

Quasarano tragedy — two years later

■ Helping others and strong faith gets family through its grief

By Hannah Ball
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Two years ago, on Friday, Feb. 19, a Fenton Township family of six went

to sleep and never woke up. It was during an area power outage, and the Quasarano family, Leonard (Len), 35, Heather, 39, and their children Luke, 11, Brenden, 9, Rachel, 7, and Grant, almost 2, were found in different areas of the home two days later on Sunday, Feb. 21. They died from carbon monoxide poisoning.
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TIMES FILE PHOTO
The funeral for the Quasarano family was held on Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016 at Central Church of the Nazarene in Flint. Parked outside the church were five hearses — for parents Len and Heather, and their four children.



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Active shooter — could it happen here?

■ New law requires schools to hold regular emergency drills
By Vera Hogan
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It's every parent's worst nightmare — the possibility of an active shooter at their child's school. Every time another one is reported on the news, hearts sink all over the country. Everyone thought the Columbine High School massacre on April 20, 1999 was
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TIMES FILE PHOTO
Michigan State Police held active shooter training in February 2016, at AGS Middle School in Fenton.

Crime Watch Daily to give national spotlight to Brueger murder




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Franz and Nikki Brueger of Rose Township sat through two interviews with Crime Watch Daily journalist Chris Hansen at the Holly VFW Hall on Thursday, Feb. 15. The Bruegers were interviewed for a future installment of the show about the unsolved murder of their daughter Ally in July 2016. "A year and a half has gone and we still don't know why, or who is responsible for this," said Nikki. "We have no closure." She hopes the interview can help crack the case open and provide new leads. The exact date and time of this broadcast will be published in an upcoming edition of the Times.

Genesee County Road Commission head resigns

■ Some claim Daly was pressured into leaving
By Vera Hogan
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John Daly, who has served as the manager-director of the Genesee County Road Commission for the past 18 years, is out of a job this week.
See RESIGNS on 18A

Hepatitis A outbreak in Michigan

■ Southeast Michigan has highest number of confirmed cases in country
By Hannah Ball
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Michigan is facing a deadly outbreak of hepatitis A, a highly contagious liver disease. As of Feb. 6, there have been 736 confirmed cases, 596 hospitalizations and 24 deaths, according to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.
See HEPATITIS A on 16A



HEPATITIS A SYMPTOMS


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Diana Laurterer, 14 months, and other children watch the parachute billowing above them during story time at the Jack R. Winegarden Library on Friday, Feb. 9.

A warm place in the cold winter

Local libraries work to become community hubs

By Tim Jagielo

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Fenton — It's Thursday, Feb. 8, and siblings Corinne Roberts, 11, and Lewis, 9, of Tyrone Township, are furiously working to crack open a small briefcase secured with multiple locks with different combinations.

They scour the library for clues and follow the direction of Katie Badgley, children's librarian for the Genesee District Library (GDL). Mother Jessica Roberts watches and helps them occasionally. Eventually they got the case open, which contained a variety of simple prizes like candy, stickers and bookmarks.

See **COMMUNITY HUBS** on 17A

“(Libraries) will still continue to be a place the community can count on to help them with their information needs, whether learning a new technology, or bringing their kids for story times.”

Chris Heron

Fenton Jack R. Winegarden Library
senior librarian

HOW TO CATCH EVENTS

For the Linden Library, and Fenton Jack R. Winegarden Library, go to www.thegdl.org, and click “events” at the top. This will take you to a calendar for all Genesee District Library events.

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Read any good books lately?

■ Still a popular pastime, especially when you've got ‘cabin fever’

By Sally Rummel

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However you read them, books and reading are still alive and well as a leisure activity for most Americans.

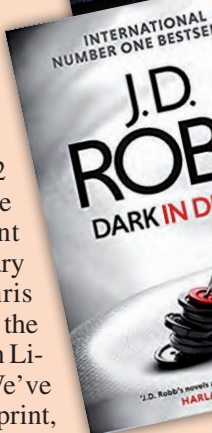
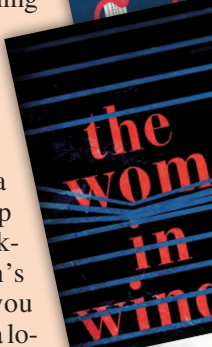
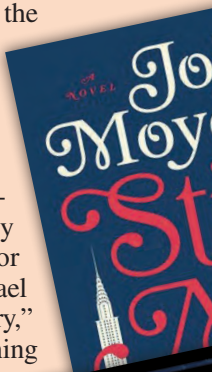
Seventy three percent of Americans have read a book in the past year, according to the latest data available from the Pew Research Center.

Whether you love celebrity memoirs like “What Happened” by Hillary Rodham Clinton or tell-alls like Michael Wolff’s “Fire and Fury,” you’ll find something interesting and entertaining about reading a good book this winter.

The best news is that you can buy a special copy to keep from a local bookstore like Fenton’s Open Book, or you can borrow it from a local library, along with thousands of fiction novels, mysteries or non-fiction favorites.

“We’ve got 32 copies of ‘Fire and Fury’ in print throughout our library system,” said Chris Heron, librarian at the Jack R. Winegarden Library in Fenton. “We’ve got it in regular print, large print, audio book and digital.”

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If I Were King...

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Our choices dictate our future

Why is it that all around us we see communities that are struggling with layoffs, fund shortages, failing schools and rising crime rates, yet our communities are safe, strong, vibrant, and even growing?

