

First digital billboard coming to Fenton Township?

■Billboard company hopes township will amend ordinance

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Fenton Twp. — A digital highway billboard could be coming to Fenton Township. Outfront Media, which owns six

of the eight billboards in Fenton Township along U.S. 23, wishes to turn the billboard on northbound U.S. 23 at Thompson Road (exit 84) into a digital billboard. Denise Bartholomew, real estate representative from the Flint office of Outfront Media, spoke at the Monday, Feb. 5 Fenton Township Board of Trustees meeting. She said they need to

grow their business but due to township ordinances they can't add more signs. "Like any other business, we have a requirement to meet our customer demand," she said. "Unlike other industries, we just can't open new stores at new locations." Outfront Media wishes to operate the billboard so it runs 24 hours a day. **See BILLBOARD on 10**



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The Fenton Township Planning Commission will discuss allowing a digital billboard under state rules on northbound U.S. 23 near Thompson Road (exit 84).



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Polar Plunge raises over \$95,000

■Annual event sees record number of plungers and donations

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Fenton Twp. — On Saturday, Feb. 3, hundreds of people, huddled in coats and boots, gathered on the frozen Lake Fenton at the Moose Lodge to watch more than 300 people jump in the water in freezing temperatures. The 2018 annual Polar Plunge raised more than \$95,000 for the Special Olympics. Pat Peters, Area 13 director for the Special Olympics, said, "I'm overwhelmed by the graciousness of the community." The Genesee County Sheriff's Office Dive Team cut a large square in the ice, and participants took turns plunging into the icy cold water. People wore fun costumes, such as tutus, onesies, homemade costumes, hats and more to jump in the water, and then hurried out of the cold as quickly as they could.

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Phil Pickard, 36, of Grand Blanc (center) and Chris Gutwald (back with yellow shirt) are teachers at Brendel Elementary in Grand Blanc. They took part in the Polar Plunge for Grand Blanc Schools with Angela Mayer (right) and raised approximately \$12,800. This was Pickard's second time jumping and he cannot wait to do it again next year. "I do it because I appreciate the Special Olympics and take great pride in supporting them anyway I can," Pickard said.

Woman claims husband set her on fire

■Suspect taken into custody, charges pending

By Sharon Stone
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The Holly Police Department is investigating a possible attempted murder. According to police records, officers responded to a mobile home in the 4000 block of Grange Hall Road in Holly Village at 6:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5 on a report of a woman who was set on fire. When officers arrived, they learned

that a 57-year-old female victim jumped out of a back window to escape the home and was found by neighbors. The woman told officers that her husband set her on fire. Holly EMS was called to the scene and they transported the victim to an area hospital. She is currently being treated for injuries, which are believed to be non-life threatening. The Oakland County Sheriff's Office Special Response Team (SRT) was requested while Holly officers and

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Gas prices could reach more than \$3 per gallon

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As of Monday, Feb. 5, only two local gas stations had prices below the national average — Marathon on Silver Lake Road and 76 on North LeRoy Street, with prices of \$2.58 and \$2.59 respectively. The national average has gone up 1.9 cents per gallon in the last week, bringing the total **See GAS on 10**


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“I'm about to take my wife to dinner with the 'big beautiful Christmas present' in the form of pay raise due to the president's tax cuts. We'll be ordering from the dollar menu.”



COMMENT OF THE WEEK
“My idea of a Super Bowl, and I'm sure of most women's, would be a toilet that cleans itself.”

Tyrone Township fire service contract coming up

■ Reviews new terms with city of Fenton before November assessment vote

By Vera Hogan

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On Monday, Feb. 5, the Fenton City Council reviewed details of a proposed new fire safety contract with Tyrone Township.

According to Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff, the current contract with Tyrone Township for fire services is set to expire on March 31, 2019. Tyrone Township officials have asked for discussion and input from the city on the new contract that will be needed in 2019.

"They want to determine the amount required for their special assessment for emergency services," said Cairnduff in a memo to City Manager Lynn Markland. "Their assessment needs to be renewed this fall and they want to ensure it will cover expenses during the new contract period."

Currently, Tyrone Township parcels with a residential structure are assessed \$150, commercial property \$250 and vacant parcels, \$75. Commercial properties with multiple units, such as apartment buildings and mobile homes, are assessed \$250, plus \$20 for each individual unit.

Tyrone Township contracts with



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The city of Fenton Fire Department took the lead in battling this blaze on Carmer Road in Tyrone Township shortly after 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 26. The new build was estimated to have a \$700,000 value.

three fire departments — city of Fenton, Fenton Township, and Hartland Deerfield Fire Authority to provide complete coverage. With three sources of fire protection services, almost every home has one or two fire stations within five miles.

Tyrone Township property owners are currently paying \$1,419 per year for city of Fenton fire services.

Cairnduff is proposing a new five-year contract with rates that are \$1,419 for the first year, \$1,433 for year two, \$1,447 for year three, \$1,461 for year four and \$1,457 for the final year. The first year is the same

See **TYRONE** on 10

Police&Fire report

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS SCAM CONTINUES

The Fenton Police Department received two more complaints involving identity theft and unknown suspects filing for unemployment benefits using hacked personal information. Lt. Jeff Cross said the department has received approximately a dozen similar complaints. The scheme involves someone, locally or from anywhere around the world, obtaining personal information of a real person. The suspect files for unemployment benefits with the state of Michigan. The state of Michigan informs the employer of the application. The employer then advises their real employee that someone has filed for unemployment in their name. Victims are advised to contact their local police agency as well as the state of Michigan unemployment office for further investigation. Cross said police agencies across the state have been alerted to this fraud.

NO SEATBELT LEADS TO ARREST

At 5 p.m. on Jan. 28, a Fenton police officer observed a front seat passenger in a vehicle on Owen Road not wearing his seatbelt. A traffic stop was initiated for the infraction. A computer check revealed that the 32-year-old Holly man had felony warrants out of Chippewa County Sheriff's Department as well as Roscommon County. He was arrested and temporarily lodged at the police station until Roscommon authorities picked him up.

FIRE

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Michigan State Police troopers secured the scene. A phone number for the suspect, who had locked himself inside the home, was obtained, but he was not responding. An officer eventually convinced the suspect to open the front door of the home and officers made entry.

The suspect was secured and taken to an awaiting EMS unit for evaluation. He was released to the custody of Holly police.

As of Tuesday morning, the suspect remains lodged at the Oakland County Jail. Holly police are continuing their investigation and will present their case to the prosecutor's office for felony charges related to this incident.

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Strong ice, great chili attract big crowd



■ More than 2,000 attend the annual Lobdell Lake Chili Cook Off

By Tim Jagielo

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Argentine Twp. — Selina Taylor of Chicago watches as her daughter, Tess, 8, crawls around the sturdy slabs of ice that support the ice bar at the Lobdell Lake Chili Cook Off on Saturday, Feb. 3. Along with her daughter, Bridgette, 10, the group was in town visiting family.

One of the organizers, Chip Nowiki, said that the reach of the popular winter happening has extended into Canada and out of state. "Now we get people from all over," he said.

What began as a way to break up the doldrums of winter with a few friends 14 years ago has grown into an event that can bring more than 2,000 visitors throughout the day.

The Lobdell Lake Chili Cook Off ran from noon to 10 p.m., when the music was eventually shut off. Compared to 2017, this year was much busier due to the robust ice conditions. Crowd estimates were doubled at approximately 2,000.

