Radon, the silent killer, found in Fenton home

■Tests show a level three to four times higher than acceptable

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What if you were told that being exposed to the radon levels in your house was the equivalent to smoking

two packs of cigarettes per day?

That's what happened to Pam and Gary Buerger of Fenton Township, when they had their house tested for radon, and the levels came back at

Acceptable levels, according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are 4 and under.

Pam, who is well known in the community for her work with Fenton Village Players, said they have lived in the house since it was built in 1979.

"Recently, my sistermentioned to me that she was having a bedroom put in her basement and the builder told her she should have the radon tested," Pam said.

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Two adults, two children die in **Holly area fire**

■ Two others injured while attempting to rescue family from burning mobile home

By Tim Jagielo

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Rose Twp. — Four people were killed when their mobile home caught fire early Tuesday morning in Rose Township. Police have not released the names of the victims, however, Teresa Gross identifed the victims as her granddaughter Brittani Rodden, Jonathan Taulbee and their two children, Carter and Wesley.

Holly/Groveland and Springfield fire departments, as well as North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) and the Fenton Fire Department, responded to the 911 call at 5:42 a.m. on Jan. 16. A resident reported that a home across the road on Wakewood Court was on fire.

NOCFA Chief Jeremy Lintz said it was a fully involved structure when they arrived, possibly with people still inside.

Two adult males escaped; one suffering burns and smoke inhalation. One is in critical condition, while the other is in stable condition.

"We did have two children and two adults that did not make it out of there," he said. "We believe it was two boys around the ages of 2 and 5, and two adults, a male and female around the age of 25."

See FIRE on 5



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The Michigan State Police investigate the scene of a deadly fire on Wakewood Court in Rose Township on Tuesday, Jan. 16.

Busiest day of the year so far at Mt. Holly

■ Ski patrol reports several Sunday evening accidents on busy slopes

By Sally Rummel

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Sunday was the busiest skiing day of the year so far at Mt. Holly Ski & Snowboard Resort in Groveland Township.

With more than 2,000 skiers on Jan. 4 alone, the ski patrol was busy with

See MT. HOLLY on 10



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO Mt. Holly attracted approximately 1,000 skiers on a slower day on Dec. 28, 2017.

Fenton police respond to 19 crashes

■lcy roads, extreme cold and speeding motorists all factors

By Sharon Stone

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Between Friday, Jan. 12 and Tuesday, Jan. 16, Fenton police responded to 1

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TEXT YOUR HOT LINE 810-771-TEXT



LEWhy do you even have a dog if you leave him outside in



the extreme cold every night? I would gladly take him if you don't want him. Modern dogs are social and need human interac-

tion. Please reconsider.'

££ Stock market is setting

records, waste is being elimi-



nated, literally millions of Americans have new jobs, and all the liberals can talk about is the President calling a spade a spade. Haiti is

a hell-hole, by any measurement, I have been there."



CONITY a fool would cite the current frigid weather as proof that global warming is a hoax. Why don't you stick to playing 'words with friends' and I'll stick to intelligent discourse regarding global warming."

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CONSTRUCTION TOOLS STOLEN IN BREAK-IN

The Fenton Police Department is investigating a break-in and robbery at a business, which is still under construction at the corner of Alloy and Fenway drives. Lt. Jeff Cross said sometime between Friday, Jan. 5 and Monday, Jan. 8, suspects broke into an orthodontics business by cutting the lock on an exterior door. Once inside, the suspect(s) used a metal grinder to gain entry into two construction tool chests. They then stole approximately \$10,000 worth of tools. Police are asking anyone with any information to call (810) 629-

FENTON POLICE RECEIVE TWO MORE IDENTITY THEFT COMPLAINTS

Fenton police received two more complaints from residents who learned that someone had filed for unemployment benefits using their personal information. The suspect reportedly gains access to Social Security numbers, employment information and files for unemployment benefits. The state of Michigan notifies the employer, who in turn notifies the employee that their information has been compromised. Numerous similar complaints are under investigation.

How to outsmart a burglar

■Your home may be your castle, but it's also a target for thieves

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You might think you're being security

smart when you tuck your house key inside a fake rock or under your welcome mat, but you would be much wiser to give your neighbor an extra key or better yet, invest in a smart key system.

That's just one of the ideas you should consider when trying to keep your home safe from burglary, a common problem even in the tri-county area. Just

take a look at police news on a typical week in the Times, and you'll see plenty of mentions of home invasions and burglaries.

"The best way to prevent a burglar is a combination of things," said Jason, Slater, Fenton police chief. "Let your neighbor know when you'll be gone and always lock your doors.

"We live in a relatively safe community, but don't give them (thieves) an opportunity. Stop your mail

and newspapers when you're on vacation and have someone shovel your driveway.

At night, light up your house so there's no place for a burglar to hide.

What are burglars looking for when they break into your home? According to esurance.com:

• Cash is a burglar's most valuable item, because it doesn't have to be liquidated.

• Jewelry can be easily pawned for cash. Don't hide your valuables in the bedroom; it's the first place burglars look. Keep valuables in a safety deposit box or in an unusual place, not tucked under your mattress.

• Illegal drugs, including marijuana, cocaine, heroin and meth can be used by the burglar, bartered or resold on the

black market.

• Electronic items, mainly cell phones, laptops and videogames, are easier to grab than wall-mount TVs and large computer

systems.

- Prescription drugs, especially painkillers like OxyContin, are valuable for burglars for their own use or resale.
- Your identity can open up a burglar's world to many more opportunities to steal from you than what they can find in your

home. Don't leave papers with valuable information out in the open.



Here's how burglars target your home:

- Your trash is a burglar's treasure because a thief can go through it and see what items you may have purchased lately, especially electronic boxes in your recycling bin.
- Lots of expensive toys strewn around your yard and driveway hint at the fact you've got nice things and may be less attentive to details like locking up or arming your security system.
- Landscaping can be a perfect hiding spot. Tall bushes and shrubs allow burglars to jimmy windows without being seen. Keep bushes trimmed to below window level.
- Windows give burglars a top-quality view of your home's valuables and tell them whether you have a home security system or a dog.

See BURGLAR on 8



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Carter Rykman, 6, of Chicago, Illinois, points to an oncoming train at the Detroit Model Railroad Club on Saturday, Jan. 13. He is there with his brother, Grant, 4, and his grandmother, Diane Denaro of Bellville for the open house weekend.

