

U.S. 23 a 'Bermuda Triangle' for bad accidents

■ Multiple exits and entrances, hills and ice make few-mile stretch dangerous

By Hannah Ball

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When listening to police scanners and hearing dispatchers direct emergency personnel to

the scene of a vehicle accident, there's a good chance the crash is on U.S. 23 — especially in the winter.

"The area of the Silver Lake Road overpass is a problematic area," said Bob Cairnduff, Fenton City fire chief.

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The Fenton Fire and Police departments handle a fatal, multi-vehicle crash on Friday, Feb. 9 on northbound U.S. 23, near South Long Lake Road. A 33-year-old Clio woman died as a result of the crash.



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Village president resigns abruptly

■ Health and family cited as reasons

By Tim Jagielo

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Holly Village President Jim Perkins has resigned from his elected post as of Monday, Feb. 12. President Pro-Tem Debby Musgrave will take over as president.

The Village Council must formally accept his resignation at the regular Tuesday Village Council meeting for it to be official, said Village Manager Jerry Walker.

The council has 30 days to appoint a new president. Should Musgrave be appointed as president for the remainder of Perkins' term, the council will have to appoint a council member to fill her vacant seat.

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Pulling out the paczki

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On Monday night, Feb. 12, Alpine Marketplace Bakery Director Michael Mingo, of Linden, sugarcoats and glazes paczki, while Bakery Manager Robin Clark fries the dough. The pair finished 1,152 paczki through the night and early morning. See story on page 3.

Akl's murder trial moving forward

■ Absence of autopsy report caused latest delay

By Tim Jagielo

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Abdurrahman 'Abdu' Ahmed Akl, 17, is set to return to court for his first preliminary exam on March 22, before Judge G. David Guinn in 67th District Court.

On Thursday, Feb. 8, attorney Frank Manley appeared on behalf of his client, whose presence was waived for the first time since probable cause conferences began.

Akl is charged with open murder, for the March 4, 2017 shooting death of Brady Alan

Morris, 18, in Akl's family home on Lake Fenton in Fenton Township. He's also charged with receiving and concealing a stolen firearm and two counts of felony firearm.

The case is able to move forward, as both Manley, and assistant prosecuting attorney Lia Perryman have received what they believe to be all the evidence connected with the case. One major item was a copy of the autopsy report, which has since been provided.

Manley said the goal of the preliminary exam is to determine with probable cause whether a crime was committed,

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Abdurrahman "Abdu" Akl's case will proceed now that the autopsy report has been turned in. The last time he was physically in court was Thursday, Jan. 18 for a probable cause conference.

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Diets pause for 'Paczki Day'



■ Popular fried treat enjoyed ahead of the Lenten season

By Tim Jagielo

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Linden — It's a little past 10 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 12, at Alpine Marketplace.

Bakery Director Michael Mingo, and Bakery Manager Robin Clark are in the middle of a very long shift, but they have the sounds of Motown to keep them going, along with the smell of 1,152 paczki in production.

Ahead of "Fat Tuesday," the unofficial celebration of high calorie pastries before Lent begins, many local bakeries are in high gear to provide for the influx of paczki sales.

During Lent, some sects of Christianity will give up certain items or activities until Easter as a form of fasting.

Alpine Marketplace has been selling pre-stuffed paczki all month, but will proof, fry, stuff, and coat it in sugar or glaze specifically



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Alpine Marketplace Bakery Manager Robin Clark drops proofed dough into the fryer Monday night.

Did you know?

"Paczki" is the plural word for the fried desserts served on Fat Tuesday. A "Paczek" (pronounced "pon-check") is the singular form of the word.

Source: metrotimes.com

Many baked items, fried breads and pastries need to be "proofed" before they can be fried. This is the process of raising the bread in special boxes that provide the right temperature and humidity.

Source: seriouseats.com.

for Fat Tuesday, all night the evening before.

Their shift will end at 6 a.m., and the next crew will box the pastries and display them on the sales floor.

Until then, Mingo, of

Linden, will check, stuff and glaze the fried paczki, while Clark, of Burton, teases the dough with wooden chopsticks while the dough fries in shortening.



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Michael Mingo glazes paczki once they are cooled from being fried.

A LOOK BACK at 1968



South African surgeon performs first successful heart transplant

Compiled By Vera Hogan

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The South African surgeon Christiaan Barnard performed the world's first human heart transplant operation in 1967 and the first double-heart transplant in 1974.

His first successful transplant took place in January 1968.

Barnard was born to Dutch descendants on Nov. 8, 1922, in Beaufort West, South Africa. He grew up extremely poor and attended the local public schools. Barnard then went on to the University of Cape Town, where he received a

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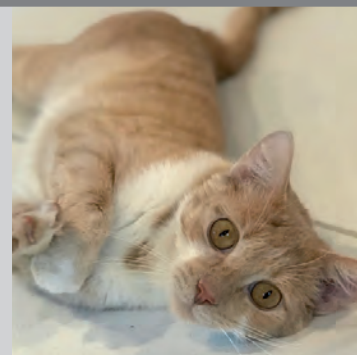
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Former Holly Village president dies at 70

■ Jeff Miller remembered by Times staff as 'most quotable' politician

By Vera Hogan

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Jesse Jefferson Miller, Jr., known to his friends and colleagues as "Jeff," died on Friday, Feb. 9. He was 70 years old.

Miller served five terms as the Holly Village president. Consecutive terms were from March 1996 to 2004 and then a fifth term from November 2010 to 2012.

At one time, he held the record for being the most "quotable" in the Tri-County Times due to his outspoken comments at Holly Village Council meetings. He graduated from Oakland University with a degree in history, and said he "almost" minored in English.

In a 2003 Talk of the Times interview, Miller said he has very eclectic tastes, that he loves to read and travel. He also described himself as a Titanic buff.

"Eating is also a favorite pastime. I love a southern-cooked meal of catfish, cornbread, fried okra and a glass of tea," said Miller, who was born in Hartselle, Alabama.

Miller was a man of faith, having named Jesus Christ as the One whose made the most impact on his life. He also showed his sense of humor when he said, "There is a God and I'm not him."

He said if he could switch to another occupation he would sit down at the typewriter and have the courage and make those people happy who always say, "'Jeff you should write.' I'd be a writer."

"The words that describe me are humorous, sentimental, caring, sometimes



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

Jeff Miller after learning he was voted in as the Holly Village president again in 2010.

too wordy, affectionate, slightly too much temper, crazy about my family," he said in 2003.

Miller also volunteered his time with various community activities, including the Dickens Festival where he often played the part of the ghost of Jacob Marley and Bob Cratchit, Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" characters.