"It's become a family event," Nowiki said. "It's a social event that people look forward to all year long." Families plan their weekends around it.

The goal is to bring people together,



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Deanna Moody of Byron and Austin Duford of Fenton serve "Moody's Smokin' Brews" chili at the 2018 Lobdell Lake Chili Cook Off on Saturday, Feb. 3. This chili was made by TJ Moody.

but also raise money for the Lobdell Lake July 4th fireworks display. This year they raised \$5,835 from donations, after expenses.

The event is run by volunteers and sponsors, of which there were 19 this year. There is a core of three or four volunteers who engage in planning the cook off and up to approximately eight volunteers who help run it that day.

Volunteers built the ice bar, and kept the fires going. Jeff Richardson didn't bring chili to be voted on — but he did bring two large pots of chili, venison sticks and sausage sticks so there would be enough chili to go around before the actual chili serving started at 4 p.m.

"It's just really nice when people from the area do nice stuff like that," Nowiki said.

There were 21 chili entrants this year.

"Every year it's interesting what people come up with," said Nowiki, adding that he doesn't actually get involved in the chili itself to remain impartial, and only had time to try four different samples.

Each entrant received a wood engraved cutting board with the cook off logo, gifted by Jennifer Dietrich.

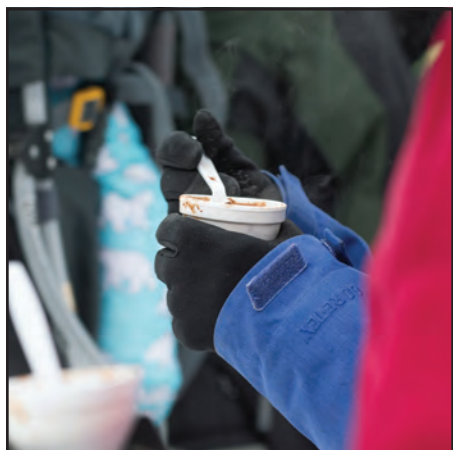
The voting system was changed this year — everyone was given a special chili cook off dollar, which they used to vote for their favorite chili. These "CCO Bucks" were free or by donation. Visitors made donations ranging from \$1 to "a wad of \$20s," Nowiki said. "They knew it was going for a good cause, and that we aren't making money off the deal."

"Everybody's having a good time; there's no drama, we had no problems

See **CHILI** on 8

“It's just a big community gathering where everyone's having fun.”

Chip Nowiki
Lobdell Lake Chili
Cook Off organizer



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The chili competition was judged by popular vote and a panel of judges.

A LOOK BACK at 1968



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Arte Johnson as a German soldier — "Veeery interesting!"

'Laugh-In' first aired in January of 1968

■ Weekly TV show was a pop-culture phenomenon

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Even after 50 years, "Laugh-In" has not lost its ability to crack people up — that is if they have a sense of humor.

Laugh-In first aired on Jan. 22, 1968. Comedy duo Dan Rowan and Dick Martin hosted this fast-moving comedy series.

Characters included Lily Tomlin's Ernestine the Operator, Arte See **LAUGH-IN** on 8

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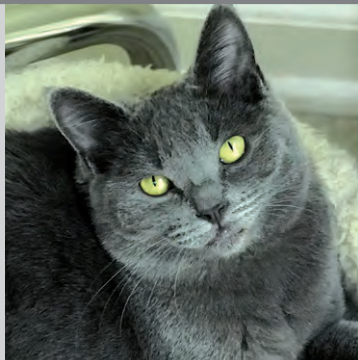
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If I Were King...

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God, gambling and football

Years ago, someone told the story of a father and son who were watching a boxing match. At the sound of the bell for the first round, one of the boxers crossed himself, prompting the son to ask, "Dad, will that help him win the fight?" The father responded, "Only if he can punch."

So, that brings up the timeless question: does God care about the outcome of sporting matches? Does he care who wins a boxing match — or football game? Or does he step back and let the proverbial chips fall where they may?

When you think about it, it almost makes sense. Millions and millions of people watch sports events, with many of them placing large wagers on the outcome. You could easily imagine that most, if not all, are often compelled to request the assistance of God with regard to the outcome of their wagers.

Conversely, it's hard to imagine that God would actually lower himself to the level of interfering with a sporting event in order to reward good Christians by ensuring that their wagers pay off. Besides, betting odds are calculated by professional odds-makers, most of who live in the modern day Sodom and Gomorrah known as Las Vegas. One would think that alone is a factor to be reckoned with.

Moreover, the betting odds, whether a football game or a boxing match, are always calculated in a manner that is designed to attract an equal number of wagers on each side of the equation, thereby ensuring a healthy profit for the 'house' due to the 10-percent 'juice' that is charged to each loser.

On the other hand, how many 'good' Christians view Sunday as the day foot-

ball games are played, as opposed to the one day a week dedicated to family, church and God? How are we to calculate betting odds, player injuries and other such critical minutia if half the day is taken up by going to church, an experience that pales in comparison to the violence and excitement of a football game. Many would say it's a no-brainer, with football coming out on top.

One also has to factor in the reality that some very high-profile, faith-filled individuals, such as Tim Tebow, failed to be successful in football. Meanwhile, many seemingly faithless folks like Tom Brady and coach Bill Belichick enjoy tremendous success, winning multiple Super Bowl games?

And so, to my knowledge there is no verse in the Bible that states that Jesus had any interest in athletics at all. When you think of all of the issues the world faces and the interests that God has, it would be hard to believe God really cares who wins or loses games and athletic competitions when there are millions of children starving in the world right now.

In conclusion, do we think God is concerned with who wins or loses the Super Bowl?

I'm betting not.

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AFTER WORKING IN a drug rehab place for six years, I have to laugh at the people who blame drugs and alcohol for their criminal activity. Every time someone gets in trouble, they blame the drug, blame the opiate. It's not the opiate's fault.

TO THE PERSON calling in about school days. You really don't care if it's safe enough for your children to go to school or not? Are you seriously listening to yourself?

DONALD TRUMP WANTS to grant amnesty to the 1.8 million refugees or immigrants that we have in this country now. I agree, that's exactly what should be done. Get them legal. Let's end this stuff. Let's clean up loose ends.

CALLING DONALD TRUMP a feminist would be like calling Hannibal Lector a vegan.

WATCHING THE STATE of the Union. You can't believe any of them. They're crooked politicians.

JOE KENNEDY, THAT Democrat, gave a wonderful speech running for president, I believe. He's saying the same thing that Obama said, that Hillary said and Bush said for all these years and didn't get any of it done. That's why they're still saying it now.

SNAFU — THE DEFINING acronym of Trump's SOTU.

I WATCHED OUR president's State of the Union speech and I watched our state senators. They look like they would have been happier chanting 'Mexico' than 'USA.' They're more worried about the illegals than they are the citizens.

EIGHT YEARS REPUBLICANS sat through President Obama. We did not swear him out, we did not curse at him, we did not check his speeches. Look what's happened with President Trump. They cursed him out. They disrupted his speeches. They refused to show any respect for the office.

I 100 PERCENT agree with you. I've never heard of a good car wreck either and I've never heard of a good tragic loss either.

THE THREE LETTERS 'DNC' no longer stand for Democratic National Committee. They stand for do nothing congress. God bless America.