The answer is easy — it's the choices made by you and me, the residents of our communities. Every municipal study ever done cites three elements as absolutely critical to healthy communities:

1) Strong school systems with sound infrastructure and solid leadership

2) A vibrant and growing retail base

3) A quality hometown newspaper

So where do we stand? Well, right at the top actually. Our area school systems are simply the best — by any measurement. They are state-of-the-art facilities with involved parents and dedicated staffs. When a millage is truly needed, we — the residents — step up to the plate and pass them. A premium school system is the primary component of any strong community.

Unlike many other communities whose businesses are struggling, our retail base is thriving because our residents have chosen to embrace a 'Shop Local' mentality, knowing that shopping local ensures a strong tax base that supports first-class schools, exceptional police, fire and emergency services, as well as premium housing values. Supporting local businesses is critical to continued stability and growth.

The third component of this critical three-legged success-stool is your local newspaper, the Times. The impact of a strong hometown newspaper on our communities cannot be overstated.

The Times aggressively supports the showcase facilities that are the cornerstone of all four area school districts today.

The Times initiated, and funds, the 'Shop Local' campaign that was created with the singular goal of educating our citizens as to the immeasurable benefits to themselves and their communities when we spend our dollars locally.

The Times is our community watchdog via its presence at municipal meetings in every city, village and township in their circulation area. They monitor the actions at all the meetings so you and I don't have to.

The local news that they compile, compose, print and deliver to your doorstep each week has an enormous impact on every facet of our communities, our families and our lives.

Your support of your hometown newspaper has helped to make the Times one of the most respected and successful weekly newspapers in the state. It's why we have been awarded "Newspaper of the Year" by the Michigan Press Association four out of the last five years. It's a win-win for all involved.

Remember that we, the residents, are the community, not the buildings, roads or the local government. The choices we make — whether it's supporting schools, shopping local or supporting your local newspaper — will dictate our future. We control our own destiny through our choices.

Support our schools, support a "Shop Local" mentality, and support your hometown newspaper that supports you.

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FOSTER CHILDS

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DACA STANDS FOR: Democrats Against Citizens of America.

IN REGARD TO the protests of the MSU students about who is appointed to run that college. They should not have a voice or even be heard about anything to do with running that college. They're paying to learn. This is the most ridiculous thing I have ever heard.

I AM SO happy to hear about the Linden heroin dealer getting busted. Good job, guys. I don't know whose life you just saved but I'm sure you did save someone.

LET ME GET this straight, the Democrats are against improving our roads, and our bridges and against security in the country and our military. And they're against lowering taxes for every hard working American. What country do these Democrats actually represent?

LOOKS LIKE TYRONE Township is putting the public safety money they get from property taxes to good work now giving themselves raises.

Readers write

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Article prompted life-saving action

Dear editor,

Vera Hogan's recent article on radon gas and the Buergers caught our attention and prompted us to pick up a test kit at Menards. The results came back at 16.6 and we quickly contacted SWAT to perform the needed remediation.

We wanted to thank the Tri-County Times for the 'heads up.' We've been in this house for 30-plus years and have no idea what harm may have been done, but we intend to find out soon.

Thanks again. We are loyal readers of the Tri-County Times.

*Dale Smallidge
Jan Capello-Maki
Fenton*

ABOUT THE HOT line on Loose allowing their members to go gambling, they were prepaid trips. All the persons who went on it paid already to go. It has nothing to do with Loose being open or closed.

TO THE INDIVIDUAL who thinks kids these days are a bunch of pansies and don't need a therapy dog because you didn't have one when you were a kid. How many active shooter drills did you go through when you were a kid?

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

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Fenton Township



"Probably Pistons' basketball. I don't watch too many shows, but I like 'Chi.'"

Gary Askins
Linden



"I guess 'This is Us,' it gives me a good cry."

Tabitha Buclenam
Linden



"I don't have cable, I just use Netflix and Hulu. I watch 'The Office' and 'Handmaid's Tale' a lot."

Sarah Spickler
Fenton Township



"'The Good Doctor' because there's a lot of action."

Robbie Walker
Fenton Township

Dating site did not bode well for Grand Blanc Township woman

■ Allegedly murdered by man she met on 'Plenty Of Fish'

By Vera Hogan

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Checking out the various dating web-sites available today may be fun and exciting for singles looking for a relationship — but for one local woman it resulted in a tragic end to her life.

Ranee Baas Mckelvey, 53, was found dead in her Southampton Avenue home in Grand Blanc Township on Sunday, Feb. 11. Her live-in boyfriend, David Reid, has been charged with one count of homicide-open murder, according to Genesee County court records, and one count of arson-preparation to burn a dwelling. Bond was denied and he remains in jail. He has a probable cause hearing on Thursday, Feb. 22.

According to WJRT, neighbors said the man moved in with her in December 2017, after they met online. The neighbor said he, his mother and his fiancé watched Reid leave their next door neighbor's home Saturday night (Feb. 10), just moments after Grand Blanc Township police believe he killed Mckelvey.

The Genesee County Prosecutor's Office said coworkers went to check on Mckelvey Sunday afternoon because she didn't show up for work. When they arrived, they found the 53-year-old face down on her bed.



Ranee Baas Mckelvey

Police believe her boyfriend suffocated Mckelvey before turning on the natural gas line behind the stove and

lighting several candles, allegedly to burn down her home.