6,000 feet of engineering, art and fun

■ The Detroit Model Railroad Club a good spot in the cold winter

By Tim Jagielo

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Holly — There's a whole world crammed into a regular storefront building in downtown Holly.

Trains depart from Detroit in the basement, and take a trip around the Porcupine Mountains, through fields of cattle, over rivers and lakes and pass quaint downtowns.

There is approximately 6,000 feet of track at the Detroit Model Railroad Club (DMRRC), and on open weekends, children of all ages marvel at the engines chugging through the detailed scenery, and adults talk technical points with the club engineers.

"It's an opportunity to get your mind off work and day-to-day things that distract you," said Jim Harvey, member of the board of directors. "It's a way to relax and have some fun."

The club advertises itself as "Michigan's largest '0' Scale model railroad club." Harvey said you'd have to go to Ann Arbor or Gratiot to see anything comparable. The DMRRC is a 501c3 non-profit organization.

Making the stunning display possible are various talented individuals working on scenery, tracks, and electrical, drawing a variety of people and ages to the club.

"There are so many talents that are needed here," Harvey said.

Under the track in the "basement" is where new tracks are being created, and the electrical system that makes it all work, can be seen. Above the track is the control room, which runs the various

switches to the tracks.

Down below, club engineers communicate with each other about train arrivals, as engineers and conductors would for full-sized trains

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO This train, a replica of a New York Central Dreyfuss Hudson, is based on a real train engine that made its debut in 1938.

A LOOK BACK at 1968

'What's the number for 911?

■Universal emergency service numbers first used 50 years ago

Compiled By Vera Hogan

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The first emergency 911 call ever made was on Feb. 16, 1968. The Emergency 911 Telephone Service was started in the United States and provides a single number for reporting emergencies. The service is manned 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

The number 911 is the universal emergency number for everyone in the United States. In 2000, approximately 150 million calls were made to 911, according to the National Emergency Number Association (NENA).

Prior to 1968, there was no standard emergency number. People would instead dial 0 and tell the operator what they needed, or they

See 911 on 8

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If I Were King...

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Death never takes a wise man by surprise

et's talk about death for a moment. After all, it's a matter of grave concern to almost everyone.

One of the most remarkable aspects of death is that even though it is the only thing in our life that is an absolute certainty, most people truly don't believe they're ever going to die. This absurdity

of human logic is evidenced every day by almost everybody.

For example — imagine that you are sitting across the table from your doctor.



Your doctor tells you that, unequivocally, you will die in seven days — no more, no less. You have exactly seven days to live. Would you pass it in an alcoholic fog or a drug-induced stupor? Not likely. And yet, there are many of us who think nothing of frittering away days, weeks, months, years and even our entire adult life muddling pathetically through life in a state of perpetual idiocy due to the voluntary consumption of alcohol and/or drugs.

So, given the fact that almost all of us would dramatically alter our lives if we were told that we had only seven days to live, why is it that we won't make these same changes right now — today?

The answer is because most of us really don't ever want to think about dying.

Here are some "death facts" that may change that:

- **About 153,000 people** will die on your birthday.
- More than 100 billion people have already died ahead of you.
- More people die in New York City from suicide than are murdered.

• It is said that your entire life flashes before your eyes just before you die. That is true, it's called life.

- **Left-handers**, on average, die three year earlier than right-handers.
- Only those dead for at least 10 years may appear on an American postage stamp.
- When you die, your hearing will be the last of your five senses to go.
- **Ben Franklin once** made the astute observation that "most people die at 25, but aren't buried until they're 75."
- More people die from a falling coconut than a shark attack.
- On average slightly more than one person per hour is killed by a drunk driver in the U.S.
- On average, someone commits suicide every 40 seconds.
- **Sharks kill 12** people per year; people kill 11,400 sharks every hour
- You are far more likely to die slipping in the bathtub than from terrorism.
- Fingernails and toenails don't continue to grow after death. Your skin dries and shrinks making it appear they have grown.
- Worldwide, about 55.3 million people die each year. That's 151,684 people per day, or 6,316 people per hour, or 105 people every minute, or slightly less than two people per second.

"Every man's life starts and ends the same way. It is only the way he lived between the two that distinguishes one man from another." — Ernest Hemingway

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I SEE TRUMP finally made it to 'Nam. Those bone spurs must be healed.

THANK YOU, PRESIDENT Trump for the tax cut. It might expire in five years but for five more years I'm going to get to keep about \$2,000 more a year. I know that is going to help jumpstart our economy. What did I get from Obama? I didn't even get a Social Security cost of living increase.

IT WAS BILL Clinton that ram-rodded NAFTA through. That did not help our working people or our economy one bit. Our Constitution says that it will take two-thirds to ratify a trade treaty. Bill Clinton called it a trade agreement and they got a simple majority.

our country has been blessed with many natural resources, many hard working people and we've prospered. Compared to the rest of the world, we're a wealthy country. So is it any wonder why a lot of these dirt poor countries want to come here? We have welfare, food stamps, all those things they're looking

I HEARD THE news about Oprah thinking about running for president. You have to be completely stupid or dumb to ever vote for her. Are you kidding? That's a joke.

CAN ANYONE OUT there tell me when it was 84 degrees in Michigan in the month

of December, March, April or July? Could anyone tell me that? If you can't, shut up. Get your facts straight and stop calling the Hot lines.

SPEAKING OF MARIJUANA and THC, please keep in mind that it is very addicting and it is a gateway drug that leads to opioid and other drug use. It can harm a fetus and half of all pregnancies are unplanned. Marijuana can cause a decrease in school and job performance, memory loss and psychiatric disorders.

IN 2006 AND 2013, the Democrats voted to support immigration reform and physical barriers on the southern part of our country. Now, this failed Democratic Party has become very wishy washy with no solutions and of course no morals or values when it comes to any proposal about immigrations.

DUE TO THE recent tax cuts with the tax reform package, Fiat Chrysler has announced \$2,000 bonuses to their employees and the creation of 2,500 new jobs, mostly to take place in Detroit. The Nissan CEO said finally, with President Trump we have a probusiness president.

I FOUND ANOTHER reason to cut off Bridge Cards. Watched a woman the other night pile up \$35 worth of beef jerky, candy bars, pop and junk for her four kids. Pulls out a Bridge Card, pays with that, then pulls out two brand new \$100 bills to pay for booze and cigarettes. Makes me want to keep working hard and pay taxes.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times



What's your hobby?



"My whole life I've been cooking and it has been a hobby. My mom taught me how to cook. My recent favorite dish to cook is a white wine braised French herb chicken."