THE NEXT TIME you feel like criticizing someone, remember these wise words. 'There's enough good in the worst of us and enough bad in the best of us. It doesn't behoove the rest of us to talk about any of us.'

IT'S AMAZING THE number of people applauding Trump's tax cut. It simply moves money from one pocket to another.

I DON'T REALLY care for the half-time shows at the Super Bowl but I will admit that it's better than watching soccer.

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If you could work from home, would you?



"Yes, I would work from home if I could. I would so that I could relax while I work. I work in electromagnetic compaction testing."

Jesse Mielen
Fenton



"If I could work from home I absolutely would. I work in student housing but I feel that I would be much more productive if I could work from home."

Karren Farney
Fenton



"No, I wouldn't work from home, I work as a dental hygienist and I love working with patients. I also love the staff I work with."

Cindy Habermehl
Fenton



"No, I love my job. It also would be impossible for me to because I'm a speech and language methodologist and a clinical director of a rehab center for the traumatically brain injured."

Kim Protrovsky, Linden



"I would definitely work from home if I could. I would because of the traffic; I have to drive from here to Auburn Hills every day. I work in automation."

David Srygley
Fenton

streettalk



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The Fenton Community Orchestra is performing a movie soundtrack-based concert on Feb. 16 and 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Fenton High School auditorium.

Fenton Community Orchestra goes to the movies

The Fenton Community Orchestra (FCO) presents a night with music and movies on Feb. 16 and 17, 7:30 p.m., at the Fenton High School Auditorium.

FCO will feature performances of Academy Award nominated music in the movies from the Golden Age of Hollywood to today.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased on the Fenton Community Orchestra website: FentonOrchestra.org or at the door on Feb. 16 and 17.

"We are excited to roll out the red carpet and present a fun night that is sure to thrill both music and filmgoers alike," said Jennifer Fleck, executive director of the FCO.

"Anyone who comes dressed as your favorite movie character will have a chance to win a prize," she said. Share

your costume selfie with us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram using the hashtag #FCOatMovies. We will also have a concession stand offering popcorn and movie candy for sale."

FCO in its eighth season as a community-supported organization, led by Fleck, is under the musical direction of Andrew Perkins (Full Orchestra), Jane Ball (Simply Strings), and Tim Martuch (Wind Ensemble) and is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors.

Donations are tax deductible as FCO is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. To make a donation and learn more about the Fenton Community Orchestra ensembles and upcoming events, visit FentonOrchestra.org.

The FCO is supported in part by an award from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Did Robert Wagner kill his wife, Natalie Wood?

■ Homicide investigators now call him a 'person of interest'

By Vera Hogan

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SPOILER ALERT: In the 1991 movie, "Sleeping with the Enemy," Julia Roberts' character, Laura Burney, is able to fake her own death in order to escape her abusive husband, Martin Burney, played by Patrick Bergin.

She does so by learning how to swim (without his knowledge) and on a night when he talks her into going out on a boat with one of their Cape Cod neighbors, even though he "thinks" she's terrified of the water. A storm kicks up and while the two men are trying desperately to get the sailboat under control, Laura slips into the water never to be seen again.

Once Martin and the neighbor realize she has gone overboard, a big search ensues, but without success. She is gone.

Unbeknownst to everyone at the time, Laura swims to shore, directly to the front of the house she shares with Martin. She had previously knocked out all but one of the outdoor lights, helping her to find the way when her big chance to get away came.

Laura quickly goes inside, gets into some dry clothes, cleans up after herself and dries the floors. She grabs a bag that she had stashed away in advance with



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Robert Wagner, 87, has been named a "person of interest" in the death of his wife, Natalie Wood, during an boating outing on Catalina Island over the Thanksgiving 1981 holiday. Wood was 43 at the time of her death.

clothing, money and other essentials, and after cutting her hair short and flushing it down the toilet along with her wedding ring, she is on her way.

The next scene shows her on a Greyhound bus, making her way to safety in a small Iowa town — or so she thought.

Now go back 10 years. This story sounds eerily similar to the real life boating tragedy that resulted in the death of actress Natalie Wood.

Wood drowned in November 1981 while boating off Catalina Island in Southern California with husband Robert Wagner and friend Christopher Walken. She was 43 years old at the time.

See WAGNER on 8

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IN 2006, THOUSANDS of the Dreamer children left schools in California to tear down American flagpoles, raise Mexican flags and block traffic on the highways in California. Last week, the same type of people blocked the entrance to Disneyland in California.

EIGHT-THOUSAND DOLLARS for a dog? I can get a dog for free and if you don't know how to train one, you shouldn't have one.

I AGREE WITH the caller about the overdose and the 'bad' accidents. That is just like a 'tragic loss.' Well, whoever heard of a good one?

JUST GOOGLED IT. Dreamers do get Social Security numbers when they sign up under DACA. I didn't know that. I wish these politicians would spout more truth and less divisive BS.

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Working from home has been a blessing

■ Times' writer Sally Rummel is going on 15 years with company

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The Tri-County Times is one local company that has, over the years, offered freelance, work-from-home opportunities to employees.

Features writer Sally Rummel is one of them.

Rummel started working for the Times in 2004 on a part-time basis, but has been working full time for about 10 years.

She said one of the greatest benefits is the flexibility of her hours. She said she really appreciated and needed that when her husband, Mark, was diagnosed with bladder cancer in 2010. There were subsequent surgeries and many doctor appointments, she said.

"Flexibility has also been wonderful with the births of our two grandchildren in 2011 and 2014, living only an hour away in Bay City," Rummel said. "I can get to a school event or program, and still meet my deadlines. There are 24 hours in each day, and if I need to work those hours more in the evening sometime instead of the daytime, I can make that work in my schedule."

"I love the fact that I can spend a lot of time with Mark every day, since we both work together at home," she said. "He and I have always worked together,



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Working from home allows Times features writer Sally Rummel the flexibility and time to learn how to do other important things in life — like how to properly devour an ice cream cone with her granddaughter.

when we owned our own newspapers in the Thumb area and when we moved to Fenton to open Mancino's in 1998. We are used to spending our working and leisure hours together."

Rummel said the only drawback is that it can be hard to get away from work, because it's always waiting for her at home.

"You have to be very disciplined to work from home because there are many distractions," she said. "My deadlines usually provide me with plenty of motivation to get my work done."

Number of work-from-home employees is increasing

■ 68 percent of U.S. workers expect to work remotely in the future

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The ability to work from home can be a dream come true for many employees — and provides benefits to employers as well.

It doesn't matter what the employee's age, gender or life circumstances, working from home can be a win-win for many people.

FlexJobs is a company that vets all types of flexible job listings including part-time, telecommuting and freelance.

Such opportunities seem to be increasing — the percentage of workers doing all or some of their work at home increased from 19 percent in 2003 to 24 percent in 2015, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Among those in management, business, financial operations and professional jobs, the percentage was 35-38 percent. And 68 percent of U.S. workers say that they expect to work remotely in the future.

Industries that are most likely to offer remote work include the computer and information technology fields, medical and health, and government and finance. Customer service, education and training and sales also feature a number of telecommuting jobs.

Employees who work from home are more satisfied with their jobs. People are eager to take control of their lives, and desperate to find a balance between work and life.