Reid is currently on parole for assault with intent to commit great bodily harm, in connection to an incident in Wayne County.

Friends described Mckelvey's relationship with her alleged killer as fast moving and passionate.

They said she believed she had found true love with Reid in just a few months.

The couple met on a dating site called PlentyOfFish (POF) in November of last year.

According to the editor's summary on askmen.com, POF presents itself as a great option because the service is totally free. Premium features are available at a cost.

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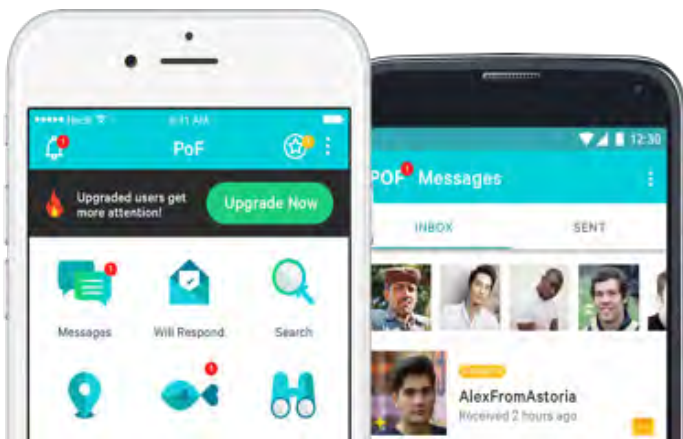


This is the Southampton Avenue home in Grand Blanc Township where 53-year-old Ranee Baas Mckelvey was found dead, allegedly by the hands of her live-in boyfriend, David Reid, 47.



David Reid

(Right) Plenty of Fish (POF) is a free online dating app, that is accessible via smartphone or computer.



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Schools out of allotted snow days

■ State will decide if days have to be added

By Hannah Ball

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With snowfall, ice and freezing temperatures, local school districts have closed shop numerous times. All local districts are over the allotted limit given by the state before they must add days onto the school year in June.

Students are required to be in school 180 days or 1,098 hours each year. The state allows districts to have six days off for snow days, or for other emergencies, without being required to make up time at the end of the year. Districts can petition the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) for a waiver to be exempt from making up the extra days in summer.

Fenton

Fenton students have had eight snow days so far.

Superintendent Adam Hartley said he doesn't know if the district will have to make up extra time or not yet.

"This is something we attend to after February and into March. We are expecting there will be days in February and March that may create poor road conditions. We will continue to make decisions based on student safety," he said.

If the weather creates a dangerous driving situation, they will cancel school, Hartley said. He said he would rather

go longer in June than put students and staff at risk.

Linden

Linden schools have had eight snow days due to unsafe travel conditions/inclement weather, said Superintendent Russ Ciesielski.

"The state allows six unforgiven days and does provide for a process that allows schools to ask for a waiver to forgive up to three days over the six. If a waiver is not granted we will have to make up two days, at this time," he said.

It's possible the schools will have more snow days, and Ciesielski said they will make the appropriate decisions if students are at risk due to the weather conditions.

Lake Fenton

Lake Fenton schools have had seven snow days this winter.

Superintendent Julie Williams said, "If the state does not forgive any more than the six we typically get, Lake Fenton will have to make up one day."

Holly

Holly schools has had seven snow days so far, but Superintendent David Nuss said they're not planning on adding any schools days in June at this time. The district petitioned the MDE for a waiver to not make up the missed day in June.

"With Michigan's crazy freeze and thaw cycles, roads are more vulnerable to icy road conditions — Mother Nature sure keeps us on our toes," Nuss said.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■
MORE 'GUN CONTROL' laws are worthless. Mass shootings are a symptom of our diseased culture. With our polarized society I doubt that will happen. It's easier to just blame the other side.

■■■
I REMEMBER THE 70s and all the folk songs about 'nobody's right if everyone's wrong' and all I see in my country is everyone screaming and yelling about everything. Democrat, Republican. It's hard to handle. Please stop this.

■■■

UNITED WE STAND, divided we fall. I love my country. I am grateful to live in it. I respected President Obama but this is ridiculous. The president is the president. God bless us all.

■■■
THIS WON'T MAKE me popular, but I don't break the law so I don't get tickets. If you don't want to pay driver responsibility fees, don't break the laws.

■■■
TRUMP DEREGULATED GUN laws allowing mental patients to own guns and much recent gun legislation was written by the NRA. Now the government claims concern. Oh really?

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■ **73 percent of** school shooters had no prior criminal record, not even an arrest (U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Dept. of Education).

■ **96 percent of** school shooters are male (FBI records).

■ **There have been** 17 kids, age 15 or younger, who have committed or attempted a mass school shooting (FBI records).

■ **In 81 percent** of school shootings, someone had information that the attacker was thinking about or planning the shooting (U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Department of Education).

■ **68 percent of** school shooters got their guns from relatives or at home (U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Department of Education).

■ **65 percent of** school shooters and thwarted school shooters referenced Columbine as a motivation (ABC News).

■ **There have been** 270 shootings at a school since Columbine (ABC News).

Source: abcnews.go.com

Public Act 12 of 2014

On Feb. 25, 2014, Gov. Rick Snyder signed legislation updating Michigan's school safety drill requirements to ensure students are better prepared in times of emergency.