Donna Phillips *Fenton*



"My grandchildren are my hobby. I have five grandsons. I take them to the library and sometimes to the hotel to swim and jump on the beds. Everything their parents won't do."

Jeri Porcaro Linden



"Playing billiards or pool as most people know is my hobby. I have been playing for about 40 years now and I play in a league out in Oxford."

Jim Moshenko *Fenton*



Compiled by Ellie Bennett, intern

"Water skiing and snow skiing are my hobbies. I have been doing them for about eight years. I was taught by family. I go out west to snow ski and Lake Fenton for water skiing."

Jim Hancook
Fenton



street talk

"Crocheting is my recent hobby. I'm making an afghan for my granddaughter's birthday. My cousin taught me how to do it years ago. I mostly make blankets nowadays."

Beverly Raby Fenton

A clever way to dodge the cold

■Popular activity makes guests solve clues and puzzles to break out of 'escape rooms'

By Hannah Ball

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Have you ever watched a movie or TV show where the characters are trapped in a room and have to find their way out?

You can experience what that's like with escape rooms.

Escape rooms are locked rooms, usually themed, and participants must solve the clues in order to get out. The rooms open in an hour if the clues aren't solved.

'You're Indiana Jones solving some clever riddle," said Fenton resident Ryan Tackabury, who has been to numerous escape rooms. "The appeal with escape rooms is they require a lot of fun, creative thinking that you don't get to do in your everyday life. It's very satisfying when you solve a puzzle, and can feel like you are in some exciting treasure hunting movie."

Linden graduate Marisa Orfield has been to the Great Lakes Escape game in downtown Frankenmuth. "It was a pretty fun experience and it wasn't too expensive either. It had multiple rooms for different size parties. We went into

one where it was a diamond heist. You had to figure out all the clues like which paintings corresponded with each of the statues," she said.

Tackabury said his problem is over thinking.

"(The puzzles) tend to be finding keys or lock

combinations to open up containers that have pieces needed to solve other puzzles, or open doors to other rooms," he said.

Tackabury goes to the escape rooms with other coworkers from the Genesee County District Library. The fun part for him is encountering puzzles and designs he's never seen before. Most places require everyone sign a nondisclosure agreement so they can't tell anyone else about the puzzles and clues.

"The puzzles can sometimes be difficult — but most places usually let you ask for so many clues and receive hints in case you get stuck. Usually they require a lot of teamwork, and people working on different puzzles at once," he said.

There are a variety of escape rooms near the Fenton area.

PuzzledEscape in Brighton has different themed rooms, including an Apocalypse room, The Laboratory, and Patient 37. Tickets

SUMMARY

■ Escape rooms are a fun indoor activity for groups of friends, family, coworkers, and strangers.

are either \$20 or \$26 per person depending on the room. In these rooms, customers have one hour to escape.

Escape Room in Novi has seven different escape rooms — School of Magic, St. Agnes Asylum, Cabin in the Woods, The Illusionist, Tony's Bistro, Pirates of the Seas, and Jungle Room. Groups range from two to eight players, and the rooms cost anywhere from \$25 to \$30 per person with varying levels of difficulty. Players have 60 minutes



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SUBMITTED PHOTO Linden graduate Marissa Orfield and Justin Grant are pictured here after finishing the Great Lakes Escape Game in Frankenmuth.

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Ryan Tackaburv

Fenton resident

Some rooms give discounts for a certain number of people.

One escape room in Flint, Playland's Crack the Code and Escape the Zombie,

is about a zombie outbreak. One government research lab discovered the cure, which was sent to a military outpost for mass distribution. However, something went wrong, and the participants in the escape room have to solve the puzzles

to find the cure.

Crack the Code hires someone to play a zombie while the participants try to escape within the hour. Groups of eight are allowed and cost \$28 per person.

Only groups are allowed, and some do not allow young children. Check the age restrictions before booking.

Origins of escape rooms trace back to Greek mythology.

The origins of escape rooms go back to early Greek mythology with a maze called the "labyrinth" that King Minos built to trap the Minotaur. Theseus, the Athenian hero, had to find the Minotaur, kill it, and find his way out again. From there, artifacts and references to labyrinths have been found in Turkey, Egypt, Italy, India, Russia, England and in Native American histories.

From the labyrinth came corn mazes and, more importantly, online games where a player is trapped in a room and must find a way to escape. In Japan, Takao Kato was so impressed with online escape rooms, he decided to build one in real life. He opened the first escape room called Real Escape Game in Japan in 2007. The idea spread, and as of 2017, many cities around the U.S. have escape rooms. They're even found on several Royal Caribbean cruise

Source: breakoutgames.com

FIRE **Continued from Front Page**

Lintz believed those inside died from smoke inhalation. The other two adult males were outside the home when the fire department arrived.

As of press time, they don't know what caused the fire, however, it is under investigation. The Michigan State Police secured the scene.

While the cause of the fire is unknown, Lintz did offer advice on using space heaters



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Victims of the fire have been identified. Brittani Rodden, Jonathan Taulbee, and their two children, Carter and Wesley, likely died from smoke inhalation in their home.

and wood burning stoves in the cold. "Watch where the space heaters are going, keep the fires regulated, and keep the flues and chimneys clean," Lintz said. He emphasized that the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Lintz asks that everyone keep the family in their prayers.

Family of the victims have created a gofundme.com account to help with funeral costs. Those wishing to donate can go to www.gofundme.com/taulbeerodden-

Editor Sharon Stone contributed to this story.

News briefs

Public hearing scheduled for road improvements

Fenton Township residents are invited to attend a public hearing and provide input on local roads that need improvement on Monday, Jan. 22, at the Board of Trustees meeting.

Supervisor Bonnie Mathis said, "This is important. I wish the people would turn out and express their feelings in regard to these roads." The meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center at 12060 Mantawauka Dr.

MT. HOLLY EVENTS

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Area hit with two-hour power outage

■Internal testing by Consumers Energy last Friday cuts power to more than 20,000 customers

By Sharon Stone

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If you lost power at your home or at work last Friday afternoon, you were not alone.

More than 20,000 Consumers Energy customers in the greater Fenton area lost power just after 1 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 12. Power to all customers was restored by 3 p.m. that same day.

According to Consumers Energy, while

performing some internal testing of its system, at approximately 1 p.m. Consumers Energy experienced a problem on its electric lines servicing the east side of Michigan.