There also many benefits to the employer:

Telecommuting reduces attrition. Losing a valued employee can cost an employer \$10,000 to \$30,000. Recruiting and training a new hire can cost thousands. Ninety-five percent of employers say telework has a high impact on employee retention.

One problem is the high cost of fuel.



Ninety-two percent of employees are concerned about the high cost of fuel and 80 percent specifically cite the cost of commuting to work.

Telecommuting also reduces unscheduled absences. Nearly 80 percent of employees who call in sick, really aren't. They do so because of family issues, personal needs and stress.

Unscheduled absences cost employers \$1,800 per employee per year; that adds up to \$300 billion/year for U.S. companies.

Teleworkers typically continue to work when they're sick (without infecting others). They also return to work more quickly following surgery or medical issues.

Flexible hours allow teleworkers to run errands or schedule appointments without losing a full day.

Productivity is improved through telecommuting. Best Buy and Dow Chemical, for example, show that their workers are 35-40 percent more productive.

Businesses lose \$600 billion a year in workplace distractions. Over two-thirds of employers report increased productivity among their telecommuters.

Nearly six out of 10 employers identify cost savings as a significant benefit to telecommuting. Another benefit is that hiring sight unseen, as some all-virtual employers do, greatly reduces the potential for discrimination. It ensures that people are judged by what they do versus what they look like.

Wasted meetings are a thing of the past when employees work offsite. Web-based meetings are better-planned and more apt to stay on message.

Remote work forces people to be more independent and self-directed. Once telework technologies are in place, employees and contractors can work together without regard to logistics. This substantially increases collaboration options.

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SUMMARY

■ Unemployed workers can find telecommuting positions by visiting flexjobs.com and indeed.com. Fill in a few details and lists of current jobs will appear.

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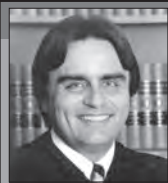
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An update on drones

A few years back I wrote a column about drones and how the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) was in the process of finalizing rules to allow them to be safely flown in United States airspace.

The rules are now in place and the drone industry is growing at a record pace. According to the NPD Group, a company which analyzes consumer and retail data, the popularity of drones has more than doubled year to year. Another company, Consumer Technology Associates, estimates that drone revenues increased to over \$1 billion in 2017 with 3.4 million sold just in the United States.

This popularity has made the safety of our airspace at greater risk and the FAA's drone rules of vital importance.

Indeed, it is estimated that by the year 2020 there will be some 7 million drones in the United States.

The FAA rules refer to drones as an "unmanned aircraft system" (UAS) which includes both the aircraft and the equipment to operate it.

There are different categories of drones with different rules. For most people the special rules for model aircraft will apply which are:

- (1) **Flying for hobby** or recreation only
- (2) **Flying within visual** line-of-sight
- (3) **Following community based** safety guidelines and flying within the programming of a nationwide community based organization
- (4) **The drone must** weigh less than 55 pounds
- (5) **Never flying near** other aircraft
- (6) **Notifying any airport** and air traffic control tower prior to flying within 5 miles of an airport
- (7) **Not flying near** emergency response efforts

There is also a registration requirement rule, which was struck down in May 2017 by a federal court.

Other drone categories have their own rules. A handful of states have laws on drones including Michigan. Under two Michigan criminal statutes, drones cannot be used to interfere with hunters or to hunt or fish.

It appears that the next major step for drones will be for the commercial delivery of packages to consumer's homes. Companies such as Amazon and United Parcel Service are already testing this concept.

It is clear that drones are here to stay. Hopefully, the law will continue to adapt and change to meet the increase in popularity and keep our airspace and citizens safe.

WORK

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Telecommuting also provides new employment opportunities for the un- and under-employed.

More than 12 percent of the working-age population are disabled (16 million). A full three-quarters of unemployed workers with disabilities cite discrimination in the workplace and lack of transportation as major factors that prevent them from working.

Other benefits of hiring teleworkers

- Over 40 percent of employers are feeling the labor pinch, something that will worsen as Baby Boomers retire.
- Reduces geographic boundaries
- Provides access to disabled workers
- Offers an alternative that would have otherwise kept parents and senior caregivers out of the workforce
- Offers geographic, socioeconomic, and cultural diversity that would not otherwise be possible
- Over 70 percent of employees report that the ability to telecommute will be somewhat to extremely important in choosing their next job

Sources: *Forbes.com;*
globalworkplaceanalytics.com

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■■■■
THE COMMENT OF the week on Saturday was very disturbing. I believe I know who said it, as she is a Democratic disaster to our country. The Times making it the comment of the week disturbed me. This is our President, the man we elected to serve the American people. I am very proud of him.

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Police&Fire report

SNOWMOBILE, FOUR-WHEELER, DIRT BIKE PULLED FROM LAKE

Sgt. Doug Fulton of the Argentine Township Police Department said police and fire departments responded to Lobdell Lake on Saturday, Feb. 3 on reports that a snowmobile and a four-wheeler went through the ice. No injuries were reported. He added that when they were recovering the snowmobile, Woody's Towing also found and pulled out a dirt bike. Police are investigating to see if the dirt bike was reported missing or stolen. Aside from those incidents, Fulton said police received no other calls related to the chili cook off.

NINE WEATHER RELATED CRASHES IN FIVE DAYS

Between Friday, Feb. 2 and Tuesday, Feb. 6 Fenton police responded to nine, weather related crashes, mostly on U.S. 23. Most were single vehicle crashes and spinouts.

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PLUNGE

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The dive team was in the water helping people in and out as quickly as possible. Ladders on the edge of the ice aided plungers pulling themselves out. Fenton Township firefighters and emergency medical personnel were also on scene to ensure everyone was OK.

Peters said everything went smoothly.

"Everyone said how organized it was. I have a great committee," she said. "It just brings them all together."

This year, the event raised \$20,000 more than the \$75,000 raised last year, and \$10,000 more than 2016's total, which was \$65,000. Once they raise \$100,000, Peters said she'll take the plunge, too.

All proceeds go to the Special Olympics in Genesee and Lapeer counties. There are approximately 1,300 Special Olympic athletes in the district, and the fundraising for this event helps them compete in winter and summer games, along with other sports like basketball, for free. The money goes to equipment, training, registration fees and transporting the athletes to events.

Plungers Dan Chapman of Fenton, and Sean Duso of Flushing, wore top hats and shirts that looked like a suit, to jump in the water. They described the water as "brisk."

Chapman said, "It's a great cause. That was another thing that made it nice, you raise money for a great cause."

Duso said, "It's nice to be able to do something silly and have a positive outcome."

CHILI

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this year. I think if you walked around, you'd see a bunch of people that didn't know each other, getting to know each other."

It wasn't completely problem free — some ATVs went into the ice, but no one was hurt.

Chili Cook Off winners

This year there were "Popular Choice" and "Judges Choice" winners for the cook off.

Judges Choice

First place: "Fantastico DePollo Chili"
Second Place: "Black Beard's Bung Hole Chili"

Third Place: "Zesty Smokin' But and Tots Chili"

Popular Choice: "Zesty Smokin' But and Tots Chili"

Winning cook off set up: Josh Snively with the big blue tee pee

According to the organizers, chili cook off entrants registered under one team name, and more than one person may be responsible for a winning chili's recipe and cooking.

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WAGNER

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But unlike "Sleeping with the Enemy" Julia Roberts' character did not actually drown. And Robert Wagner is not being perceived as the creepy abusive husband Patrick Bergin plays.