"This legislation will help give parents peace of mind in knowing their children and school officials are trained and prepared for possible school emergencies," Snyder said.

House Bill 4713, sponsored by state Rep. Joe Graves, updates the types of drills schools must conduct and requires school districts to post documentation of completed safety drills on their websites within 30 days of completion. The detailed reports must remain online for at least three years.

The bill also makes changes to the types and frequency of required safety drills. Schools must:

- **Conduct five fire** safety drills spaced throughout a school year, with three before Dec. 1;
- **Hold two tornado** safety drills, including one in March, and
- **Stage three "lockdown"** drills, which prepare for possible school intruders. One of the three drills must be conducted during a lunch-recess period.

Additionally, the chief administrator of a K-12 school must provide a list of scheduled drill days to the county emergency management coordinator by Sept. 15. Schools must also adopt and implement a cardiac emergency response plan.

SHOOTER

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as bad as it could get. In that case, 15 people died as a result of a shooting rampage by Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris, who were among the 15 dead.

Then on Wednesday, Feb. 14, 17 people lost their lives as a result of a shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. The shooter, 19-year-old Nikolas Cruz, a former student there, has been charged with 17 counts of premeditated murder.

Holly Area Schools Superintendent David Nuss said, "With the implementation of Public Act 12 of 2014 (see sidebar), the Bureau of Fire Services is providing clarification regarding the requirements for maintaining measures of fire safety, tornado safety, and safety from unwanted intruders. The new Act requires K-12 schools to perform at least five fire safety drills, two tornado safety drills, and three lock-down emergency drills."

Holly Area Schools complies with the law and conducts at least three lockdown drills per year. Law enforcement and emergency responders participate in the drills.

"We are always talking to students to build positive relationships and to encourage looking out for each other," Nuss said. "I've found Holly students and parents to be extremely responsible and supportive of school safety efforts to ensure what every child deserves — a welcoming, safe, school experience."

Linden Community Schools had its own scare in October of 2015, when comments on social media by three teens seemed to suggest a threat of violence against an individual and the school. One of those teens is still moving through the court system.

Russ Ciesielski, superintendent for Linden Community Schools, sent a letter to district parents and guardians on Friday. In it he said, "Student safety is as important as student achievement and we take this very seriously. We are fortunate to have individuals in our community who work closely with us to ensure our safety and provide the knowledge needed in emergency situations. It is important for you to know we are diligently working to prevent school shootings and other types of violence in our schools."

"Linden Community Schools will continue to work with the local police agencies in conducting lockdown drills, and other measures for school safety, so our students and staff know what to do in emergency situations. We are committed to student and staff safety. Emergency Preparedness Plans are reviewed, discussed and drills are conducted to prepare our students and staff in case an emergency occurs. Over the past few years, our schools have participated in trainings and built strong and supportive relationships with law enforcement and other first responders. They have advised us on how to better secure our schools in a variety of ways using technology and security features."

Linden Community Schools is fortunate to have a School Resource Officer that is present throughout our buildings on a daily basis. We are also fortunate that officers from Linden and Argentine Police Departments are visible on our campuses on a daily basis, reassuring that we are not alone in keeping our students safe.

"As we have learned in the past, after events such as the one that occurred Wednesday, news and social media out-



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The Michigan State Police helped conduct the active shooter training session in 2016.

lets are full of information that can scare our students. If your student does not feel safe, please encourage them to tell their teacher or an administrator, or contact your student's principal. Encourage your student to report threatening social media posts to the proper authorities. We will continue to communicate with students to make sure they know their safety is our number one priority."

"We have had active shooter training, but it was a few years ago. We do practice lockdown drills each year with all students and staff," said Julie Williams, superintendent of Lake Fenton Community Schools.

Law enforcement was involved in the active shooter drill as trainers. As far as our lockdown drills, law enforcement is

usually onsite unless they have an emergency. We work very closely with the Genesee County Sheriff's Department on our emergency preparedness.

"We just had two staff members participate in ALICE (Alert Lockdown Inform Counter Evacuate) training which is a program designed to train staff and students on what to do if there is an active threat. These two staff members will now be able to train our staff and students."

"We will continue our efforts to provide a safe and secure environment for our students and staff," Williams said.

Adam Hartley, superintendent of Fenton Area Public Schools (FAPS) said, "Along with our list of drills we practice each year, we will try to have an active shooting drill with law enforcement when time permits. This fall, we were able to work closely with the Fenton Police on an active shooter training with our high school staff and plan to run these same drills with our other buildings next year."

We are in constant contact with local law enforcement and appreciate the partnership we have with the Fenton Police. Chief (Jason) Slater and his officers are always supporting our efforts to keep FAPS safe.

We take school safety as serious as student achievement. School safety is a topic on both district and school staff meetings and our students are active participants when we conduct drills.

We are working closely with the Fenton Police Department on ALICE training and now have a high school teacher trained in ALICE. He, along with the three Fenton officers that are trained, will be working with our buildings on the proper ALICE techniques to stay safe.

