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 Baerger of Fenton Township, when they had their house tested for radon, and the levels came back at 15-20. 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 sister mentioned 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.

See RADON on 10

Two adults, two children die in Holly area fire
Two others injured while attempting to rescue family from burning mobile home

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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 identified the victims as her granddaughter Brittany 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

Ski patrol reports several Sunday evening accidents on busy slopes

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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. 14 alone, the ski patrol was busy with See MT. HOLLY on 10

Fenton police respond to 19 crashes
Icy roads, extreme cold and speeding motorists all factors

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Between Friday, Jan. 12 and Tuesday, Jan. 16, Fenton police responded to 19 crashes. See CRASHES on 10

Why 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 interaction. Please reconsider.

Stock market is setting records, waste is being eliminated, 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.

Only 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.
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) 629-5311.

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.

Most burglaries take place between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., when burglars know many people aren’t home.

An astonishing 34 percent of burglars enter through the front door.

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
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.

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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 the operator to ask the operator what they needed, or they See 911 on 8

“‘What’s the number for 911?’

‘Universal emergency service numbers first used 50 years ago

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I’m a sweet, boisterous girl who has ears that wave at you.

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

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See RAILROAD on 10
Death never takes a wise man by surprise

Let’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 our days away in a state of perpetual idiocy due to the drudgery pathetically through life in a state of voluntary consumption of alcohol and/or drugs.

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 years 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 with President Trump we have a pro- 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 for.

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 wealthy and has 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 pro-business 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 $110 bills to pay for booze and cigarettes. Makes me want to keep working hard and pay taxes.

See HOT LINE throughout Times.
A clever way to dodge the cold

Popular activity makes guests solve clues and puzzles to break out of ‘escape rooms’

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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 diabolical 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.

Puzzled Escape in Brighton has different themed rooms, including an Apocalypse room, The Laboratory, and Patient 37. Tickets 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 to escape.

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 $20 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, Taka Kato was so impressed with some 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 ships.

Source: breakoutgames.com

PUBLIC HEARING

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.

MT. HOLLY EVENTS

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Russell Wayne Live from 2pm - 6pm

SUNDAY January 21st
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FIRE

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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 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/taulbeeroden-family-funeral.

Editor Sharon Stone contributed to this story.
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

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 energy source, providing natural gas and/or electricity to 6.7 million of the state’s 10 million residents in all 68 Lower Peninsula counties.

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-year-old 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.

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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!

For a complete list of all participating restaurants and their week specials, go to

fentonchamber.com

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 White House aides.

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 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.
Dress your Pet winners

Dress Up Your Pet is national holiday on Jan. 14

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Thanks to everyone who participated in the Times’ Dress Up Your Pet contest. We received 60 entries in total. There were 50 dogs, three cats, one Guinea pig, and one photo of alpacas.

Here is the first-place winner and 16 honorable mentions.

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Meet MIKE CUNNINGHAM

• Tyrone Township supervisor
• Competitive bass fisherman
• Former football coach

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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 bachelor’s 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.

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 say, “This house is protected by an alarm system.”

Where in the United States/world have you traveled 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 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.

“My biggest hobby is bass fishing. I fish tournaments with Bass Nation and FLW (Fishing League Worldwide).”

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Auto-Owners Insurance

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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.

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.
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• 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.

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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 importantly, 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.

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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 dmrc.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 this winter.
January: 27 and 28
February: 10, 11, and 24 and 25
March: 10, 11, and 24 and 25
Go to dmrc.org for more information

C R A S H E S
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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 northbound 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 guardrail 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.

MT. HOLLY
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Several injuries Sunday evening, busier than usual because the next day, Monday, Jan. 21 is 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 for skiers.
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 skiers.

“They did and the level was 10. After that they had their house remediated. I even spent $100 to buy a radon test for our house in Fenton and had all of my family check their homes. Radon is some scary stuff,” York said.

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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/l (picocuries per liter) as an unacceptable 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 per second.

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LNFLF gymnasts breaking season scoring records, win title

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The LNFLF 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.

When you put two SEC teams in a national 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.

However, if the Minnesota Vikings win the Super Bowl this time, we can probably expect our team to be victorious within driving distance of the championship game, you can expect the college ticket scalpers.

We knew going into this meet that it would be close with some of the other teams that have been doing well all season," LNFLF 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 LNFLF team posted a season-best team score of 141.725. Last season, that team score would've qualified LNFLF for the state meet relatively easily. It would've earned them second in their region and would've been the sixth-best regional score around the state.

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

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Confidence can be an athlete's best friend.

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 (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.

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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, Stony Creek 46-16, Mattawan 39-22 and Avondale 61-18. They capped the tournament with their tightest victory, a 37-30 decision win.

“Bronchos have yet to lose a match. 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 hit 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 difference.”

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) started the run with a forfeit, followed by a William Greer (160) decision win. Holly’s David McCarthy (top) is one of many freshmen helping the Bronchos to a strong regular season.

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

**LF wrestlers rebuilding, go 2-3 at meet**

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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 hammerm which hurt,” Lake Fenton varsity wrestling coach Vance Corcoran said.

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**BOYS SWIMMING**

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

- **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. Biakor Kesler in the 50 freestyle, Tanner Graveratte in the 100 freestyle and Bryce Nichols in the 100 butterfly.
**Horoscopes**

**ARIES**
April 19/May 20
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**
May 21/June 20
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**
June 21/July 22
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 that get the better of you.

**CANCER**
July 23/Aug 22
Cancer, dabbling in a few different projects may give you the better of you. New direction? Keep putting out inspiration to take things in a different direction. You may not need an extended vacation to do so, just a day to relax.

**LEO**
Aug 23/Sept 22
Leo, you have just about said 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.

**LIBRA**
Sept 23/Oct 22
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 23/Nov 21
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 to relax.

**SAGITTARIUS**
Nov 22/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 19
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 20/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 things.

**Wednesday Jumble**

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

**Answers in this Sunday’s edition of the Tri-County Times**

**Wednesday Crossword**

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contain all of the numbers from one to nine.

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**DVD RELEASES**

**BLADE RUNNER**

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**Wednesday Crossword**

**ACROSS**

1 Nasty insect
5 Badly lit
8 Error
12 Chills and fever
13 Kreskin’s claim
14 Docket entry
15 In reverie
17 Anger
18 Dine
19 Sternward
20 Dissuade
21 Firmament
22 Stop – dinge
23 Augment
26 Firm
30 Needy
31 Hockey milestone
32 Concept
33 Geed
35 Pry
36 Singer
38 Winehouse
39 Cut corners
41 Huge
42 Greek cross
45 Actress Gilpin
49 "...twilight’s last —"
48 Privy to
49 Boxer
50 Pedestal occupant
51 Chinatown gang
52 Witness

**DOWN**

1 Test the waters
2 City of India
3 Fat
4 Pod denizen
5 Treat as a god
6 "— It"
7 Romantic?
8 Gasoline stat
9 Cafe au –
10 Capri, e.g.
11 Equal
12 19
13 Shark variety
14 Modern-day evidence
15 Like some
16 View in verse
17 Spring mo.
18 Bucky’s mate
19 One of the
20 Seven Dwarfs
21 High card
22 Commination
23 Modern (Pref.)
24 Wall climber

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