Memorial services for Miller will be held at 11 a.m. Thurs., Feb. 15, 2018 at Calvary United Methodist Church of Holly, with Pastor Cliff Schroeder officiating. Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. prior to the service. Memorial donation can be made to Calvary United Methodist Church, Hospice of Michigan, or St. Luke Lutheran Church of Ann Arbor, MI. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com

New water testing machine to provide faster results

■ Fenton water plant and supplier helped get unit approved by MDEQ

By Vera Hogan

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The Fenton City Council voted unanimously Monday, Feb. 12 to approve the purchase of the TECTAB-16 water testing and analysis machine for \$13,500.

The testing equipment is being supplied by Kennedy Industries in Milford.

According to Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki in a memo to City Manager Lynn Markland, the water plant supervisor, Steve Guy, and his facility operator have utilized the new water-testing machine extensively since last summer.

"They have found this to be a useful tool for analyzing water samples," said Czarnecki. Their use of the machine and their work with the machine manufacturer and with Kennedy Industries has helped get this new testing and analysis unit approved by the MDEQ for testing of water samples.

Czarnecki said the machine can analyze a water sample much quicker than the current process. "Having the



The TECHTA B-16 will allow Fenton water plant operators to test water more quickly than in the past.

ability to discover the results quicker, especially the failing tests, can lead to quicker response towards a water issue," he said.

A failing water test requires further investigation of the water lines and a minimum additional flushing of the system.

"If we can address the failed result quicker, it will allow us to provide better service to our customers in Fenton," Czarnecki said.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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YES, RAISING LITTLE chicks in the basement is cute and fun. But, when the chickens act like they own the place, out the door they go. And, yes, roosters can be very aggressive.

■■■
WHY DO THE Democrats continue to propose trade policies that do not work for average American. These are bad policies. President Clinton's NAFTA did nothing but help Mexico. Obama's PPP would do nothing but help China. All of these policies will no nothing but help illegal immigrants who will work for very low wages and they do not work for your average American like me.

DREAMERS BROUGHT HERE by their parents when they were kids don't know anything about their homeland, their culture. They are Americans. In their homeland, they have no family, no job, no country, no nothing. Sending them back is cruel.

■■■
SEEMS TO ME, you are misinformed. If a student is paying to go to college, it seems as though he or she should definitely have a voice about a person chosen to lead that organization.

■■■
WHEN IS DONALD Trump going to release his tax returns? Obama released his birth certificate. When is he going to release his tax returns?

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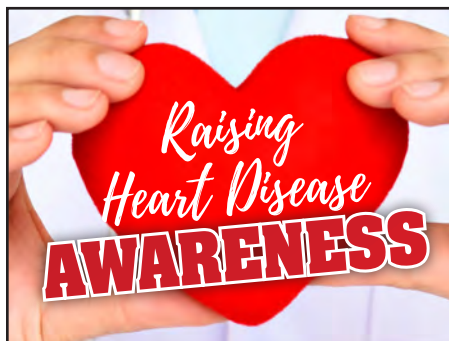
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AS TO THE proposed multimillion dollar military parade, Congress should appropriate money to buy the President some G.I. Joes army men, a Battleship game, and a cap that says 'Fearless Leader.'

SO NOW BEING on the Olympic team is an affirmative action thing. If you don't get to carry the flag when you want to, you get to complain it was racist. God, have we gone down the rabbit hole.

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ON THE WILD SIDE

Strange and unusual animal stories

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Fly like an eagle

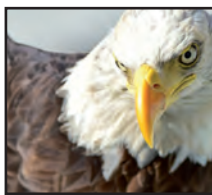
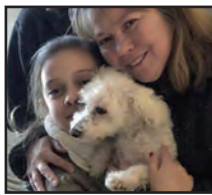
Felipe Rodriguez said he thought he was hallucinating when an eagle snatched his sister's little white dog from her yard, flapped its massive wings and disappeared over the trees.

Several news agencies, including USA today, reported last month that, Zoey, an 8-pound bichon frisé was gone, taken by a hungry raptor not 50 feet from his sister's house on the banks of the Lehigh River in Pennsylvania.

"It seemed like something from the 'Wizard of Oz,'" Rodriguez said. "I'm a city boy. This doesn't happen in my world."

Even more astonishing: Zoey would live to bark the tale.

But can eagles do that? "It has been documented before, but not that often," said Laurie Goodrich, a biologist at nearby Hawk Mountain Sanctuary in nearby Kempton, a ridgetop preserve that annually records tens of thousands of migrating hawks, eagles and falcons.



Rodriguez said he was by himself at his sister's home in Bowmanstown, about 80 miles north of Philadelphia, when he heard a loud screech, hurried to the French doors leading to the deck and saw the eagle with its talons in Zoey, who had been playing in the fenced yard.

"The bird was holding onto the dog. There was flapping of wings, and then it was gone," said Rodriguez, a 50-year-old from Chicago.

He drove around the neighborhood looking for the 7-year-old bichon. He was unsuccessful and Rodriguez assumed Zoey was gone for good.

His sister and her family were devastated when they found out.

"I did nothing but cry all day," Monica Newhard said.

Newhard said it wasn't unusual to see eagles in the area, given her home's proximity to the river. She also suspected they occasionally grabbed one of the rabbits that lived under her shed.

But it didn't occur to Newhard that any of her four dogs would be in danger.

Heartbroken, she and her husband scoured the woods for Zoey's body. Little did they know their little bichon would be found later that afternoon — four miles away.

Boiled bats!

In early January, livescience.com reported that more than 200 bats lost their lives to southern Australia's ongoing heat wave.

As temperatures rose to 111.5 degrees Fahrenheit (44.2 degrees Celsius) in Campbelltown in the Australian state of New South Wales, a colony of flying fox bats that live near the town's train station felt the effects.

Volunteers struggled to rescue the heat-stricken bats but at least 204 individual animals, mostly babies, died.

"They basically boil," Kate Ryan, the colony manager for the Campbelltown bats said. As the dead bodies were recovered and placed in a pile for a head count, the numbers had reached 200, not including the many hundreds that were still left in trees and unreachable.



No more monkeying around

Several news agencies, including USA Today and theguardian.com, reported last month that wildlife managers in Florida want to remove roaming monkeys from the state in light of a new study, which finds some of the animals are excreting a virus that can be dangerous to humans.

Scientists studying a growing population of rhesus macaques in Silver Springs State Park say that rather than just car-



rying herpes B, which is common in the species, some of the monkeys have the virus in their saliva and other bodily fluids, posing a potential risk of spreading the disease.

Human cases of the virus have been rare, with about 50 documented worldwide, and there have been no known transmissions of it to people from wild rhesus macaques in Florida or elsewhere. However, the researchers say the issue has not been thoroughly studied.