However, since Wagner is believed to be the last person with Wood before she went into the water, police are now calling him a "person of interest."

Investigators reopened the case in 2011 but Wagner has thus far declined to speak with them, according to authorities.

In a press conference held Monday, Feb. 5, Lt. John Corina of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's homicide bureau, said the details Wagner offered about that fateful night "really don't add up to what we've found."

Corina said Wagner is a person of interest because he was the last person with her before she went into the water.

In his 2009 book, Wagner wrote that during his trip with Wood and Walken, he became jealous and argued with both of them.

"This is a suspicious death investigation," said Corina on Monday. "We want to know what happened from the time of the argument to when she got into the water."

"We're closer to understanding what happened, I think," he said.

Last week, authorities said they were investigating Wood's death as "suspicious" after new witnesses came forward.

After she went in

After Wood slipped into the water, Wagner, unable to find his wife, searched the boat along with the captain and noticed the dinghy was missing. Wagner assumed his wife had gone ashore, he wrote.

The dinghy was found about a mile from the yacht and a mile from where Wood's drowned body was found.

In 2012, the Los Angeles County coroner's office changed the cause of death from "accidental drowning" to "drowning and other undetermined factors." Officials later cited the presence of bruises on Wood's body as the reason for the change.

Corina said they are making a public appeal for more witnesses to come forward with any information.

A career and life cut short

Wood started acting as a child, co-starring in the 1947 classic Christmas film "Miracle on 34th Street." She was one of Hollywood's most respected actresses, appearing in iconic films like "West Side Story," "Rebel Without a Cause" and "Splendor in the Grass."

Wood and Wagner began dating when Wood was 18 and they married in 1957. She reunited with Wagner in 1972 and they remarried.

Wood gave birth to their daughter, Courtney, in 1974.

Wagner, now 87, is known for his performance in television shows like "It Takes a Thief," which aired from 1968 to 1970, "Switch," from 1975 to 1978, and "Hart to Hart," from 1979 to 1984." His most recent roles include Teddy Leopold on the TV sitcom "Two and a Half men," and Anthony DiNozzo Sr. on the police drama "NCIS."

Source: Cnn.com



Ruth Buzzi's most famous character is the spinster Gladys Ormphby. Gladys was always dressed in brown, drab clothing with her hair in a bun covered by a visible hairnet knotted in the middle of her forehead. She would use her purse to antagonize and beat anyone who incurred her wrath.

LAUGH-IN

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Johnson's German soldier, Wolfgang, who finds everything "verrrrry interesting" and Ruth Buzzi's feisty little old lady. Recurring sketches included Laugh-In Looks at the News and The Mod, Mod World.

Goldie Hawn was known for her go-go dancing in a string bikini, and Lily Tomlin swung her legs on an oversized rocking chair.

The series was more than a pioneering sketch comedy series — it was a pop-culture phenomenon. Long before "Saturday Night Live" and internet memes came along, this top-rated show fed a new generation's conversations with hip catchphrases and characters. Baby boomers everywhere were spouting Laugh-In lines like "Sock it to me," "You bet your sweet bippy!" and "Here come de judge!"

Laugh-In ran for six seasons, from 1968–1973, featuring cast members like Buzzi, Hawn, Gibson, Tomlin, and Henry Gibson, Jo Anne Worley, Richard Dawson, Alan Sues and many, many more.

Head writer Paul W. Keyes is credited for helping Richard Nixon get elected, thanks to V.P.'s comical cameo appearance.

In short, Laugh-In was huge!

Sources: Metv.com; reelrundown.com

Tri-county fundraisers

Winter Blues dinner this Friday benefits Fenton schools

The Fenton Education Foundation's 2018 Winter Blues Dinner & Fundraiser will be Friday, Feb. 9, starting at 6:30 p.m. The event, which benefits the foundation and Fenton Area Public Schools, will feature dinner and an open bar, live entertainment, dancing, a silent auction and more. The event will be at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center, 150 S. LeRoy St., Fenton. Tickets are \$60 each and may be purchased online at www.fentoneducationfoundation.org/winter-blues-dinner-fundraiser.

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up to \$2.60 per gallon. Prices are projected to raise 25-30 cents more per gallon by Memorial Day, according to GasBuddy.com.

"High oil prices continue to push gasoline prices to territory that Americans haven't seen for years, aside from Hurricane Harvey last September," said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy in a news release.

In Flint, the average retail gasoline price rose 12.7 cents per gallon last week, averaging \$2.67 per gallon, according to GasBuddy.com. The gasoline price website collects this data from a daily survey of 212 gas outlets in Flint. The national average has increased 11.2 cents per gallon in the last month.

In a USA Today article, DeHaan said paying \$3 a gallon is going to become more "widespread."

Gas prices are higher than previous years. In 2017, the average this time of year was \$2.21 (see sidebar).

The reason for the increase is a decrease in oil supplies. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has cut production, which DeHaan said has weighed heavily on global inventories and hurts any small

rise in U.S. productions.

"And the damage could get even worse as refinery maintenance season and summer gasoline is on the horizon," DeHaan said. "This has been a storm brewing since the Obama administration legalized oil exports and OPEC decided to forgo market share to tighten global supply. All of this and more will lead to average gas prices being 25-50 cents per gallon higher by Memorial Day."

“And the damage could get even worse as refinery maintenance season and summer gasoline is on the horizon.”

Patrick DeHaan
GasBuddy head of petroleum analysis

Average gas price this time of year

2016 —	\$1.51
2015 —	\$2.32
2014 —	\$3.26
2013 —	\$3.65

Source: gasbuddy.com

Comparing city gas prices

Ann Arbor — \$2.65/g, up 3.3 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.62/g.

Detroit — \$2.63/g, up 5.8 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.57/g.

Lansing — \$2.65/g, up 9.5 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.55/g.

Source: gasbuddy.com

BILLBOARD**Continued from Front Page**

day with no color restrictions, allow for the changing of messages once every eight seconds, and allow the digital sign to encompass almost all of the billboard.

Bartholomew said with digital billboards, "We're able to accommodate businesses without adding more physical signage. We respect that many communities don't want and don't allow additional signage to be constructed and that is not what we're proposing through this amendment."

She said U.S. 23 is in high demand for advertising and they want to accommodate that demand. With a digital billboard, they would be able to show more ads for businesses and events, like National Night Out. The billboard would stay the same size and the ads would be static and unmoving.

The company hopes the township will amend the township ordinance to allow digital billboards

to operate under rules permitted by state law in the Highway Advertising Act of 1972 or operate under the township's sign regulation rules, which is ordinance number 693 6.d. (See sidebar for state laws). The change also would not allow digital billboards within 1,000 feet from any existing residence.

The township's ordinance states that any digital sign must shut off from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. if they are in a residential or agricultural zoning district or within 1000 ft. of a residential district, and they cannot use red as a predominant color in a display.

The light must automatically be reduced at night to compensate for the greater contrast created by the reduction in background lighting, and it cannot exceed 15 foot-candles at 4 feet from the sign surface. Changes in display must be limited to not more than once every minute in office, commercial, or industrial zoning districts, and they cannot change more than once an hour in residential or agricultural districts. The digital ad must not comprise more than 30 percent of the total area of the sign.

Because of state law, this would be the only billboard Outfront Media could convert to digital. The state requires digital billboards cannot be placed within 1,750 feet of another digital billboard.