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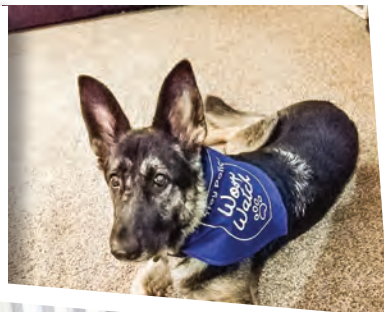
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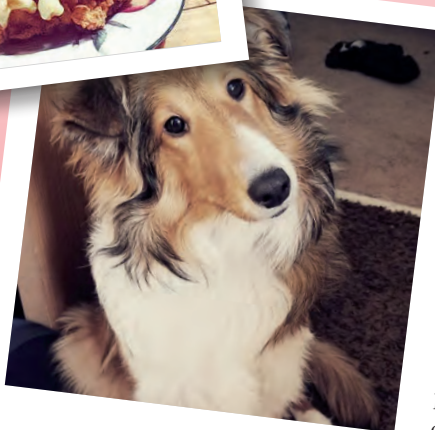


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BOOKS

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The Fenton library and the Linden Area Public Library are part of the Genesee District Library system, with a cooperative lending effort between all 19 branches. The Holly Township Library is a public library serving Holly, Rose Township and Groveland Township residents.

The only catch is, in the Genesee County library system, you may have to wait awhile for a high demand book like "Fire and Fury," which has 101 people on the waiting list, "but they usually go through pretty quickly," said Heron.

You don't even have to leave the comfort of your reading chair to get on the waiting list; you can sign up for an account on thegd.org and make your request there.

Even with the vast variety of content available in a number of different tech formats, people are much more likely to reach for a traditional print book than a digital product, reported Pew. More than double have read a print book compared to

an e-book, and more than four times than via an audio book.

However, if you enjoy reading on a reading device, a tablet or your smartphone, you can access digital books through OverDrive on thegd.org website, or in Holly, on their website, hollytownshiplibrary.org.

However you choose to read, how do you know what books are out there that you want to read?

Heron said that people love to read from the list of High Demand Books displayed each month at the front desk. This list includes popular new releases of fiction and non-fiction books.

"People put their name on the list before the books are even released," she said. "There are 196 people already waiting for James Pat-

terson's soon-to-be-released book, 'Fifty Fifty' and 88 people waiting for Danielle Steel's new novel, 'Accidental Heroes,' which comes out in March."

Heron said that the new "femme fatale" genre of books is gaining in popularity – with titles like "Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn and "Watch Me Disappear" by

**“People put
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Chris Heron
Jack R. Winegarden
Library in Fenton
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Jeanelle Brown. "Books like these have an unexpected twist; you don't expect what's going to happen," she said.

If you're looking for a good book to read, check out the library's High Demand Lists, go to thegd.org and click on its links to Fantastic Fiction and BookFlix. "You can plug in the author or a book you like and find similar reads on these links," said Heron.

You can also go to goodreads.com for the newest releases each month or check out the New York Times Bestseller List for fiction and non-fiction books. Local libraries and book stores also offer book clubs, to familiarize you with different authors and titles.

SUMMARY

■ Mid-winter is the perfect time to settle in with a good book.

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WHAT YOU MISSED *in the* MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

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

Multiple exits and entrances, hills and ice make few-mile stretch through Fenton dangerous.

Village president resigns

Health and family cited as reasons Holly Village President Jim Perkins resigned.

Aki's murder trial moving forward

Abdurrahman "Abdu" Aki's case will proceed now that the autopsy report has been turned in.

Diets pause for 'Paczki Day'

Popular fried treat enjoyed ahead of the Lenten season.



Former Holly Village president dies at 70

Jeff Miller remembered for his quick wit and outspoken comments at Holly Village Council meetings.

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■■■
I CAN'T BELIEVE the right wing hate and misinformation and outright lies the people believe. You ought to go back and look at when Hitler was taking over Germany and the lies he told.

■■■
COLUMBINE, VIRGINIA TECH, Sandy Hook, Charleston, Aurora Colorado, Pulse night club, and now Parkland Florida. What do all of these have in common. Gun free zones. How many mass shootings have ever happened at a gun range?

■■■
I WILL VOTE for anybody that can lower taxes.

■■■
NO BIG SURPRISE that there are many accidents at the Silver Lake and Torrey Road section of U.S. 23. I always see people struggling to get onto the expressway while dodging the traffic using the Torrey Road exit. Use your signals, we cannot read your minds.

■■■
LIBERALS ARE UNEDUCATABLE. The best defense against a tank is another tank. The best defense against a school shooter are armed teachers. Don't create soft targets by creating gun-free zones.

■■■
ROBERT MUELLER WAS appointed FBI director by Bush and Obama. Mueller has the job of drowning Trump in the swamp.

■■■
I HEARD A rumor that American robins have been wintering in Canada and northeastern states. Just yesterday I saw one in my yard and thought either the rumor is true, or spring is coming. I hope the latter.

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Meet ROB FRENCH

- Times' route driver
- Baron's Motorcycle Club member
- University of Michigan football fan

By Sally Rummel

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Rob French, 39, graduated from Fenton High School in 1996 and works as Bindery Supervisor at Allied Media in Fenton. He and his wife, Trina, live in Flushing and have three children — Darian, 21, who is married and lives in Italy; Madelyn, 15 and Aiden, 11.

What do you do as a Bindery Supervisor at Allied?

I'm the 'finish guy.' I do all the cutting and folding of print jobs. I'm also a driver for the Times next door. I've worked at Allied for 18 years and I've been a driver on and off for about 15 years.



What's it like to deliver the Times in the winter?