Florida's wildlife agency has been warned that the infected monkeys should be considered a public health concern.

State wildlife officials say they are taking the problem seriously.

The macaques, native to Asia, are one of Florida's many non-native wildlife species. Their contacts with the public, including last summer when the monkeys chased a family, have made them somewhat notorious critters and have caused two partial park closures since 2016. The monkeys also have roamed far outside the park: dozens were photographed recently swarming a deer feeder outside a home in Ocala. They have been spotted in trees in the Sarasota and Tallahassee areas.

The herpes B virus has been fatal to 21 of the 50 humans known to have contracted it from macaque bites and scratches while working with the animals in laboratories, according to the CDC.

Stop that screaming

In January, according to theguardian.com, the Swiss government ordered an end to the common culinary practice of throwing lobsters into boiling water while they are still alive, ruling that they must be knocked out before they are killed.

As part of a wider overhaul of Swiss animal protection laws, the practice of plunging live lobsters into boiling water, which is common in restaurants, is no longer permitted. Lobsters will now have to be stunned before they are put to death, according to the Swiss government order.

Animal rights advocates and some scientists argue that lobsters and other crustaceans have sophisticated nervous systems and likely feel significant pain when boiled alive.



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The Antiquities Act

In the latter part of the 19th century, our country was faced with a significant problem when private collectors and others began removing, desecrating and destroying Native American artifacts from abandoned settlements on federal land in the Southwest.

Preservationists of the time urged Congress to protect these sites. This led to an investigation and ultimately the passage of a federal statute called "The Antiquities Act of 1906." It was signed into law on June 8, 1906 by President Theodore Roosevelt.

The Act gives the president the right to declare, by public proclamation, historically or scientifically significant property on federally owned or controlled property to be protected "National Monuments."

It was the first law of its kind and recognizes the importance of preserving historical landmarks, structures and cultural sites which are generally referred to as "Antiquities."

President Roosevelt eventually designated 18 areas as national monuments and there are currently over 151 of these designations all over the country under the protection of the Act.

Presidents have also decided to reduce the size of these areas for a variety of reasons.

For example, during World War I, President Woodrow Wilson reduced the Mount Olympus National Monument by half to allow timber harvests to build navy ships.

There were some 18 of these reductions prior to President Trump taking office.

Recently the Act has received new attention. On Dec. 4, 2017 President Trump ordered two previously designated national monuments in Utah, Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante, reduced in size by a total of almost two million acres.

There are strong feelings on both sides of this issue with those in favor of private economic development applauding it and conservationists condemning it.

The unanswered question here is, "Does a president have the right to do this?"

The Act is silent as to the answer and no legal challenges were ever made to the previous 18 reductions.

This has now changed as two separate federal lawsuits have been filed (one for each site) alleging the Act does not allow such shrinkages.

Legal analysts predict that no matter the outcome in the lower courts, these cases will eventually make their way to the United States Supreme Court where we will have the final answer.

PRESIDENT

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Council member Dave Cruickshank, along with the rest of council, learned about the resignation on Monday, Feb. 12. Walker said he notified the village clerk's office citing "family illness and a death in the family."

Perkins was elected to the office of village president in 2016.

"It's all still new to us, so we're not sure what's going to happen immediately," said Cruickshank.

Until a replacement is appointed, council will have six members, and could potentially split votes.

Musgrave will speak for the village at the upcoming State of Holly joint address on Thursday, at 7 p.m. at the Karl Richter Community Center Auditorium.

The last time this happened was when former Village President Jason Hughes resigned in August of 2013 because he was moving out of the village, to Rose Township. President Pro-Tem Ryan Bladzick was appointed to be president, and Suzanne Heiple was appointed to his vacant seat.



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Village President Jim Perkins (Above) verbally resigned late last week to manager Jerry Walker. Debra Musgrave (Below, right) will assume the position as president until she's formally appointed, or council chooses someone from council or the community.



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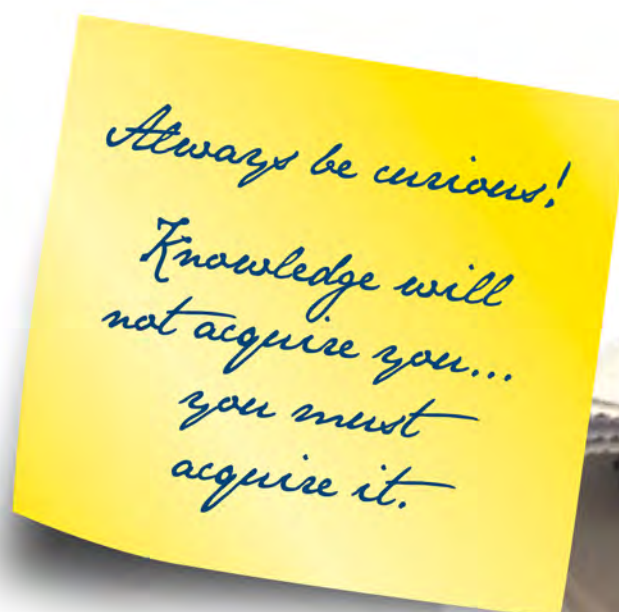
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House Bill 5100: Exempt bike racks, tow balls, etc. from ban on obscuring license plate

To establish that removable bicycle racks, trailer hitches, tow balls or similar devices are not included in the definition of "foreign materials that obscure or partially obscure" vehicle license plates, which is a civil offense.

Passed 104 to 2 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES
Joe Graves had an excused absence due to health reasons.

House Bill 5257: Make possession of ransomware a felony

To make it a crime punishable by up to three years in prison to possess ransomware software with malicious intent. The bill defines ransomware as "a computer or data contaminant, encryption, or lock" that can be placed or introduced without authorization into a computer or network, and that restricts access in a manner that enables the perpetrator "to demand payment of money or other consideration" to remove it.

Passed 103 to 3 in the House

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES
Joe Graves had an excused absence due to health reasons.

Snowy ice-fishing tourney lures 150 to the lakes

■ Second annual event has more women, children, competing and winning

By Tim Jagielo

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Fenton Twp. — At about 9 a.m. Sunday morning, the fish weren't biting. On Byram Lake, approximately 30 anglers were sitting on buckets, or in shanties, watching a tiny fishing rod hung over a dark hole in the ice, or waiting for the tip-up flag to move.

This is the second Linden Ice Fishing Tournament, and the first with fully cooperative weather. The tournament had to be canceled in 2016 due to warm weather. It ran in 2017, but was windy, warm, and the ice was slippery.

On Sunday morning, anglers trudged through, and dragged sleds over eight inches of snow, which was atop a layer of water and slush, to fish for crappie, bluegill and pike. Despite the grey sky overhead, people seemed to be having fun.