Approximately 15,000 customers in the Flint and Midland areas were affected due to this event. Customers were told that they expected to restore power by 4 p.m., and that Consumers Energy would be investigating the cause.

Consumers Energy, Michigan's largest energy provider, is the principal subsidiary of CMS Energy, providing natural gas and/or electricity to 6.7 million of the state's 10 million residents in all 68 Lower Peninsula counties.

Police&Fire report

HEROIN OVERDOSE IN ARGENTINE

On Saturday, Jan. 13, at 3:30 a.m., Argentine Township police officers responded, along with Argentine Township Fire and Rescue and STAT EMS ambulance, to a home on Pine Ridge Drive on a report of a man not breathing. Argentine Township Police Chief Dan Allen said firefighters performed CPR on the 34-yearold Pontiac man in an attempt to revive him. STAT EMS paramedics administered NARCAN and were able to restore his breathing. After he was conscious, the man admitted to snorting an unknown quantity of heroin. He was transported to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township for further treatment.



The first amendment and prior restraint — Part I

On Jan. 5, the book "Fire and Fury inside the Trump White House" by Michael Wolff was released.

Before its release, the book received widespread publicity due to cease and desist letters having been sent by President Trump's lawyers to Mr. Wolff, the book's publisher Henry Holt Company, and former presidential adviser Steve Bannon, warning them of the consequences if the book was published, including going to court to prevent its release.

The reason for the letters appears to be that the book isn't particularly positive as to President Trump's Presidency.

As has been widely reported the book is now a best seller.

To my knowledge a lawsuit has not been filed, but if one had been, the requested relief would have included a court order blocking the book's release. In the law, this is known as "Prior Restraint" and means governmental action that prohibits certain speech before it can take place. Such action involves an analysis of the free speech rights that are guaranteed to all of us by the First Amendment.

Coincidentally, there is a new movie out, which was released on Jan. 12, called "The Post."

The movie's plot centers around two famous 1971 prior restraint cases, The Washington Post v United States and The New York Times Company v United States.

The question posed by these cases was whether the United States government, at the bequest of the Nixon Administration, could prevent the newspapers from publishing "History of U.S. Decision-Making Process on Vietnam Policy."

This was a study, which came to be known as "The Pentagon Papers."

The Pentagon Papers were not intended to be released to the public, but one of the individuals who worked on it, Daniel Ellsberg, secretly copied and leaked it to The New York Times. The Times started publishing it on June 13, 1971, and The Washington Post started publishing its own series of articles on June 18, 1971.

The United States filed two separate federal lawsuits, one in New York and the other in the District of Columbia, seeking injunctive orders preventing further publication of these classified materials. The court in New York granted the request while the District of Columbia Court denied it. The two cases were then appealed to the United States Supreme Court.



What is Restaurant Week?

Just about every major city from New York to L.A. has a restaurant week. In Michigan — Ann Arbor, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Traverse City, Troy, Birmingham and Plymouth all have restaurant weeks. It first started out as a way for restaurants to fill up their seats during one of the toughest months of the year - January.

Today Restaurant Week helps highlight the variety and quality of restaurant choices in our community. Every restaurant is offering a special price or fixed price menu to encourage you to try ALL the restaurants in our town.

We hope to see you and your families there!

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Meet CUNNINGHAM

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By Vera Hogan

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Michael "Mike" Cunningham, 54, is a 10-year resident of Tyrone Township and is serving in his eighth year as supervisor. When he is not working, he loves bass fishing and angles his way into many tournaments.

What did you do before you became the Tyrone Township supervisor? I coached football at Hartland High School for two years, and was a district sales manager for Gardner Bender.

Tell us about your family.

My wife is Kelly, who works as a collection manager in Hartland. Our



son is 24 and lives in Portland, Oregon. He is testing to get into the Police Academy. We have two dogs, Jack is our bulldog, and Dug is our shitzu.

MSU or U of M? Yes! I earned my bachelors in business management from the University of Phoenix, but I love both U of M and MSU.

What made you want to seek public office? I have been active in politics and there was a lot of peer pressure from my neighbors and friends who thought this was an ideal fit.

hobby is bass fishing. I fish tournaments with Bass Nation and **FLW (Fishing League** Worldwide)."

Mike Cunningham Tyrone Township supervisor

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Tyrone Township Supervisor Mike Cunningham is an avid fisherman and past football coach. He has been serving as supervisor for eight years.

If you were going to create an ad for Tyrone Township, what would you say about it? Tyrone Township's rural environment is a place many choose to live. We have plenty of lakes, streams and wildlife. If you love the scenery in Michigan, Tyrone Township

Where in the United States/world have your travels taken you and was it for pleasure or business? I have been to 38 states mostly for business but some pleasure. I vacationed in Mexico, Canada and Italy.

What was your favorite trip? I really like the beaches in Mexico. I would really like to go back to Italy because there is still more that I would love to see there.

What do you like to do in your spare time? My biggest hobby is bass fishing. I fish tournaments with Bass Nation and FLW (Fishing League Worldwide)

What is one thing most people don't know about you? That I grew up in Southern California. I lived in cities of Buena Park and Fullerton.

What do you like about California? Non-stop flights to Michigan! All kidding aside, growing up I liked the amusement parks, Knott's Berry Farm, Disneyland, Universal Studios, Six Flags and Sea World. California also has some really big largemouth bass. As previously mentioned, fishing is my favorite hobby.

BURGLAR

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- A build-up of mail lets thieves know you aren't home.
- Your behavior patterns show burglars when you leave your home, how long you're usually gone, whether you've locked the door, etc.

What you should be watchful for in your neighborhood:

- Odd vehicles or people loitering around for no reason — you can call your local non-emergency police number to report any suspicious activity.
- A person who comes to your door with a work-related offer or request -don't be fooled by a shirt and a clipboard, according to Consumerist.com.

Ask for a photo ID that shows this person works for the company they claim to. Ask to see an official work order or documentation that this person needs to be there and needs access to your property. Contact the company to verify this information.