“We're able to accommodate businesses without adding more physical signage.”

Denise Bartholomew
Outfront Media real estate representative

Most other billboards in the township are within that distance. The ones that are outside that range are not structurally capable of holding a digital face without replacing the structure. According to the township's ordinance 693, if any non-conforming sign is taken down, it cannot be replaced.

One concern outlined in the meeting minutes includes the digital billboard becoming a distraction for drivers. Township Attorney Jack Belzer advised the board members to look further into the request and the township's sign ordinance. He suggested the matter go to the planning commission before the township board has any vote.

"There's a whole bunch to this. It's not as simple as saying 'let's do this,'" he said.

Supervisor Bonnie Mathis invited Bartholomew to attend different meetings to answer questions.

Treasurer and Planning Commissioner John Tucker agreed with Belzer and said the matter should be discussed within the planning commission first. The board agreed to let matter go to the planning commission first.

State regulations for digital billboards

State regulations for digital billboards include no motion, rotation, running animation, flashing or moving lights, ads cannot be full-motion video, transition from one ad to next must be completed in one second or less, and ads can't change more than once every eight seconds.

State regulations also require that digital billboards be equipped with an ambient light sensor to automatically adjust the dimming of the sign to ambient light, and the maximum luminance level is not more than 0.3-foot candles over ambient light. Digital billboards must also be 1,750 feet away from any other digital billboard on either side of the highway, and they are only allowed in properties zoned commercial or industrial.

Source: Highway Advertising Act of 1972

Police & Fire report

SIX VEHICLE PILEUP SUNDAY NIGHT IN FENTON

Fenton police and fire departments responded to a six-vehicle pileup on southbound U.S. 23 near Owen Road at 11:23 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 4. Lt. Jeff Cross said the initial vehicle lost control on the icy pavement, struck the center guardrail and then struck a passing vehicle. This caused a chain reaction of other vehicles. The sixth vehicle in struck a vehicle and came to rest in the ditch. When police made contact with the driver, a 21-year-old Fenton man, they could smell the odor of alcohol on his breath. He was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. The driver said he had been watching the Super Bowl at a bar in Fenton Township and was heading home. There were no injuries reported, however, four of the six vehicles were towed from the scene by Fenton Express Towing.

TYRONE**Continued from Page 2**

as the current rate with a 1-percent increase each year after that.

Previous contracts have been for three years.

The city of Fenton Fire Department responds to Tyrone Township calls, with alerts coming from Livingston County Dispatch, on the east side of U.S. 23, and south. The Fenton Township Fire Department covers the west side of U.S. 23, and Hartland Township covers the southern most areas of Tyrone Township.

The Fenton City Council is expected to vote on Cairnduff's recommendations at the Monday, Feb. 12 meeting.

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Lake Fenton collects two individual GAC wrestling championships

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With its limited numbers, competing for the Genesee Area Conference title wasn't a possibility this season for the Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team.

However, that doesn't mean wrestlers can't have some individual success. The Blue Devils had plenty of it at the GAC Meet, recording two in-

dividual conference champions. Lake Fenton finished fifth overall at the meet with 98 1/2 points.

The two champions were three-time individual state champion Jarrett Trombley (135) and Jackson Nevadomski (160). Sean Trombley (145) also made it to the finals, but had to settle for second place.

All eyes are on Jarrett Trombley in the prep wrestling world as the wrestling season hits the postseason. Trombley is a three-time state champion, looking to conclude his career with a fourth this winter.

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Lake Fenton's Taylor Cooper drives to the bucket during the Blue Devils' game against Mt. Morris on Friday.

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Sports



Lake Fenton's Jarrett Trombley

Blue Devils put together a winning streak

■ LF defeats Mt. Morris on Friday, wins again at Byron on Monday

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Lake Fenton — With many new faces on this season's Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team, senior Matt Tomczyk understands what this year is for his Blue Devils.

It's a rebuilding season, and he'll be the first to say it.

But while rebuilding teams can still win games. And on Friday, the Blue Devils (3-10) proved they are more than capable of putting together a strong effort to earn a victory. Lake Fenton scored the first seven points of the game and never trailed en route to a 63-57 victory against the Mt. Morris Panthers at Lake Fenton High School on Friday night.

The Blue Devils made it two wins in a row on Monday, defeating Byron in a road contest 58-40.

"Getting a win means a lot," Tomczyk said after the Mt. Morris victory. "We are young and we are improving every day. It's nice to see our work is paying off."

"(Being a young team) puts more pressure on the seniors to be lead-

ers. We have to help out the younger guys and let the younger guys know they can count on us, and we can count on them."

Friday night's victory was the contest the Blue Devils probably desperately needed. After facing some of the toughest teams on their schedule a week ago, playing the Panthers gave the Blue Devils a great litmus test to see how much they have improved against a more equally competitive foe. The Blue Devils got passing grades against that test.

Everyone who played in the contest provided a positive key role. Lake Fenton spent most of the game leading by about 10 to 12 points. Lake Fenton's fourth-quarter free-throw shooting was the only reason the Panthers ended up as close as six points at the end of the contest. Lake Fenton had a chance to ice it at the charity stripe, but made just 11-of-26 free throws in the fourth quarter, including 7-for-20 during the final 3:13 of the contest. That enabled Mt. Morris to trim what was a 54-45 lead after a putback hoop by Tomczyk to just six late. It was probably Tomczyk's perfect 2-for-2 trip to the line with 35.7 seconds left that iced the victory.

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Lake Fenton's Luke Tomczyk (above photo) attempts a shot inside the paint during the Blue Devils' 63-57 win against Mt. Morris on Friday. (Left photo) Hunter Schramm attempts a shot in the same contest. Lake Fenton also defeated Byron on Monday.

LF girls lose players, fall to Mt. Morris

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Lake Fenton — The Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team wasn't terribly that far off from winning a ball game against Mt. Morris at home on Friday night.

There were just a few ifs that killed the Blue Devils.

What would've happened if starting guard Hannah Garty didn't go out early in the third quarter due to a head injury? What would've happened if other key starters didn't have foul trouble most of the night, or if Haley Whitticar didn't foul out after getting hot with her shot in the third quarter?

But all of those things did happen, and for awhile the Blue Devils were able to weather the storm, trailing by just 52-44 with 5:15 still remaining. However, eventually those issues were too much to overcome, resulting in a 68-52 loss to the Lady Panthers.

Two other common themes hurt the Blue Devils all night long — unforced turnovers and Mt. Morris' offensive rebounds. In the second quarter alone, the Panthers scored 10 of their 22 points on offensive rebounds.

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Holly captures Metro crown for first time in five years

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It had been five years since the last time the Holly varsity wrestling program captured a Metro League championship.

That short dryspell run ended on Saturday at Holly High School.

The Bronchos placed second at the Metro League Meet, and ended up first overall in the league standings after taking into account their 8-0 Metro dual record. Flushing, who finished the regular season in third place, won the league meet and finished second overall. Fenton, who entered the meet in second place, took fourth and placed third overall. Linden took fifth at the meet and finished fifth overall.

"It was a nice day," Holly varsity wrestling coach Don Pluta said. "We were worried about Flushing all along. Yes, we wanted to win (the Metro meet) but everyone has to score points and we knew we had to finish top three ahead of Fenton (to assure a league title). Flushing had 11 kids seeded, we had nine and Fenton had about the same. We knew Flushing would be a force because of their lineup, but in the end we did what we had to do."