Said Dave Moesta of Argentine Township, "I love it. I love doing it, I love being outside." He was fishing with his son Nick, 15, and Austin Daly, 17.

Registration opened at 7 a.m. at the Loose Center, and the fishers went out to either Lobdell or Byram lakes. As of 8 a.m., there were about 150 registered, and several were children. "That was the heart behind it, getting some kids out here, and off the video games and onto these lakes we have in the Lin-



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While the ice-fishing tournament goes on around him on Byram Lake, Roger Smith fishes comfortably in his shanty.

2018 Linden Ice Fishing Tournament Winners

Bluegill winners:

First: Name not entered, 9 ¾ in.
Second: Jeff Miller, 9-1/8 in.
Third: AJ Stadler, 9 in.

Crappie winners

First: Jason Brown, 13.5 in.
Second: Pat Rogers, 12.5 in.
Third: Ron French, 11.5 in.

Pike Winners

First: Triska Forsythe, 33 ¾ in.
Second: Jennifer Fox, 31.5 in.
Third: Colton Walker, 26 in.
Fourth: Tiffany Gaines, 26 in.

Youth winners (14 and under)

Devin Austin, bluegill, 7.5 in.
Maya Willson, 6 ¼ in.
Devin Austin, crappie, 7 ¾ in.

den community," said organizer Steve James. "The snow held some people back but we still had a nice increase over last year and we expect the event to grow every year."

James said the leader board had several women on it this year, and they seemed to out-fish the men. "It was great to see so many kids participate as well," he said.

A pair of those children were friends Madison Wolford, 13, and Ariel Eddy, 13. They weren't into it, and Brian Perigo who took them, suspects it's because they hadn't

“The snow held some people back, but we still had a nice increase over last year and we expect the event to grow every year.”

Steve James
Organizer, Linden Ice Fishing Tournament

gotten a bite yet.

James said ice fishing is simple and inexpensive to get into, and simple to do — you use an auger to cut a hole in the ice, and go from there.

Some were fishing for pan fish such as crappie and bluegill. Others were going after larger fish like northern pike, using tip-ups and large bait like a large sucker minnow.

The open tournament ended at 3 p.m. with a weigh-in at the Loose

Center. It included prizes for three categories and two age groups, and a chili cook off.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IN THE EARLY 2000s, I wrote letters to Granholm and Debbie Stabenow to intervene and block the flow of garbage trucks from Canada. However, because of do-nothing Democrats, we still see hundreds of these trucks a day carrying trash to Michigan dumps.

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I'M SORRY TO say this but Fenton Township postal carriers are wimps. Where I come from, this little amount of snow wouldn't do nothing. They actually got out of their warm vehicles and hand-delivered it if need be.

IT'S A WITCH hunt. Former FBI director, Robert Mueller, is touted as being objective because he's a Republican appointed by Bush and Obama as director. Mueller was interviewed for FBI director and rejected by Trump. Now, Mueller is investigating Trump.

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Fenton appoints new clerk

■ Deputy clerk Sue Walsh moves up to top job

By Vera Hogan

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Sue Walsh, who has been serving as the deputy clerk for the city of Fenton, has been appointed to the clerk position. She replaces Renee Wilson, who resigned recently to become the deputy clerk for the city of Lapeer.



Sue Walsh

Walsh has worked for the city of Fenton for more than 22 years. She started working for the city in 1995 as a part-time dispatcher, according to City Manager Lynn Markland. In August of 1995, Walsh became a full-time dispatcher.

In July of 2002, Walsh was promoted to the position of dispatch supervisor, working in that capacity until she was appointed deputy clerk in September 2012.

Walsh has successfully completed the Michigan Municipal Clerks Institute at Central Michigan University and according to Markland, "... she is well qualified for the position."

The Fenton City Council voted unanimously to confirm the city manager's appointment at the Monday, Feb. 12 regular meeting.



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Chris and Jessie (Brandow) Weir attended the prom at Oxford High School in 1990. They graduated that year and continued their long romance through college and careers, marrying on Oct. 5, 1996. Today, the Weirs live in Tyrone Township and enjoy nature from their large window wall.

A journey of friendship and *love*

■ Junior high sweethearts Chris and Jessie Weir weather the ups and downs of a real marriage

By Sally Rummel

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Chris and Jessie (Brandow) Weir of Tyrone Township have been married for 21 years, but their romance actually began with a friendship dating back to their junior high years in the 1980s in their hometown of Oxford.

That was back in the day when "Dirty Dancing" was the popular movie, big hair was in and a lot of "hooking up" among teen couples took place at the mall.

During their years at Oxford High School, things got a little more serious, at least for Chris, now 46. "I suffocated her a

little," he said. "I heavily pursued her for three years with no success."

Jessie said they were always good friends, but the romance really got off to a fresh start when Chris stopped trying so hard. "He looked more attractive to me when he wasn't pursuing me," said Jessie.

The couple went to Central Michigan University together. He pursued a future career in the building trades and she studied food science administration and nutrition. Chris transferred to Michigan State University to study construction management, and their romance became more on-again off-again, due to the rigors of a long distance relationship.

"But I always knew he was the one," she said. After college, Chris worked in Brighton and Jessie worked in Bloomfield Hills, and their relationship grew and matured. They bought an old farm house in Holly to equalize their commute, and

they fell more in love with each other every day.

They knew they were going to get married, but Chris hadn't formally proposed yet. He went to the mall, bought an engagement ring and threw the small box in a shopping bag in the backseat of the car. Jessie inadvertently found the ring and he ended up proposing in the car at that moment.

"It wasn't exactly what he had planned but it was just fine," said Jessie.

Two decades, two businesses and three kids later, the Weirs have weathered the ups and downs of grownup life. "Some marriages are fairytale, then there's reality," said Chris.

Two and a half years ago, the Weirs hit a fork in the road of their marriage, "We fell into the pitfall of being too busy running our businesses and raising kids," said Chris. "We re-committed ourselves to each other, sold the (Crossfit) gym and got back to being best friends."

They also built a brand new home, and in May 2017 they moved in. "Things are fun again," said Chris. "We're trying to really enjoy the journey."

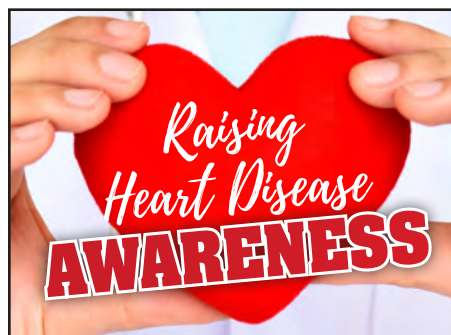
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CHRIS WEIR
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master's degree in 1953. With the hope of pursuing his research interests and gaining new surgical skills and experiences, he enrolled at the University of Minnesota Medical School in 1955. After two years of study he received his Ph.D. (doctorate degree) and returned to his native country to embark upon a career as a cardiothoracic (heart) surgeon.