Prevent a burglary from happening by:

- Starting a neighborhood watch program. Get to know your neighbors. Rather than hiding a key, entrust it to your neighbor or get a smart lock or deadbolt.
- Invest in a security system, but don't identify the company, because the burglar may be able to buy a diagram of how that particular system is wired. Instead, buy a generic sign that says, "This house is protected by an alarm system."
- Consider investing in a smart doorbell that allows you to see who is at your door, even when you're not home.
- Keep quiet on social media when you're on vacation.
- Make your house look lived in when you're out of town. Use timers to turn lights on and off at different parts of the house at varying intervals.
- If you're going to be on vacation, have a neighbor pick up your newspaper and mail, doing so at different times of the day. The more activity burglars see, the less likely they are to target your home.
- Get a dog, preferable one that is a barker. That may mean a Chihuahua is a more formidable dog to a burglar than a large golden retriever because they'll make a lot of noise.
- Use smart bulbs and motion sensitive lights outside. Smart bulbs can be controlled from a home security smart hub.
- Always lock your doors and windows. An unlocked door is an open invitation.

Sources: Esurance.com, Bottom Line Personal



911

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would look up the police, fire, or ambulance phone number themselves.

Choosing 911 as the universal emergency number was not an arbitrary selection, but it wasn't a difficult one either.

In 1967, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) met with AT&T to establish such an emergency number. They wanted a number that was short and easy to remember. More impor-

tantly, they needed a unique number, and since 911 had never been designated for an office code, area code or service code, that was the number they chose.

Soon after, the U.S. Congress agreed to support 911 as the emergency number standard for the nation and passed legislation making 911 the exclusive number for any emergency calling service.

After its initial acceptance in the late 1960s, 911 systems quickly spread across the country.





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RAILROAD

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The club has been in Holly at 104 N. Saginaw St. since 1974. The club was established in 1935.

Harvey said the club brings visitors into the area, who will also patronize other downtown businesses. "I think it's good for the community, and it's good for us," he said.

Admission, according to dmrrc. org, is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors 65 and older, children 5 to 18 are \$2 and children under 5 get in free. Donations are accepted.

Open house days

The club at 104 N. Saginaw Street is open for the public on certain weekends

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CRASHES

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automobile crashes, all of which were weather related.

Lt. Jeff Cross said most took place on U.S. 23. The others took place on city streets.

Police reports indicated the icy road conditions and motorists driving too fast for road conditions were to blame. Cross said salt on the roads is not effective when it's extremely cold and when it does work correctly, it freezes over quickly.

One of these crashes backed up traffic on southbound U.S. 23 between Owen and White Lake roads at approximately 11:15 a.m. Monday, Jan. 15. This crash involved a semi vs. car. At least one person was taken to the hospital and one vehicle was totaled. A third vehicle veered into the ditch on the side of the highway to avoid the original crash.

Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said a car, driven by a New Hudson resident, hit the cable guardrails in the median and then struck the semi, driven by a Traverse City resident. The crash damage resulted in a punctured fuel tank on the semi. Firefighters used absorbents and buckets to contain the fuel, which was leaking onto the roadway and they plugged the leak on the tank.

Corrigan's Towing and Woody's Towing removed the semi. They also used their cleanup equipment and were able to pump off the remaining fuel from the damaged tank. The third undamaged car was pulled from the ditch by Woody's Towing and that driver was able to drive away from the scene.

Monday afternoon, police also responded to the exit ramp from U.S. 23 to Owen Road when a pickup truck hauling an enclosed snowmobile trailer became stuck.

RADON

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That's when the Buergers decided to get their house tested and received the results no homeowner wants to hear.

They contacted a company called SWAT Environmental, Inc.: Radon testing and mitigation. The work cost about \$800, she said, and the couple did not have to move out of the house while the work was done.

"They sealed our sump pump crock, installed venting out the wall that draws up the radon thru a fan," Pam said. "The radon dissipates when it hits air outside."

The work took about four hours, she

There is no

'safe' radon

level.

said. "The guy that did ours said the level we were exposed to was equivalent to smoking about two packages of cigarettes a day," she said.

Pam said they never felt sick but "mentally we feel

healthier and safer." She cautions everyone to get their radon levels checked. "It causes lung cancer," she said.

According to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), radon is a Class A carcinogen, which means it is known to cause cancer in humans. It is the second leading cause of lung cancer after smoking, and results in approximately 21,000 lung cancer deaths in the United States each year.

The Buergers quit smoking cigarettes about 45 years ago, according to Pam. She does not know what length of time she and Gary were explosed to radon since they never had the house tested.

In May of 2006, Marshall Pallett of Plainwell died of lung cancer. He had never smoked a day in his life and was diagnosed with lung cancer, and died six weeks later at the age of 64.

According to his sister-in-law Mary York, a former Fenton resident and long-time employee of the Tri-County Times, now retired, the first thing the doctor asked was if the home had ever been tested for radon.

"Patti (York's sister) flat out asked the doctor if it could have been the radon, but he told her he really didn't know," York said. "She did say he had respiratory problems before they ever moved into this house so maybe there is no connection to the radon. But it did make the family want to have their homes tested. They did and the level was 10. After that they had their house remediated.

"I even spent \$100 to buy a monitor for our house in Fenton and had all of my family check their houses. Radon is some scary stuff," York said.

There is no 'safe' radon level

According to MDEQ, there is no safe radon level. There is believed to be some risk to be associated with any exposure, and as a general rule, the higher the radon level and the longer the exposure, the greater the risk.

The MDEQ is using a guideline of 4 pCi/1 (picocuries per liter) as an acceptable level. A picocurie is a unit of measure for

radiation. Acurie (named after French physicist Marie Curie) is a way of measuring radioactive decay or disintegration, and it equals 3.7 x 1010 disintegrations per second. "Pico" means "trillionth,"

so a picocurie is a trillionth of a curie, or one-trillionth of 37 billion disintegrations

Testing is the only way to detect radon

The only way to know whether your home has elevated radon levels is to test for it. There are no physical signs to warn you of the presence of radon, and it cannot be detected with the senses.

Any home, regardless of age, energyefficiency, or foundation type, could have a radon problem. The only way to know whether a particular home has a problem is to test that home.

Radon enters homes through openings in the foundation floor or walls, wherever the foundation is in contact with the soil.

What is radon and where does it come from?

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MT. HOLLY

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several injuries Sunday evening, busier than usual because the next day, Monday, Jan. 15, was a national holiday, Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Schools, government offices and many businesses were closed on Monday, making for an extended weekend for recreational activities.

"Sunday was a big beginner day," said Mark Tibbitts, Mt. Holly manager. "It was an abnormally large crowd, but the overall accident rate on the slopes was still only one-tenth of 1 percent."

The accidents reported to Groveland Township Emergency Management Services were typical ski injuries, which Tibbitts said often include shoulder, wrist and arm injuries for snowboarders and leg and ankle injuries

Several of the calls also mentioned possible head injuries, but the extent of injuries were not confirmed. Most of the ski patrol calls on Sunday involved young teen and teen skiers.