Holly finished with six wrestlers in championship matches and with two champions. Fenton had four in title matches and had three win championships. Linden had three in championship matches with one earning a league crown.

There were two tight tri-county championship matches, both won by Holly wrestlers against Linden competitors.

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Holly's Wyatt Scribner wrestled against Linden's Caleb White for the Metro League's 130 weight class title on Saturday. Scribner won the match. Holly captured the league title at the event.

Tigers win thriller vs. Kearsley, 50-48

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Fenton — Although the Fenton stands were filled with loud and boisterous students dressed for the day in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida during Spring Break, it was anything but a day at the beach for the Fenton Tigers as they hosted the Kearsley Hornets Friday night. The Tigers started off slow and never found much of a rhythm offensively but still had enough gas in the tank to overcome the Hornets, 50-48.

Kearsley moved out to a quick 14-4 lead in the first quarter barely four minutes in before a Trent Degayner 3-pointer stemmed the tide. Fenton settled down a bit but still trailed 20-13 after the first eight minutes.

Starting the second quarter, the Tigers employed a 2-3 zone.

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Holly/Oxford's Max Ford took first in both events in his team's victory against Grand Blanc at Mt. Holly.

Holly/Oxford boys dominate dual vs. Grand Blanc

By David Troppens

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The Holly/Oxford boys ski team did more than defeat Grand Blanc last week.

The squad pretty much dominated everyone competing on Mt. Holly.

The Holly/Oxford team defeated Grand Blanc 27-45 by posting the three best times of anyone on the mountain in the giant slalom and the two best times of anyone on the mountain in the slalom.

The Holly/Oxford girls had a harder time of it with Grand Blanc, losing 24-58.

In boys' action, Max Ford was the dominant performer. Ford took first overall among team members from four different teams with a combined time of 45.85 seconds in the giant slalom and with a combined time of 1:01.89 in the slalom. He won both events by at least a second, which in ski terms is a large gap.

But his biggest competition was his own brother, Connor Ford, in both events. Ford posted a time of 45.93 in the GS and a time of 1:02.94 in the slalom.

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Griffins win thriller vs. Mid-Michigan in OT, 6-5

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It's never too late to learn a lesson.

And the Fenton/Linden varsity hockey team learned one on Saturday.

Leading 5-1 after two periods, the Griffins were outscored 4-0 in the third period, forcing a 5-5 tie. However, the Fenton/Linden co-op squad regrouped in between the third period and overtime, and captured a goal on the first shift of the OT, earning a thrilling 6-5 victory against the Mid-Michigan Storm.

"It started well, ended well but the middle was pretty scary," Fenton/Linden varsity hockey coach Kyle Marchand said.

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Dylan Conte (right) had an assist in the Griffins' 6-5 overtime victory against the Mid-Michigan Storm on Saturday.

PREP REPORT

BOYS BOWLING

► **Flushing 16, Holly 15:** The Raiders broke a 15-15 tie by winning a two-match baker game total pin roll-off 439-371, resulting in a tight loss for Holly.

In the opening matches Braden Wilson (222) and Jake Warner (217) won matches. In the second game, Miller (266), Eddie Saner (194) and Andrew Sorter (181) won matches.

► **Linden 28, Fenton 2:** Ethan Gutzeit led the Tigers with a 292 two-game series. Jackson Racette also split a point with a tie.

► **Brandon 28, Fenton 2:** Tate Temrowski led Fenton with a 312 series, which included a 213 game. Ethan Gutzeit also scored a point.

GIRLS BOWLING

► **Fenton 16, Linden 14:** Angela Hanners led the Tigers with a 393 two-game series, scoring both of her points. One of her games was a 204. Ashlyn Bristol scored two points while Avery Logan and Laura Albrant scored one each.

► **Brandon 17, Fenton 13:** Both teams won a baker game, but the Blackhawks won the total pinfall count.

COMPETITIVE CHEER

► **Linden Middle School at Grand Blanc West Tournament:** The Eagles suffered an on-site injury and had many girls struck down with illness, but the squad still was able to finish eighth out of 15 teams at the event. The Eagles scored 366 points during their two rounds of competition.

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Fenton/Linden girls ski beats Powers, boys lose

The Fenton/Linden varsity girls ski team impressively beat Powers in the slalom portion of the team's competition last week, 10-30.

So what did the team do for an encore in the giant slalom (GS)? Why they almost matched their success in the slalom.

Many area cheer teams compete at Kearsley

It was a busy day for tri-county competitive cheer team squads at the Kearsley Hornet Invitational on Saturday, with Fenton, Linden and Holly sending six teams to

different levels of competition to the meet.

In varsity action, Fenton and Holly competed in Division 2 action, with Fenton placing fourth with a total team score of 698.66.

Lady Hornets sting Fenton Tigers, 67-54

For the last couple of years, the Kearsley varsity girls basketball team has been showing signs of becoming one of the top teams in the Metro League.

This year, it's happening.

A couple of days after beating Holly 35-15, the Hornets pulled off another strong victory, defeating the Fenton Tigers 67-54.

Holly boys lose in overtime at Swartz Creek

The Holly varsity boys basketball team did a lot of things needed to win a ball game at Swartz Creek High School.

The Bronchos overcame an early deficit by holding the Dragons to just 15 second-half points.

Linden boys go cold from the field, lose to WLW

The Linden varsity boys basketball team suffered a cold spell on offense on the same night Walled Lake Western decided to heat it up.

The end result was a 55-38 loss on the road to Walled Lake Western on Friday night. The Linden JV team won its game by a tight 54-52 verdict.

Holly girls get back on winning track vs. Creek

It was a rough week for the Holly varsity girls basketball team.

Holly did just that on Friday, defeating Swartz Creek 49-31.

So the question that remained was if the Bronchos could rebound from the two re-

cent losses. Holly did just that on Friday, defeating Swartz Creek 49-31. "It was a total team effort," assistant coach Casey Lombard said.

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Obituaries

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Kelly Joan Estep 1966-2018

Kelly Joan Estep - age 52, of Howell, died Wednesday, January 31, 2018. A private service will be held for close friends and family. Kelly was born January 17, 1966 in Detroit, the daughter of John and Norma (Faraoni) Pollack. She had lived in Howell but grew up in Redford. Surviving are: her husband, James Estep; daughters, Colleen (Rich) Prieur of Fenton, Angela Chick of Howell, and Danielle (Austin) Carr of Gaylord; mother, Norma Pollack of South Lyon; sisters, Cynthia (Skip) Smith of Wixom and Cheryl Miller of Brighton; brother, Michael (Sandy) Pollack of Maine; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, John Pollack. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Dona Lee Slieff 1955-2018

Dona Lee Slieff - age 62, of Holly, died Monday, February 5, 2018. Funeral services will be held at 12:30 PM Thursday, February 8, 2018 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. Burial will be at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Visitation will be from 2-9 PM Wednesday, February 7, 2018. Dona was born in Flint on April 4, 1955 to Raymond and Betty Hill. She enjoyed reading, playing cards, working in her gardens, and sitting in the sun. She is survived by her husband, Ronnie Slieff; three children, Kelly (Kevin) Leach of TX, Raymond (Jenny) Slieff of Holly, and Andy Slieff of Holly; five grandchildren, Ellen McPherson, Abby Leach, Kyler Slieff, Kerrigan Slieff, and Casey Slieff and brother, John (Stephanie) Hill of SC. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Raelene Morgan. Memorial donations may be made to Reverence Hospice. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.