After a decade of performing heart surgeries, Barnard felt ready to accept the challenge posed by the transplantation of the human heart. In 1967 he encountered Louis Washkansky, a 54-year-old patient who suffered from extensive coronary artery disease (the arteries around the heart) and who agreed to undergo a heart transplant operation.

On Dec. 2, 1967, the heart of a young woman killed in an accident was removed while Washkansky was prepared to receive it. The donor heart was kept alive in a heart-lung machine that circulated Washkansky's

blood until the patient's diseased organ could be removed and replaced with the healthy one.

In order to fool the body's defense mechanism that would normally reject a foreign organism, Barnard and his team of heart specialists gave the patient large doses of drugs, which allowed the patient's body to accept the new organ. Washkansky's body was not able to defend itself against infection, however, and he died on Dec. 21, 1967, of double pneumonia, a disease affecting the lungs.

Despite Washkansky's death, Barnard was praised around the world for his surgical feat. Within a year, in January 1968, Barnard replaced the diseased heart of Philip Blaiberg, a 58-year-old retired dentist. This time the drug dosage was lowered, and Blaiberg lived for 20 months with his new heart. After Barnard's successful operations, surgeons in Europe and the United States began performing heart transplants, improving upon the procedures first used in South Africa.

Source: notablebiographies.com

U.S. 23

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So far in 2018, the Fenton Fire Department has received nine calls for accidents on U.S. 23. Five were in Livingston County and four were within Fenton City limits. Fenton firefighters responded to 22 accidents in 2017 on U.S. 23. From fender benders, to jackknives, to tractors getting stuck in the snow, many accidents take place between Lahring Road and south to Center Road.

What makes this area so accident-prone?

Cairnduff said there are a few factors that add to the danger of the area.

"The on ramp from Silver Lake Road to northbound U.S. 23 and the off ramp to Torrey Road from northbound U.S. 23 are so close together that the traffic has to slow or change lanes to allow cars on and off in a short distance," he said.

Another reason is that because it's an overpass, it typically ices over more quickly than a normal section of the road. The road also curves and motorists have a hill to contend with.

For the White Lake Road area of U.S. 23, Cairnduff said they're seeing more crashes there this year than normal.

"Typically, the area between Center Road and White Lake Road has seen its fair share of accidents over the years. We have called it the 'Center Road triangle' for a long time," he said.

In years past, police and fire personnel have often referred to that area as the "Bermuda Triangle."

The hill on northbound U.S. 23 from Center Road always plays a part in accidents because people are going too fast on the expressway.

"Add in slippery road conditions and it creates problems," he said.

Here are the accidents around that area in the past few days alone:

On Friday, Feb. 9 around 11:50 a.m., emergency responders were on the scene of a multi-vehicle crash just north of Silver Lake Road on northbound U.S. 23. Northbound was shut down due to a fatality.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, a car fire on U.S. 23 northbound between Thompson and Grand Blanc roads slowed traffic to one lane.

On Sunday, Feb. 11, traffic was at a crawl on southbound U.S. 23 starting at Lahring Road going north, due to an accident that left three semis in the ditch.

MICHIGAN VOTES

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

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

House Bill 4705: Teach proper traffic stop actions in drivers ed

To require drivers education courses to teach what to do when pulled over by a law enforcement officer.

Passed 109 to 0 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51)

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)

YES

YES

House Bill 4528: Include EMTs in impaired doctor program

To expand a law that establishes a recovery program and a monitoring system for health professionals who may be impaired due to substance abuse, so that this also applies to emergency medical technicians.

Passed 107 to 1 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51)

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)

YES

YES

House Bill 5456: Ban asbestos lawsuit "double dipping"

To require plaintiffs who seek damages for alleged asbestos-related conditions to disclose whether they have already filed suits against trusts or claims pools created in previous asbestos bankruptcy cases. Reportedly, some plaintiff attorneys have filed multiple suits seeking duplicate damages. The bill would also authorize reopening and readjusting cases and damage awards in such cases.

Passed 58 to 51 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51)

Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)

YES

YES

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and whether it was Akl who committed it. The prosecution will be calling witnesses.

"Anytime you have a young person that's charged with such a serious matter, clearly he's stressed and worried," said Manley, when asked about his client's emotional state. "We remain optimistic that when the facts come out, we will achieve the proper result in the case."

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Monday, March 12, 2018 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Wednesday, March 14, 2018 9:00 am – 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

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Twenty D2 wrestlers headed to individual regionals at Gaylord

By David Troppens
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Twenty tri-county wrestlers took their first steps toward a potential state trip to Ford Field by placing in the top four at the individual district hosted by Go-drich High School on Saturday.

Holly had nine qualifiers while Fenton qualified six and Linden qualified five.

Four will be headed to regional action as district champions — three from Holly and one from Fenton. In fact, Fenton's sole district champion had to beat a

teammate to win his title.

Brady Triola (135) improved to 36-9 by edging teammate Jayden Rittenbury (35-5) 2-1 in the championship match.

Holly wrestlers didn't face area competitors for their titles. Collin Dallwitz (215) had the toughest championship match out of the Bronchos' champions. He improved to 44-9 by earning a 2-1 decision against Brandon's Anthony Nicaj.

The other two Holly individual district cham-

pions earned their crowns with first-round pinfalls. Wyatt Scribner (130) improved to 51-3 with a 35-second pinning of Imlay City's Wesley Hampton, while Nate Young (112) improved to 43-7 by

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Two wrestlers headed to regional competition are Fenton's Jayden Rittenbury (top) and Linden's Caleb White (bottom).



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Holly/Oxford's Connor Ford took second in the giant slalom during the divisional meet. Holly/Oxford finished in second place. Powers took the boys' title.

Holly/Oxford boys capture second at divisional meet

By David Troppens
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The Holly/Oxford boys had a solid season at Mt. Holly this winter.

However, Flint Powers was just a little bit better during the season.

Powers won the Divisional Meet title with 38 points while Holly/Oxford took second with 49 points. Fenton/Linden was fourth with 126 points.

The Holly/Oxford team took four of the top eight positions in giant slalom (GS) competition. Connor Ford took second (47.21), followed by Max Ford (47.93), Nick Allen (48.29) and Jack Ford (48.33). However, Powers earned all of the other top-eight spots.

Fenton/Linden was paced by Chad Booher's 14th-place showing (48.76) and was followed by Devon Mann (49.55), Ethan Gibson (50.47) and Devon Vherney (51.63).