"Like any other athletic endeavor, there's a potential for injury," Tibbitts said. The 110-member Mt. Holly Ski Pa-

trol, which numbers 12 on site at any given time,

responded to the calls, with transport by Groveland Township, less than a mile ski resort.

SUMMARY

■ Sunday, Jan. 14 was the biggest skiing day of this year's ski season so far. and resulted in several accidents on away from the the slopes by less

Tibbitts said

that the best insurance for a safe ski experience is to take a lesson from a professional instructor before skiing for the first time. Another way to prevent injury is with proper conditioning before you hit the slopes.

After 48 hours of temperatures in the upper 40s and low 50s last week, Mt. Holly made snow on Friday and Saturday nights, creating "great conditions," Tibbitts said. "We're right back into winter again."

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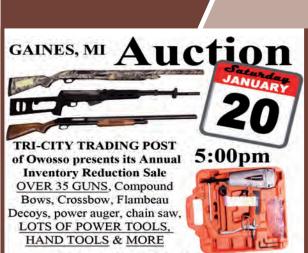
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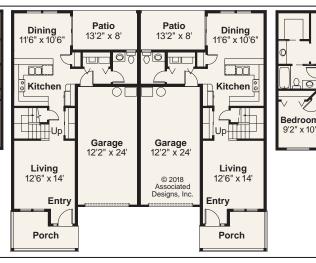
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UNIT A



LFLF gymnasts breaking season scoring records, win title

By David Troppens

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The LFLF gymnastics team has a magic number that it looks to hit whenever the Lake Fenton, Linden and Fenton co-op squad competes.

That number is 140. Earn that number at regionals and it increases your chances of earning a team state trip.

Well, the LFLF gymnastics team broke the 140 team plateau for the second time this season, earning a firstplace finish at the East Lansing Invitational on Saturday.

"We knew going into this meet that it would be close with some of the other teams that have been doing well all season," LFLF head coach Nancy Holden said. "After we totaled up our score I was definitely pleased. It's the highest we've gotten all season. So I congratulated the girls on doing such a great job and we were happy with that. Taking the win was certainly an added reason to celebrate. Our lead was only by .15."

The LFLF team posted a season-best team score of 141.725. Last season, that team score would've qualified LFLF

for the state meet relatively easily. It around competition, earning second on would've earned them second in their region and would've been the sixth-best regional score around the state.

LFLF's top performer continues to be Blake Hutchings. Hutchings was the all-around champion with a fourevent score of 36.4. She placed first on the vault (9.275), second on the floor (9.575), second the bars (9.075) and sixth on the beam (9.075). Lauren Hayden was

sixth in the all-

the vault. She also placed fifth on the bars, and a season-best sixth (9.225) on the floor. Jessica Richert finished seventh in the all-around. Her top event

> was the beam where she took third (9.075). She also took sixth on the bars.

> > Others placing in the top 10 on the vault were Apryl Smith in fifth and Sabra Robinson in

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competes on the bars in a recent competition. She took sixth place on the bars on

Saturday.

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How high can ticket prices go?

■If NCAA title game breaks records on StubHub, what could a Vikings' Super Bowl ticket be worth?

By David Troppens

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When you put two SEC teams in a national football championship game in the heart of Atlanta, you can bet there will be one big winner no matter what school ends up victorious — the ticket scalpers.

When Alabama defeated Georgia in the 2018 Division I Na-Championship tional Football Game 26-23, both fan bases attacked the secondary ticket market for the contest at Mercedes-Benz Stadium with a fever unmatched in college football history.

Considering both school's campuses within driving distance of the championship contest, both teams are SEC rivals and Georgia was playing for its first National Championship in 37 years, ticket prices went soaring on sites like StubHub. How high? By Jan. 2, six days before the game, the cheapest tickets available on StubHub were \$2,000, and the average ticket sold for the game was \$2,689 according to a Jan. 2 article by USA Today. The price was crushing the previous record for an average price paid for a ticket in a National Championship Game, which was \$1,640 in a game between Alabama and Notre Dame in 2013. Ticket face prices ranged only from \$375 to \$875 for the game.

However, if the Minnesota Vikings earn a victory against the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday in the NFC Championship game, you can expect the college championship contest's secondary market ticket values to be surpassed by a ridiculous pace. The Vikings are within one game of becoming

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Linden wrestling climbing to new heights

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Mark Bolen

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Confidence can be an athlete's best

Linden varsity wrestling coach Kyle Summerfield and his Eagles may be learning that lesson right now.

The Linden Eagles captured their third tournament title of the season, taking first place at the Chelsea Duals on Saturday.

"I don't think it's them buying into our philosophy as much as they are starting to believe in themselves," Summerfield said. "Once that starts happening, the sky is the limit."

The Eagles defeated Melvindale 38-28, Michigan Center 60-16 and Riverview 63-

16 in pool play, and then defeated Onsted in the semifinals 52-27. The final match pitted the Eagles against tourney hosts, Chelsea. The match ended in a 36-36 tie, but Linden won due to a tiebreaker.

"I think it was the first time Linden has won the Chelsea Tournament," Summerfield said. "(Chelsea people) told me it was the first time Chelsea hasn't won the tournament in 10 years."

In the final match against Chelsea, the Eagles earned pinfall wins from Michael Lescelius (103), Jaylon Berry (112), Justin Cygnar (119) and Colton Powell (145). Koleton Strauss (140) and Jonathan Marme (189) won matches by decision while Avery Jacobs (171) won his match by forfeit.

Jason Thompson

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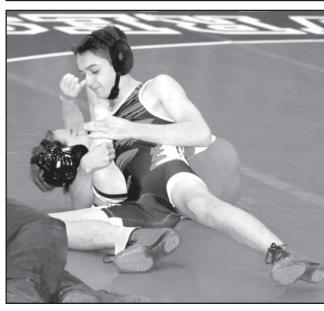
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Linden's varsity wrestling team won the Chelsea Duals on Saturday. Two Linden wrestlers who had strong days were Jonathan Marme (top photo on top) and Michael Lescelius (left photo on top). Both wrestlers finished the day with perfect 5-0 personal records at the



Griffins win overtime thriller vs. United, 5-4

By David Troppens

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hockey team is pretty even with the United hockey team (a co-op with Kearsley, Brandon, Holly and Lake Fenton).