This last weekend was a prime example of the challenges of delivering papers in the snow. Especially on my route, which is mostly dirt roads and back roads. I use my own car and deliver about 510 papers. I drive about 130 miles — it's a big route to cover. It usually takes me about five hours, but it took me eight hours on Saturday. I usually leave my house at 3 a.m.

The Times front office calls me the 'route fixer' because I'm always trying to make sure subscriber houses are properly marked and I pick up any papers left lying around.

When you're not working, how do you like to spend your time?

Trina and I like riding with Baron's Motorcycle Club. It's a family based charity club based in Gaines. It's all about riding and having fun while helping as many people as we can. Our biggest event is Summerfest, raising money for the Gaines Community Council which helps local families, Boy Scout troops and other organizations. We also have a fun husband-wife ride and a Memorial Day ride.

"If I could change places with anyone, it would be a professional football player."

Rob French

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Rob French was born and raised in Fenton, and is bindery operator for Allied Media. He also rides Harley motorcycles.

Any other hobbies?

I like hanging out with my kids and playing football with my son. I have two Harleys; my wife likes to ride, too, and this summer, we hope to ride up through the U.P. (Upper Peninsula).

If you could change anything about yourself, what would it be?

I'd like to be a little less stressed out, a little more easy-going.

How far have you traveled, and where would you like to go if money and time weren't an object?

I've been to California, Florida, Tennessee and Kentucky, we've got relatives all over. I'd like to go to Italy, my daughter is a photographer over there, but it's pretty expensive to get there.

What is something about you that most people probably don't know?

If I could change place with anyone, it would be a professional football player. I always wanted to play pro football. I'm kind of a big Tom Brady fan, a big Wolverine fan. I'm a screamer when it comes to watching a football game. Even the dog leaves the room.

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Beauty and brains are criteria for unique dating sites

■ You can find your romantic match in specialty websites that focus on looks, intelligence

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Are you looking to date someone as beautiful or as smart as you think you are?

Thanks to a number of niche websites in the digital dating world, you now can aspire to pair yourself with the perfect mate, maybe with the long-term dream of creating children with these positive attributes.

Beauty

While this may sound shallow to many of us, attraction based on physical appearance is nothing new, and it's now being capitalized on in sites like BeautifulPeople.com. Designed for only the most attractive among us, BeautifulPeople.com was launched in Denmark in 2002 and in the United States in 2005.

On this online dating site, beauty isn't in the eye of the beholder; it's in the eye of the voter. Prospective members must submit a photo and basic profile to the site. Current members then vote on profiles of the opposite sex over a 48-hour period to determine who is attractive enough to be granted membership.

About 20 percent of applications to the site make it into the community, according to a story on CBSnews.com

This dating site hasn't been without its controversy. In January, 2010, BeautifulPeople removed 5,000 members from the site for gaining weight over the holidays, according to Datingsitereviews.com.

In June 2011, the site was attacked by a virus which allowed users to join without going through the mandatory voting process. These new members falsely believed they had been voted in as "beautiful" and were subsequently kicked off the site.

BeautifulPeople.com also hosts events for its members in major cities around the world. In order to gain entrance, attendees must look as attractive as they have represented themselves online or they will be turned away at the event by "screeners."



Brains

In the contest between beauty and brains, members of Match.com's unique partnership with Mensa International are likely going to be the winners.

In this dating site, members of Mensa International, an organization of people who have an IQ (Intelligence Quotient) in the top 2 percent of the population, look for friendships and love with other Mensans or other intelligent people

outside of this organization.

The only requirement for membership on this site is a score on the top 2 percent on an accepted standardized intelligence test, according to Mensa Match, found on the Mensa website, us.mensa.org. Many of these tests are routinely given in schools, for college preparation and for the military. You can submit your score from a previously taken test, or you can take their own test on-site.

Just about any other category

Just in case beauty and brains aren't your own personal top criteria for dating, you might find your true love on a specialty dating site that matches interests and lifestyles.

• **VeggieDate.com** is an online dating site for vegetarians

• **EquestrianSingles.com** is for horse lovers

• **Gk2Gk.com** is for self-admitted geeks who want to find romance

• **RepublicanPeopleMeet.com** and DemocratPeopleMeet.com is for people who want to stick with their own party

• **MustLovePets.com**, need we say more?

• **FarmersOnly.com**, for an opportunity to roll in the hay, romantically speaking

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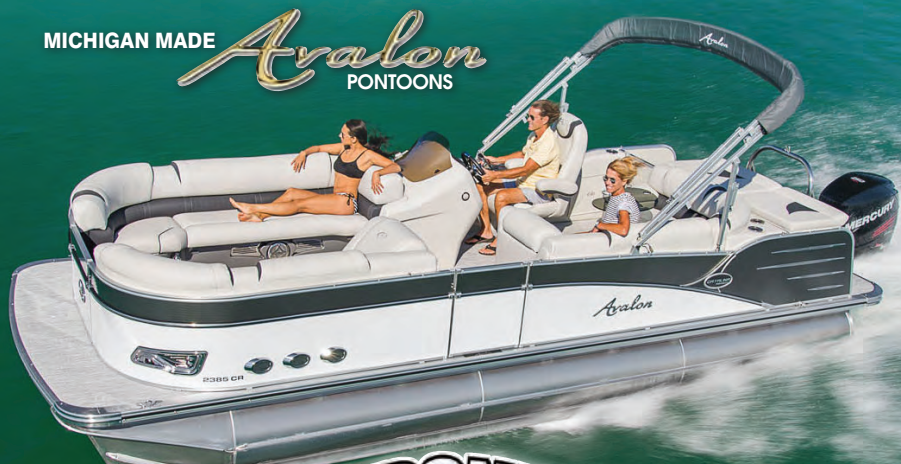
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Have you been victimized?