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Fenton/Linden girls ski team come within a point of a divisional title

By David Troppens
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The Divisional Meet involved two ski performances from each competitor on each team in two different races.

Yet through all those races, the difference between Fenton/Linden and Grand Blanc in the varsity girls competition came down to just one point.

Grand Blanc edged Fenton/Linden 68-69 in the five-team meet.

Fenton won the giant slalom (GS) portion of the competition 21-37, but Grand Blanc won the slalom 31-37. Holly/Oxford finished fourth overall with 86 points.

The Fenton/Linden girls had two competitors in the top five in the slalom, the only team to do so. Emma Hiscock took third (1:02.13) while Lilah Dagenias took fifth (1:03.29). The team's final two scoring competitors were Annie Koester in 13th (1:07.20) and Rachel Smith in 16th (1:07.82).

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Trombley a step closer to four state titles

■ Blue Devils advance six to regionals; Trombley sets new national takedown record at districts

By David Troppens
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The individual state wrestling series has just begun but Lake Fenton's three-time defending individual state champion wrestler Jarrett Trombley is already earning national recognition.

During Saturday's individual district round, Trombley broke the all-time season takedown record by recording his 541st takedown of the year en route to earning the 130-pound district title. Trombley was one of three individual champions the Blue Devils had at their Division 3 district tournament at Alma High School and one of six wrestlers advancing to regional action at Williamston High School on Saturday.

Trombley remains undefeated this season, as he has been all three years he's been a Blue Devil wrestler, defeating Alma's Jarrett Ferman by technical fall 24-9 in the championship match. Trombley has spent the season working on raising his conditioning, allowing him to work on getting the takedown record in the process. During Saturday's meet, Trombley scored 81 points before earning two technical fall victories and a pinfall victory.

"Only Jarrett would think about setting the national takedown record," Lake Fenton varsity wrestling coach Vance Corcoran said. "He mentioned it at the beginning of the season and I was all for it."

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DAVID TROPPENS

(Above) Sean Trombley works on getting a pinfall. (Left) Jarrett Trombley celebrates breaking the national single-season takedown record. The brothers were two of six Lake Fenton wrestlers to qualify for the regional round at the Division 3 Alma district on Saturday.

Fenton swim ends busy week with win, state times



By David Troppens
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The Fenton varsity boys swimming and diving team had a busy week last week, but it was a successful one.

The performances started with a 148-32 victory against Kearsley, concluding the Metro

Fenton's Marty Braunn

League season with a perfect record.

Then the team went to the MISCA Meet in pursuit of quality times, and earned a few of them at the meet.

At the MISCA Meet, an event designed to bring the fastest swimmers in the state to the same event so they can push each other, resulted in the Tigers getting two more state cuts.

The 200 medley relay team of Joel Diccion, Noah Mai-er, Evan Bartow and Hunter Smith (1:44.16) earned one of them. Meanwhile, Diccion also

earned an individual state cut. He dropped his 100 backstroke time to 57.98 seconds, earning him a state cut and 51st place in the event.

Bartow already had state cuts in two individual events, but got a chance to compete in them again. He took 18th in the 500 freestyle (4:55.26) and also 34th in the 200 individual medley (2:45.2). Jake Iddings didn't qualify for the state meet in the 200 individual medley, but he nearly had a two-second drop in the event, taking 68th in 2:08.29.

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Fenton, Lake Fenton finish 1-2 at Tiger Invitational

By David Troppens
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As the season nears the postseason, it's always a good thing when teams earn confidence-boosters.

The Fenton varsity competitive cheer team earned a nice one during Saturday's Fenton Tiger Invitational.

The Tigers took first place overall with a season-best 731.62 team score at their own event. Other area teams had strong performances as well. Just a couple of days after earning a GAC title, Lake Fenton placed second with a season-best 713.90. Linden also competed and took fourth out of seven teams, with a 690.98.

Fenton and Lake Fenton battled back-and-forth for the title. Fenton took the early lead with a 222.70-210.40 edge after round one. In fact, Lake Fenton's score put them in fourth after the opening round. However, the Blue Devils rebounded back with a 213.90 round two score, about 15 points better than any other team in the competition. That put Lake Fenton in first with a 424.30, just ahead of Fenton's 421.32 en-



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The Tigers compete in a recent competition. Fenton's competitive cheer won the Fenton Tigers Invitational on Saturday.

tering the final round. The Tigers responded with a strong 310.30 in round three, earning the Tigers the victory. Lake Fenton scored a 289.60 in its final round.

Linden started the competition with a 216.90, putting them in third entering round two.

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Now that he's set it with seven matches remaining, I couldn't be happier for him."

The seven matches Corcoran is talking about, of course, are three more at Saturday's regional tournament and four more at the state meet, if all things go as expected.

The Blue Devils two other champions were Jarrett's brother Sean Trombley

(145) and Jackson Nevadomski (160). Sean Trombley (42-1) earned three victories, posting pinfall wins in his first two matches. In the final he defeated Perry's Jacob Spiess 4-0. Nevasomski (36-2) earned three first-period pinfall wins to start the tourney, and capped it with a pinfall win in 5:19 against Portland's Devin Miller in the championship match.

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Lake Fenton's Logan Julian (right) is one of six Blue Devils who placed at district competition on Saturday.

TWENTY

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beating Imlay City's Isreal Sontanella in 41 seconds in the title match.

Three other wrestlers competed in district championship matches, but had to settle for second like Rit-tenbury. The Bronchos had two of them. Cade Dallwitz (171) lost to Goodrich's Juwan Vines 6-4 in the

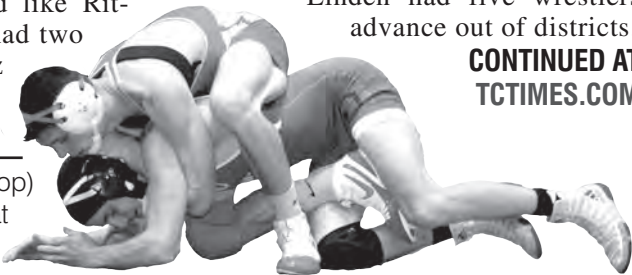
final while Carsen Cuthbert (145) lost to North Branch's Hunter Murphy 9-4 in the final.

Linden's Luke Thronton (103) made it to the title match as well, losing to Brandon's Corbin Hallberg 10-2.

Linden had five wrestlers advance out of districts.

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Holly's Wyatt Scribner (top) captured a district title at Goodrich on Saturday.



PREP REPORT

BOYS BASKETBALL

► **Goodrich 65, Lake Fenton 42:** Matt Tomczak led the Blue Devils with 10 points while Luke Tomczak netted eight points.