The first time the two teams played, United won a 5-4 game in overtime. The second time the two area rivals faced, it was the Fenton-Linden Griffins who came out on top 5-4 in overtime.

The Griffins (4-7-0-1) got the game-winning goal in overtime when Paxton Cowan scored, earning Fenton-Linden a 5-4 victory.

> "Both games we've played were 5-4 games and both were decided in over-

time," Griffins' coach Kyle Marchand said. "After the game we were talking about how those two Apparently the Fenton-Linden co-op games were evenly matched teams, but each had a different style of hockey. They play more of a defensive dump and chase brand of hockey where we are more of a possession type team. There are positives and negatives to both. There were times when we carried the play and there were times when they carried the play, especially in the second period. We just had to get back to what we want to be doing."

> Jason Thompson scored the first goal for the Griffins, but Dru Sweers tied the game at 1-all with a goal just a couple of minutes later.

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Bronchos keep winning, capture Varner title

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The Holly varsity wrestling team remains on a roll.

Since the start of 2018, the Bronchos have yet to lose a match. They've won their first two Metro League duals and have now won back-to-back weekend tournaments.

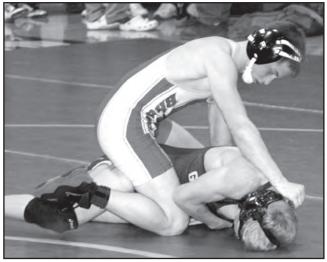
The Bronchos captured their own Varner Invitational Tournament title by going 5-0 on Saturday. Holly cruised to wins against Lutheran North 76-3, Stoney Creek 46-16, Mattawan 39-22 and Avondale 61-18. They capped the tournament with their tightest victory, a 37-30 win against Mason.

"It was a nice weekend," Holly varsity wrestling coach Don Pluta

said. "We beat Mason for the first time ever, and Mason are usually pretty good. Mattawan is a very physical team and we were able to bit them off too.

"The difference is the depth in the lineup. Our big guns have been winning and the other kids are not getting pinned or have gotten key victories, and that's made a big dif-

Against Mason, the Bronchos trailed 18-13 after six matches, but then bounced back to win each of the next four bouts. Carsen Cuthert (152) stared the run with a forfeit, followed by a William Greer (160) decision win.



Holly's David McCarthy (top) is one of many freshmen **CONTINUED AT TCTIMES.COM** helping the Bronchos to a strong regular season.

Tigers place fourth at West Ottawa tournament

By David Troppens

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Fenton's varsity wrestling team continues to find strong competition, and come back home with some solid performances against that competition.

On Saturday, the competition came against some of the strong squads on the west side of the state at the Holland West Ottawa Team Tournament.

Fenton went 4-1 and placed fourth at the tournament. Fenton beat West Ottawa 49-29, Kenowa Hills 62-17, Holland 36-33 and

Reeths-Puffer 38-36. The team's only loss was a 55-22 decision against sixth-ranked Lakeshore.

The JV squad also went to the West Ottawa Tournament and had seven of nine wrestlers place in the top three.

In the varsity event, Jayden Rittenbury (135) and Will Galvin (171) earned 5-0 records while Ella Turnblom (103) was 2-0 Luke Thornton (112), Brady Triola (140) and Tommy Adams (152) earned 4-1 records while Mario Ramirez (145) posted a 3-2 mark.

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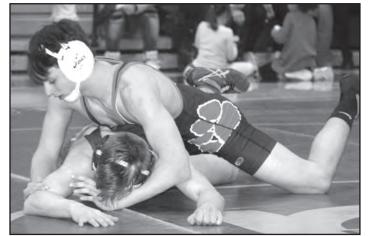
the first National Football League team of earning a spot in a Super Bowl contest in their own home stadium. And if that happens, expect ticket price records to reach ridiculous levels.

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As of Tuesday morning a check of StubHub's site reveals the cheapest ticket for the Super Bowl LII, being played on Feb. 4 at Minneapolis' US Bank Stadium, was valued at \$4.255 — and those are for third level deck tickets in the corner of the end zone.

The most expensive individual non-suite ticket is currently asking \$16,500. But for those who want to splurge for all of the amenities available in a suite, ticket prices skyrocket to as high as \$64,900. These prices, of course, could go much higher if the Vikings' defeat the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday. If the Vikings lose, the prices will likely stabilize or lower during the gap between Sunday's game and the Super Bowl contest.

In Super Bowl LI the average price for a ticket sold through StubHub was \$4,004, which was down about 15 percent from Super Bowl L. Face value on tickets for Super Bowl LII (the prices listed on the tickets) range from \$950 to \$5,000 for club seats.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I DAVID TROPPENS

Fenton's Jayden Rittenbury (top) posted a 5-0 record at the West Ottawa Team Tournament on Saturday.

LF wrestlers rebuilding, go 2-3 at meet

By David Troppens

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The Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team has had its share of outstanding seasons in recent years.

However, this season it's fair to say the squad is in a rebuilding mode.

Competing with three or four voids in the team's 14-person starting lineup, the Blue Devils did about as good as they possibly could've expected at the Rich

Ruddy Invitational on Saturday, going 2-3. The Blue Devils defeated Brother Rice 66-18 and South Lyon 47-18, but lost to Hastings 42-38, Jefferson 49-38 and New Lothrop 57-15.

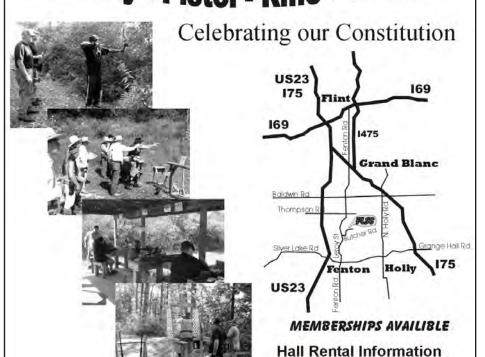
"We could've gone 3-2 but we were missing one of our hammers which hurt," Lake Fenton varsity wrestling coach Vance Corcoran said.

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COMPETITIVE CHEER

► Lake Fenton at Pirate Blackout **Invitational:** The Blue Devils were one of 23 schools that competed at the event and the only Division 3 team. Lake Fenton scored a 655.22 final score, which gave them the ninth place score among all the varsity squads competing. Nineteen of the teams were Division 1 or Division 2 teams. Lake Fenton had a 207 round one score and a 178.2 round two score. They finished with a 270.2 in the final round.