■ Best to know the statute of limitations if you want to seek charges

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Most crimes have a statute of limitations, or a period of time someone can be prosecuted for a crime. For example, assault has a two-year statute of limitations. This means that if a victim of assault wanted to press charges against the individual who assaulted them, that person would have two years to file the paperwork and recover damages.

John Potbury, Genesee County deputy chief assistant prosecutor said, "Our system of justice requires that defendants be afforded due process and fair trials. Along those lines, the longer the prosecution of a case is delayed, the more likely evidence becomes diminished either through faulty memories of witnesses including possible alibi witnesses for the accused, deterioration of physical evidence or lost evidence. So, in many respects, statutes of limitations are often designed to protect the constitutional rights of the accused but, at the same time, they encourage prompt reporting by victims and witnesses which assists police and prosecutors in putting together a sound case."

Here are the statute of limitations in the state of Michigan for common crimes:

Libel and slander

If an individual wants to file a complaint against another individual or a company for libel or slander, that person has one year. Libel and slander are types of defamatory statements. Libel is a written defamatory statement, and slander is a spoken or oral defamatory statement.

Assault

Assault, battery and false imprisonment have a two-year statute of limitations. If the assault takes place between a spouse, former spouse, with people who share a child, people who are dating, or with people who lived together, the statute of limitations becomes five years. Individuals also have five years to recover damages for these crimes.

Arson and burning

Arson carries a six-year statute of limitations.

Burglary or robbery

Also called breaking and entering or home invasion, this crime has a six-year statute of limitations.

False imprisonment

Unlawfully holding someone against their will carries a six-year statute of limitations.

limitations.

Disorderly conduct

Persons or police wishing to charge someone with disorderly conduct must do so within six years.

Theft

Charging someone with larceny has a six-year expiration date.

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A. George **WASHINGTON** was the only president elected unanimously. All the state representatives voted for him, partly in an attempt to show the new nation was willing to work together.

B. James **MADISON** was the shortest president at 5 feet 4 inches tall. If you guessed Lincoln was the tallest president at 6 feet 4 inches tall, you are right. But, Lyndon Johnson was also 6 feet 4 inches in height. (By the way, Madison and Washington were the only presidents who signed the U.S. Constitution.)

C. John **ADAMS** died on the same day as Thomas Jefferson, July 4, 1826. Amazingly, that day was also the 50th anniversary of the approval of the Declaration of Independence.

D. Franklin **ROOSEVELT** was the first president to appear on television, during a 1939 broadcast from the World's Fair.

E. John F. **KENNEDY** was the first president who was a Boy Scout, and also was the first Catholic elected to the nation's top job.

And just one more, in recognition of Presidents' Day — Grand Rapids' own Gerald **FORD** was the only president with Michigan connections. He served from 1974 to 1977 and is the only leader never elected to the presidency — he had been chosen Vice President serving under President Richard **NIXON** to replace Vice President Spiro **AGNEW**, who resigned in 1973.

President Ford was the longest-living president ever, who died in 2006 halfway through his 93rd year.

SOURCE: nationalgeographic.com

Why do we celebrate Presidents Day?

■ Schools, most banks, post offices, government offices closed on Monday, Feb. 19

By Sally Rummel
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It all started with George Washington.

Our first president was revered for the first 150 or so years of our nation's existence, and every year, the U.S. has commemorated the date of his birth, which was Feb. 22, 1732.

Towns held celebrations to honor the man that has been featured on U.S. Treasury one dollar bills since 1869. The national holiday honoring his birth was established in 1885, 100 years after his presidency. He was only one of three individuals who have official U.S. holidays commemorating their birthdays, including Christopher Columbus and Martin Luther King, Jr., according to biography.com.

In fact, Holly has been home to a special observance of Washington for more than a century, reported the Times in a 2015 story. It is the oldest continuing George Washington Club in the U.S.

From the 1940s to 1968, Americans observed both our 16th President Abraham Lincoln's birthday on Feb. 12 and Washington's birthday on Feb. 22. The Uniform Monday Holiday Act of 1971 moved several holidays to Monday, including the two presidents' birthdays. The new national federal holiday was to be observed on the third Monday of February, and its purpose was to honor all former presidents.

Today, the observance of Presidents



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Four former presidents, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln are carved in stone at Mount Rushmore in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Day means that schools, most banks, county offices and courthouses will be closed.

It also means that many families will take extended vacations because of

some schools also having mid-winter breaks in February. Presidents Day is actually one of Disney World's busiest days of the year in Orlando, Florida, according to tripsavvy.com.

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MURDER

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"Because POF runs primarily on advertising (the pay-off for getting a free service), it isn't the smoothest experience. But if you can see beyond that, you're looking at a low-commitment, easy way to meet lots of available singles," according to askmen.com.

PlentyOfFish's press kit boasts upwards of 100 million global users. Each day, 3.6 million users log on — including 55,000 new members each day — and participate in over 10 million conversations. The site claims to create over 1 million relationships every year and the site states a couple meets on the service every two minutes.

On a side note, only women are allowed to send pictures on POF since too many men were reported to be sending inappropriate content.