Eunice Mae Ballard 1932-2018

Eunice Mae Ballard - age 85, of Holly, died Friday, February 2, 2018. She was born in Elkhorn City, KY on March 29, 1932 to Bascom and Tennessee (Plumley) Taylor. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Earl B. Coleman. She married Jesse Ballard in 1972. Eunice loved to play bingo, church pot lucks, Christian songs, and her dogs. She is survived by her husband, Jesse; seven children, Karen (Ervin) Estep of Fenton, David Coleman of Fenton, Sharon (Ben) Litwin of MO, Darrell Coleman of Flint, Leonard Coleman of Fenton, Roger (Jackie) Coleman of Holly, Draxie Coleman (David); two step-children, Janice of MI and Billie of CT; 16 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren and nine siblings. A private family memorial service will be held at 12:30 PM Sunday, February 11, 2018 at the Free Unity Baptist Church of Fenton, with Pastor Willis Hurley officiating. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the Free Unity Baptist Church of Fenton. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.



Louis Edward Hanks, Sr. 1939-2018

Louis Edward Hanks, Sr. - age 78, of Linden, died February 2, 2018. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11:30 AM Friday, February 9, 2018 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Visitation 2-8 PM Thursday, February 8, 2018 with 7 PM Rosary at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad Street, Linden, and 10:30 AM until time of Mass Friday at church. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to ALS. Louis was born October 20, 1939 in Flint. He retired from General Motors, Grand Blanc, Metal Fab. with 42 years of service. He enjoyed fishing. Lou cared deeply for his family. Surviving are: his six children, Liz (Bill) Holcomb, Lou Jr. (Sue) Hanks, Joseph Hanks, Vincent Hanks, David Hanks, Katie (Luke) Gauvin; step-son Ryan McKensie; brother, George (Noi) Hanks; sister, Mary Ann (Bill) Lingerfelt; eight grandchildren, Rachel, Michael, Emily, Joey, Angel, Jessica; Alicia, and Jude; five great-grandchildren; two nieces and a nephew. He was preceded in death by his parents Louis V. Hanks and Cathaleen M. (Herfurth) Hanks Sortman. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Judith Lynn Stoeri 1944-2018

Judith Lynn Stoeri - age 73, of Fenton, died at Vicinia Gardens in Fenton on February 2, 2018. Services will be held at a later date. She was born on October 5, 1944 in Cleveland, Ohio to Edgar and Opal Stoeri. When she was six, she and her family moved to the Benton Harbor area where she graduated from Benton Harbor High School as class Valedictorian. Judy continued her education at Michigan State University earning a BS in mathematics and teaching certification. Later she completed her Master's degree at the University of Michigan (but remained a lifelong Spartan fan). In 1967 Judy became employed as a math teacher at Linden High School where she proceeded to teach and provide computer knowledge and services for the next 37 years. Always a dedicated and involved educator, Judy served for many years as math department chairperson, MACUL Conference attendee and presenter, National Honor Society advisor, class sponsor and Delta Kappa Gamma-Gamma Beta chapter active participant and treasurer. During the late 1960's she became interested in computers and with her self-taught knowledge was instrumental in the early 1970's in providing students opportunities to get involved with this

new technology. Not one to sit idle, after retirement Judy became a volunteer at Genesys hospital two days a week. Throughout her life, Judy greatly enjoyed photography and her travels in the U.S. - favorites being our National Parks and Native American culture. Eventually, travels took her and her sister to European countries, Australia and New Zealand. Other hobbies were reading mysteries and science fiction, cooking, and baking her fabulous Christmas cookie trays. Judy is survived by her sister, Patricia Stoeri of Bel Air, MD and her good friends. She will be remembered by the numerous students to whom she taught math and computer science and by the countless athletes and their families with whom she made contact during her years as girls track coach and her many, many years of score keeping for boys and girls basketball games, volleyball and track and cross country meets. In 2013 as an honor to Judy for her many years of involvement, Judy was elected into the high school Sport's Hall of Fame and given a Special Service Award. One student's recent comment says it so well - Loved her humor and smile -- as a coach she was the best. Bless you, Miss Stoeri, you have touched so many lives in an everlasting way.



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Horoscopes

For the week of February 5, 2018

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, you give everyone the benefit of the doubt, and that's commendable. Such a positive outlook will serve you and your relationships well.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you may do a bunch of sitting around and waiting at work in the days ahead. Stay patient and rest up, as you'll need energy reserves when things pick up again.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, you may need to work on communicating with some coworkers. Mixed messages can lead to delays, so convene a meeting to clear the air.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, in attempt to stay calm, you may be suppressing feelings that really should come to the surface. This may only lead to a blowout later on. Transparency is key.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, it may be tempting to put on an overly cheery attitude, even if things are bugging you. Masking your true feelings may lead to miscommunication. Better to keep things honest.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, your ego is strong enough to withstand some criticism this week. Use the feedback to develop an even better version of yourself, which will only benefit you in the long run.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

A current situation has you feeling a bit pessimistic, Libra. But that outlook can be adjusted by looking into the future. Let upcoming plans restore your sunshine.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, this is a good week to discuss an important issue with that special someone. It's fine to have differing opinions, just be sure to respect each other's

point of view.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, your energy levels may start off very high at the beginning of the week, but they may quickly fizzle out. Roll up your sleeves and try to trudge through.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Feeling needed this week can quickly recharge your levels of motivation, Capricorn. Helping others is a surefire way to realize personal satisfaction.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, you have an opportunity to further your education by doing some traveling. Don't let responsibilities at home clip your wings this time around.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, a busy work week is on the horizon, but you are set to make the most of every situation. Your confidence can make a difference.

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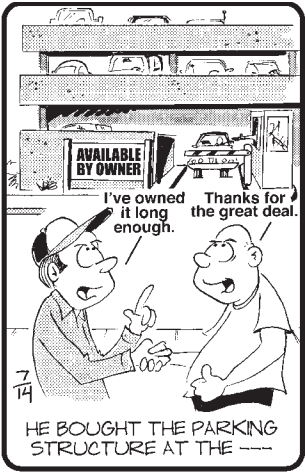
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- 15 Accelerator
- 17 Quite excited
- 18 Tidy (up)
- 19 Altar affirmative
- 21 Vanna's cohort
- 22 Flame from a burner

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- 37 Big talker
- 39 Morsel
- 40 Playwright Levin
- 41 Strong points
- 45 Not up and about
- 48 1944 Boyer/Bergman film
- 50 Burden
- 51 Otherwise
- 52 Exist
- 53 Wrong
- 54 God, in Guadalajara
- 55 Doo-wop syllable
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- 6 Top supporter
- 7 Slanders
- 8 Utter disorder
- 9 Embrace
- 10 Past
- 11 Pooch
- 16 Student duration
- 20 Rotation
- 23 Scoff
- 24 Sicilian spouter
- 25 Makes lace
- 26 Chinese dynasty
- 27 Notion
- 28 Neatens the
- 5 lawn
- 29 Microbrewery product
- 32 Betrothed
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- 35 Scull tool
- 36 Grocery areas
- 38 Hen
- 39 — profundo
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