Lake Fenton had JV and middle school teams attend as well. The JV team took fifth with a 468.32 team score. Meanwhile, Lake Fenton's middle school team placed fourth out of 12 teams with a two-round combined score of 389.12.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

▶ Lake Fenton JV team results:

The Blue Devils increased their win streak to eight games and then saw it end last week. Lake Fenton earned its eighth straight win with a 45-23 victory. Lamb led the Blue Devils with 18 points while Amber Fray had 12 points and six

The team (8-1) lost its first game of the year, losing a heartbreaking 24-22 contest to Goodrich. Lake Fenton trailed at one time 9-0, but came back to make it a close game down the stretch. Lamb, Frey, Riley Pyle, Tori Stewart, Macy Phillips and Émily Elrich scored points for Lake Fenton.

BOYS BASKETBALL

► Holly JV 52, Linden JV 46: The game was tied at 19-all at halftime, but Holly's offense scored 33 points in the second half to edge out the victory. Linden's Eli Beil led all scorers with 17 points while Isiah Vorheis had nine points. Chad Williams netted eight and Ryan Gillespie had seven. Danny Matthews led Holly with 16 points.

BOYS SWIMMING

Fenton 141, Holly 38: The Bronchos had five individual second-place finishes. They were earned by Logan Molzahn in the 200 freestyle and the 100 backstroke, Blake Kesler in the 50 freestyle, Tanner Graveratte in the 100 freestyle and Bryce Nichols in the 100 butterfly.

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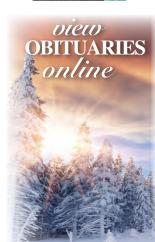
Obituaries

Hanson 1939-2018

Mary Margaret Hanson -

age 78 of Fenton, passed away on January 12, 2018. She was born in Ontario, Canada on February 21, 1939. Mary was a retired McLaren Hospital mental health nurse who helped many patients work through difficult times in their lives. Mary was a gracious and loving listener to all. Her main priority in life was to provide an abundance of unconditional love to her family and friends. Her hobbies included gardening, garage sale shopping, reading, walking with neighbors and watching Michigan State sports on TV. Mary leaves behind her husband of 59 years, Jon Hanson; her daughter, Karen (Rick) Stokes; sons Dan (Jeanne), Dave (Mary), Paul (Diedra) and several grandchildren including Jade, Jordan, Nicole, Taylor, Brendan, Cole, Derek, Kory, Ryan, and Mikayla. She was preceded in death by her mother, Margaret Pearson; father, Victor Pearson; dear brother, William Pearson, and her loving, Aunt Bess Mueller. Visitation will be held 2-4 PM Saturday, January 20, 2018 Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. The family would like to thank Arbor Hospice and in lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to: Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI. 48103, Mary Hanson Memorial. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.







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Marilyn Jean Cypher

1929-2018

Marilyn Jean Cypher age 88, of Fenton, died Monday, January 15, 2018. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Friday, January 19, 2018 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Fr. Todd Koenigsknecht celebrant. Visitation will be held at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton Thursday, January 18, 2018 from 2-4 and 5-8 PM where a vigil service will be held at 7 PM and at church Friday from 10 AM until the time of the Mass. Those desiring may make contributions to the Wounded Warrior Project. Marilyn was born October 7, 1929 in Butler, PA, the daughter of E. Glen and Mildred Estella (Christie) Reardon. She married M. Raymond Cypher August 27, 1948 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cabot, PA and he preceded her in death September 30, 2016. She retired as a surgical scrub nurse in the Surgical Unit at Flint Osteopathic Hospital. Marilyn was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. She also was a life member of the Roscommon VFW Auxiliary Post #4159 and a member of the St. Helen American Legion Post #416. She greatly enjoyed cooking and baking for every occasion. Surviving are: sons, Daniel and wife, Laura Cypher of Fenton, David and wife, Jeri-Ann Cypher of Fenton, and Rolf and wife, Ulla Olofsson of Alexandria, VA; grandchildren, Owen and wife, Stacy Cypher of Oxford, Abby Cypher of Oxford, Joshua Cypher of NV, Catharine Cypher of Washington D.C Harrison Cypher of Fenton, and Lauren Zepeda grandchildren, Layla, Jared, Carter, and Cannon. She was preceded in death by her parents, and brother, James Reardon. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.





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Horoscopes

For the week of January 15, 2018

ARIES

Aries, if a special opportunity or circumstance comes your way, jump at the chance to be a part of it. Such opportunities might not come along too often, so enjoy the ride.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, a newfound devotion to exercise may improve your life in many different ways. If you have been vacillating on whether or not to embrace a new lifestyle, just do it.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

An unexpected situation has put you out of your element, Gemini. For now you can simply go with the flow and see how things work out. Don't let this get the better of you.

CANCER Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, dabbling in a few different projects may give you a unique perspective and the inspiration to take things in a new direction. Keep putting out those feelers.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, you have just about sold one of your ideas and now it's just a matter of being patient. Soon the results will support your vision, and you can enjoy the fruits of your labors.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Let other people's perceptions roll off you like water off of a duck's back, Virgo. To get the full picture, you need to immerse yourself and make up your own mind.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, take a few steps back and think about whether or not a new approach is needed regarding a specific situation. Thinking logically instead of emotionally may help.

SCORPIO Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, take a day to recharge your batteries if you feel your energy stores are running low. You may not need an extended vacation to do so, just a day

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, looking within yourself can help you get a grasp on your situation and your future. Make the most of this introspection and use it as a catalyst for positive change.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Take certain things with a grain of salt, Capricorn. Until you can flush out the facts, there is no point in worrying or passing judgement. Be patient and things will come to light.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Find more time to explore an important relationship, Aquarius. Don't overlook the importance of date night. Make time for this important person even if it requires sacrifices.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, do something unexpected this week and watch as those around you are inspired by your willingness to try new

Wednesday Jumble

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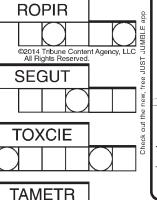
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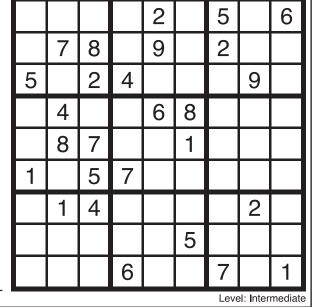
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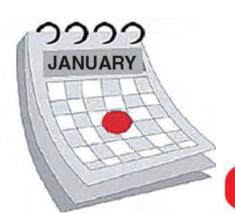
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