BOYS BOWLING

► **Holly 28, Fenton 2:** Jake Warner had a 202-204-406 series, leading the Bronchos. Eddie Sanner bowled a 207 while Zach Miller had a 200. Holly had baker games of 194 and 160. Nick Hall had games of 217 and 171, earning two points for Fenton.

► **Swartz Creek def. Linden:** The Eagles were paced by Kyle Miller's 177-196-373 series. Ian McAlindeon had a 208 game. The team also bowled a 224 baker game.

GIRLS BOWLING

► **Holly 22, Fenton 8:** Jenna Royle led the Bronchos with a 192-182-374 series while Terrin Cooley also howled a 191 game. Angela Hanners led the Tigers with games of 243 and 171, scoring two points. Zoe Simmerman also scored two points.

► **Swartz Creek def. Linden:** The Eagles were paced by Jessica Armstrong who had games of 134 and 147.

BOYS BASKETBALL

► **Flushing JV 48, Linden JV 44:** The Eagles trailed by 10 at halftime, but forced an overtime session. However, Linden scored just two points during it as Flushing earned the win. Ben Coburn led the Eagles with 13 points while Isiah Vorheis had 10 points. Ryan Gillespie had eight points while Eli Beil had seven. Chad Williams netted six points.

HOCKEY

► **Freeland 5, Fenton/Linden1:** Dylan Conte scored a power play goal on an assist by Lincoln Wright. Loren Jones made 26 saves in net.

► **West Bloomfield 3, Fenton/Linden 2:** West Bloomfield scored in overtime to earn the win. Heyden Justus and Austin Porter scored for the Griffins while Paxton Cowan had two assists. J.J. Lainesse made 25 saves in the overtime contest.

LF cheer captures GAC championship

By David Troppens
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One Lake Fenton varsity team has something to cheer about.

The varsity competitive cheer team can celebrate a Genesee Area Conference championship after taking first at the final GAC meet held Thursday.

The Blue Devils entered the meet in first place in the overall standings, and locked up the league title by scoring a 662.66 during their three rounds, about 16 points ahead of second-place Montrose.

The victory didn't come easy. The Blue Devils were in second place after round one. Lake Fenton scored a 194.00, putting them slightly more than seven points behind Montrose (201.30) entering round two. However, the Blue Devils finished round two with a 195.56, easily posting the best score during the round.

That put the Blue Devils about 22 points ahead of second-place Montrose entering the final round. The Rams posted a 278.50 in round three to lead all the competitors, but Lake Fenton's 273.10 was the second-best score and was more than enough to earn the Blue Devils the GAC crown. The 273.10 third-round score represented Lake Fenton's best performance of the season to that point in round three.

Lake Fenton's overall total was about an 18 point improvement from the most recent GAC meet. Lake Fenton scored a 644.40 on Jan. 25.

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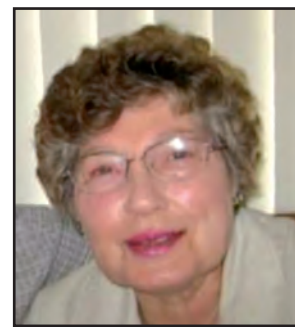
Jesse Jefferson "Jeff" Miller - age 70, of Holly died Friday, February 9, 2018. Memorial services will be held at 11 AM Thursday, February 15, 2018 at Calvary United Methodist Church of Holly, with Pastor Cliff Schroeder officiating. Visitation will be from 9-11 AM prior to the service. Memorial donation can be made to Calvary United Methodist Church, Hospice of Michigan, or St. Luke Lutheran Church of Ann Arbor, MI. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.



Richard Paul Ronald Tatus

1958-2018

Richard Paul Ronald Tatus - age 59, of Fenton, known to everyone by his signature, "You can call me Rick, Mr. Tatus is my father," passed away February 9, 2018. Visitation will be held from 2-8 PM Thursday, February 15, 2018 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. A celebration of his life will be held at 1 PM Friday, February 16, 2018. In lieu of flowers please make contributions to Freedom Service Dogs of America, Semper Fi Fund or The Independence Fund in his honor. Rick was born March 25, 1958 in Detroit, the son of Peter and Irene Tatus. He will be forever remembered and is irreplaceable in the lives of wife, Krystn; children, Bret (Jenny) Rashleigh, Taryn (Cody) Carlson, Kacy Tatus and Cally Tatus; granddaughter, Marlee; brothers, Ronald (Kathy) Tatus of Arkansas, Phillip Tatus of Fowlerville; and Jeffrey Tatus of Arizona; sister, Michaelleen Tatus of Fenton; sister and brothers-in-law, Karen (Joe) DeMars of Fenton, Larry (Sharon) VanLeuven of Columbiaville, Colin (Patty) VanLeuven, and Brad (Jackie) VanLeuven both of Fenton; as well as many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and an extensive dance family. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Susan and her husband, Jack McLarty. Tributes may be posted at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Donna Jean Beil

