rolf and Ruth (Nordstrom) Holthe, who predeceased him



in death. Per attended Wayne State University and honorably served in the United States Air Force in Tucson, AZ and overseas where he served as a graphic designer, before joining the Ford Motor Company at its Dearborn, world headquarters until his retirement in 2008. Always the life of the party and on the go, Per lived life with zeal and boundless humor and enthusiasm. An accomplished artist in the mediums of tile, clay and paint, and an active member of the Flint Institute of Arts, his works were showcased in numerous art galleries throughout the state, including those in Traverse City, Petoskey and Harbor Springs. He was an active and proud member of the American Legion and frequented area hospitals and nursing homes with his beloved service dog, Ola. Following his retirement from Ford, he worked as a waiter at Black Rock restaurant in Hartland, where he continued to forge friendships with his colleagues and guests, by whom he will be deeply missed. Most recently, he worked for the LaFontaine car dealership shuttling cars between dealerships. In his spare time he enjoyed golf, travel, skiing out west and in Europe with the Ford Thunderbirds, life on Lobdell Lake and riding his Harley-Davidson Street Glide. Known affectionately to his family and friends as "Uncle Buck", Per is survived by his sister, Linda (Holthe) Bowron (Larry); nieces, Heidi (Bowron), Acuna (Michael), and Heather (Bowron) Kelly; nephew, Aaron K. Bowron; and great nieces Carlie Devlin, Kelli Kitson, Alectra Acuna and Violette Bowron ("I'm going to get those ears!!!!"). Per loved the Lord Jesus Christ and accepted Him as his Redeemer and Savior, and found peace and fellowship in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The sting of his death is lessened by the faith his family has that they will one day reunite with him in the Kingdom of Heaven. Memorial services were held at 4 PM Sunday, December 18, 2016 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly, visitation was from 2 PM until the time of the service on Sunday. **www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com**

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★ Moderate ★★ Challenging ★★★ HOO BOY!

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
I know, dear Lamb, that you don't like anyone trying to take charge of one of your projects, but try to be a bit more flexible. A new idea could help hasten a positive result.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
I'm sure, like the time-thrifty Taurus that you are, that you've done much of your holiday shopping. But don't relax yet. Wrap those gifts now to save yourself lots of unwanted pressure.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Be receptive when a family member or friend asks to confide in you. Your positive reaction could ensure that he or she will have a happy holiday experience.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Don't be rushed into wrapping up that workplace problem. Consider leaving it until after the holidays. This way you'll have the facts you need to reach the right resolution.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
You'll get news that will make you glow brighter than the lights of the holiday season. Be sure to use what you learn both carefully and kindly, to avoid giving the wrong impression.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
That frayed relationship could be mended in time for the holidays if you were more flexible. Give a little, and you could get back a lot more than you imagined.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
Things might not seem to be settling down as quickly as you would prefer. But it might be just a little holiday time flutter. You'll soon get news that will lead to more stability.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Stop getting so involved in everyone's personal problems that you lose precious time with loved ones. Remember, even the Supreme Court closes for the holidays.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
All signs point to a bright holiday, with all of those pesky problems finally resolved in your favor. Share the good times with people you love and, of course, who love you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Your plans should not be set in stone and cemented over. Leave some openings in case you need to make changes. Spend the holidays with your nearest and dearest.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Surprise! This holiday finds you on the receiving end of the generosity of those who are usually the recipients of so much that you give so freely and lovingly.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)
That piece of good news assures that you'll be swimming in clearer, calmer waters this holiday season. There might be a storm or two ahead, but you'll weather it all in fine style.

WEDNESDAY JUMBLE

JUMBLE

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Answer: IT WAS " "

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KING FEATURES

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1 Final

5 Recipe meas.

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13 Carnival city

14 Slaughter of baseball

15 Parks at a bus stop?

16 Japanese sash

17 Gallon fraction

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29 Height of fashion?

30 Bother

31 Addict

32 Supporting

33 Cruising

34 Aries

35 Despondent

36 Square dance group

37 "It's a Wonderful Life" director

40 Hearts, for one

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47 Yoko of music

49 Nervous

50 Help a hood

51 Debtor's letters

52 Early period

53 Indiana city

54 CD successor

55 Verve

8 Brown tone

9 Norma Rae, for one

10 Paul of politics

11 Superlative ending

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24 Genealogy chart

25 Old card game

26 Look for a website

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28 Digitize an old LP, e.g.

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1 Zhivago's love

2 Out of control

3 Emphatic assent in Acapulco

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7 "Lilies of the Field" actor

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DVD RELEASES


SULLY

Tom Hanks stars in this portrait of airline pilot Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger, which depicts his successful emergency landing of an Airbus A320 on the Hudson River in January 2009. In the aftermath of this unprecedented and heroic feat, the traumatized pilot must endure second-guessing by investigators, the weight of sudden fame, and his own doubts about his actions that fateful day. Anna Gunn, Laura Linney, and Aaron Eckhart co-star. Directed by Clint Eastwood. PG-13, 1 hr. 36 min. Action and Adventure, Drama



HITCHCOCK/TRUFFAUT

In 1962, Alfred Hitchcock and a 30-year-old François Truffaut sequestered themselves in a windowless Hollywood office for a weeklong conversation. The result: the seminal book "Hitchcock/Truffaut," published a half century ago, dissecting every film Hitchcock had made until then, illuminating his masterful techniques, making the case for the popular director as an artist, and influencing generations of filmmakers. Kent Jones brings "the Bible of Cinema" to invigorating life. He interviews filmmakers whose work has been profoundly influenced by Hitchcock-Martin Scorsese, David Fincher, Richard Linklater, Olivier Assayas, and many others. PG-13, 1 hr. 20 min. Documentary



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12 - 14 oz.

\$1.99
When you buy 4 Lesser or Greater Quantities \$2.49 with yes



Betty Crocker Cake Mix
(15.25 - 16.25 oz.) (excludes angel food) or Family Size Brownie Mix (18.3 - 20.5 oz.)

10/\$10
with yes

Prices effective through Saturday, December 24, 2016