1939-2018

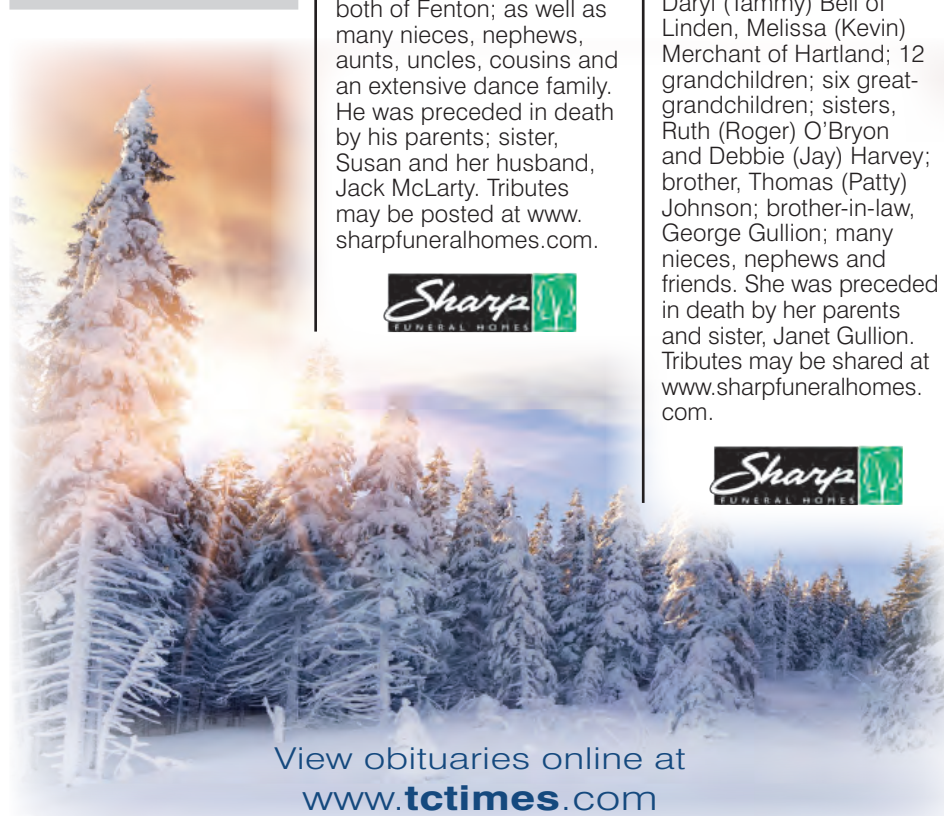
Donna Jean Beil - age 78, of Linden, died February 9, 2018. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Pastor Larry Burk will officiate. Visitation will be held 3-8 PM Tuesday. Those desiring may make contributions to Beauty For Ashes, P.O. Box 344, Linden, MI (www.beautyforashesmi.org) 48451. Donna was born September 16, 1939 in Portsmouth, OH, the daughter of Donald and Dorothy Johnson. Donna was a graduate of Piedmont Bible College in Winston-Salem, NC. During her college years, she was a member of the chorale and traveled with the Ladies Quartet. Donna was gifted by God with an exceptional soprano voice and played and taught both piano and voice. She was an avid reader and loved animals. Donna was a longtime member of the South Baptist Church, where she was involved in the choir and served in a ministry teaching handicapped people for over 30 years. Donna is survived by her husband, Jerald; children, Donald Beil of Flushing, Melody (David) Sage of Linden, Daryl (Tammy) Beil of Linden, Melissa (Kevin) Merchant of Hartland; 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sisters, Ruth (Roger) O'Bryon and Debbie (Jay) Harvey; brother, Thomas (Patty) Johnson; brother-in-law, George Gullion; many nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Janet Gullion. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Willard L. Allen

1937-2018

Willard L. Allen - age 80, of Fenton, passed away peacefully on Friday, February 9, 2018 at Wellbridge of Fenton. Funeral services will be held at 2PM Thursday, February 15, 2018 at the O'Guinn Family Funeral Home in Clio. Cremation to follow. Family will receive visitors at the funeral home on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 from 1-8PM and Thursday from 12PM until the time of service at 2PM. Memorial contributions may be made to Adopt-A-Pet of Fenton. Willard was born August 10, 1937 in Wheeler, MI to the late Lee and Lena (Sadler) Allen. He graduated from Arthur Hill Trade School in 1955 and Arthur Hill High School in 1956. Willard married Janet M. Schlader on May 21, 1960 at Grace Lutheran Church in Saginaw. She preceded him in death January 14, 2017. Mr. Allen served in the Army National Guard for six years. He was a pattern maker his entire life, and enjoyed making toys and patterns. Willard was a member of the Fenton Moose Lodge #430. He was an avid bowler and golfer. Willard also enjoyed hunting, fishing, and wood carving. He loved all animals, especially dogs. Surviving are: son, Willard James (Anne) Allen of Saginaw; daughter, Kathrine (Todd) Wilkinson of Fenton; grandchildren: Sarah Allen, Kaiti (Jeff) Brady, Alexandra Wilkinson (Nathan Hunter), and Jessica Allen; great-granddaughter, Remmi Muladore; brother, Clifford Elmer (Pam) Allen; mother-in-law, Vera Schlader; sister-in-law, Linda Allen; brothers-in-law, Ronald Kniebbe, and John (Andrea) Schlader; many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews. Willard was also preceded in death by his brother, Robert Jay Allen; sisters: Twila D. Kniebbe, and Linda Marie Lagalo; brother-in-law, Ronald Lagalo. Please sign our guestbook or share an online condolence with the family at www.oguinnfh.com.



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Horoscopes

For the week of February 12, 2018

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

It can be difficult to focus with so many things running through your mind, Aries. Give it your best shot, especially at work where it counts the most.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Focus on fun experiences that will pop up this week, Taurus. They will brighten your mood and make you more inclined to interact with the people you love.

GEMINI

May 22/June 21

Gemini, someone you haven't seen in a while makes an appearance in your life. You don't know if you should be excited or just a tad cautious about what to expect.

CANCER

June 22/July 22

Someone at work or home cannot get an accurate read on how you are feeling, Cancer. This may lead to some communication issues. Be as open as possible to avoid confusion.

LEO

July 23/Aug 23

Leo, you are called on to be a leader this week, so make sure you do your homework on pertinent issues. This way you can make decisions with confidence.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, even when you think you know best, you may want to let others voice their opinions. You never know the value of another's perspective until you hear it.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Surround yourself with your closest friends and family members, Libra. These are support pillars you can lean on in tough times and the people to laugh alongside when things are good.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

The next few days provide opportunities to relax and have fun, Scorpio. With no pressing matters on the calendar, you can relinquish some responsibilities.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, getting your point across may seem like your primary goal, but you can let things simmer for a little bit. Others have things that they want to share as well.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, romantic notions are popping into your head lately, and they may only be spurred on by the Valentine's Day magic. A relationship gets to the next level.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, you can be the voice of reason if family life has gotten a bit chaotic. You may be called on to sort things out and put a plan in place.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, whether you are attached or not, feelings of love are blooming inside of you. Romance may pervade your daily interactions.

Wednesday Jumble

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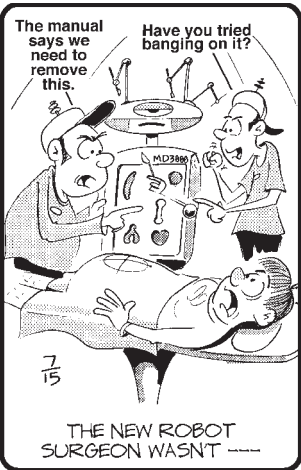
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Wednesday Crossword

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- 12 Catch in a net
- 13 Household
- 14 Treeless Asian plain
- 15 Bach piece
- 16 Corn recipe
- 17 Experts
- 19 Ultramodern
- 20 Reverberate
- 22 Kiwi's extinct cousin
- 24 — Khan
- 27 Get better
- 29 "Two and a Half Men" role
- 32 Arguably, best-known line from Shakespeare

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- 18 Virginia city
- 21 Comedian
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- 26 Straying
- 28 Smitten, maybe unrequitedly
- 30 Jimmy Kimmel's
- employer
- 31 Lepidopterist's prop
- 33 Away from WSW
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- 39 Sticker
- 41 Old hat
- 42 Despot
- 43 Dermatology subject
- 45 Holler
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