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Expect meteor showers and a lunar eclipse

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In 2017, we experienced a solar eclipse and a few other astronomical wonders. Here's what to expect in 2018 from space and beyond.

March 31, Blue Moon

When there are two full moons in one month, the second one is called a Blue Moon. There will be a full moon on March 2 and on March 31, which will be the Blue Moon. It is unlikely to appear blue in color, though. It's rare to have two full moons in one calendar month. A Blue Moon hasn't happened since 1999 and will happen again 19 years from now in 2037.

April 16 to 25, Lyrids meteor shower

This meteor shower comes every year and is expected to peak on April 22 in the morning. The greatest number of meteors usually fall a few hours before dawn.

May 6, Halley's Comet Tear

Remains of the comet will be visible in May during the Eta Aquarids. The best time to see them is before dawn on May 6 in the U.S. This meteor shower is one of two caused by remains of Halley's Comet.

July 27-28, Total lunar eclipse

The second total lunar eclipse of 2018 will start on Friday, July 27 and will be

seen in Australia, Asia, Africa, Europe, South America, and southern parts of North America. Totality will last 103 minutes.

August 11-13, Perseids meteor shower

According to NASA, the Perseids meteor shower will be the best one of the year. People can expect to see about 60-70 meteors per hour, and the best time to watch will be the nights of Aug. 11-12 and Aug. 12-13.

October 21-22, Orionid meteor shower

This meteor shower will be best visible the night of Oct. 21, when the meteors will streak across the sky. These particles come from Halley's Comet, which comes by earth every 75 to 76 years. As it goes around the sun, it leaves a trail of "comet crumbs," according to space.com.

November 15-20, Leonid meteor shower

Some shooting stars are expected to be seen along with this meteor shower. The peak time to watch for activity is Nov. 18. Earth will be passing through a stream of debris left behind by comets and asteroids.

December 13-14 Geminids meteor shower

This meteor shower will peak the night of Dec. 13-14 when bright shooting stars will light up the sky. The individual meteors are bright, and this year's Geminids shower is expected to bring more than one meter per minute, reaching 100 meters per hour.

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Criminal Sexual Conduct

Charges must be filed within 10 years of the offense for cases involving penetration or sexual contact with individuals between the ages of 13 and 19, or by the alleged victim's 21st birthday, whichever comes later. If new DNA evidence arises, a case can be filed within 10 years of the discovery.

Misconduct by law enforcement

The statute of limitations for charging a sheriff, the office of the sheriff, or the sheriff's deputies with misconduct is two years.

Wrongful death or injury to a person

The statute of limitations is three years after the time of death or injury to recover damages for the death of a person, or injury to a person or property. This includes wrongful death lawsuits.

Medical Malpractice

The statute of limitations for malpractice is two years. This includes bringing malpractice charges against a state licensed architect, professional engineer or licensed professional surveyor.

Identity theft

Victims of identity theft can file charges within six years after the act is committed, or six years after the identity of the of the suspect is discovered.

Ten-year statute of limitations

An indictment can be filed for kidnapping, extortion, and assault with intent or conspiracy to commit murder, attempted murder, manslaughter, or first-degree degree home invasion within 10 years, or 10 years after learning the identity of the individual. If the offense is reported to the police within one year of the incident and the identity of the suspect is unknown,



Persons or police wishing to charge someone with disorderly conduct must do so within six years.

an indictment of that offense can be filed within 10 years of identification.

25-year statute of limitations

Crimes with a 25-year statute of limitations include human trafficking crimes, such as forced labor or services, holding an individual in debt bondage, recruit people for human trafficking, among other acts. This is known as "Theresa Flores's Law."

Crimes with no statute of limitations

Crimes with no statute of limitations include murder, conspiracy to commit murder, solicitation to commit murder, or criminal sexual conduct in the first degree. This also includes terrorism offenses that resulted in, or created a foreseeable risk of death or serious bodily injury to another person.

"I believe the legislature should consider lengthening the statute of limitations for criminal sexual conduct charges beyond 1st degree and all such crimes involving children," Potbury said.

Source: Judicature Act of 1961, Michigan Code of Criminal Procedure, USA Patriot Act, lawyers.com

TRAGEDY

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Activism often follows tragedy. Phil and Laura Quasarano, Len's parents, started The Q Project, which is an organization that gives carbon monoxide detectors away for free. Now, the couple is letting the Fenton Township Fire Department handle the carbon monoxide detectors, and they have focused on Griefshare support groups to help people deal with the death of a loved one.

The couple started the groups at The Rock Church in March of 2017, and now have sessions every Tuesday and Thursday, from 7 to 9 p.m. Each session lasts 14 weeks.

"It's a broad range of grieving experiences, of things that brought them here," Phil said. "What we've learned is that grief is grief. Whether it's your grandma or your brother, it's the same sensation."

Laura said they noticed a need for griefshare groups at the memorial service they held for their son, daughter-in-law and grandkids.

"At the memorial service, we had several people show up and who did not know us and never knew our kids, and stayed after to talk with us and ask us how are we surviving it," Laura said.

Phil said it's been healing for a lot of people, especially their family.

"It's so therapeutic to be with others as they share, you share," he said. "You get the part where you see people really heal and move on with their life, move forward."

Their faith in Jesus Christ has helped them these past two years. When talking about the day his family was discovered in the house, Phil said he almost fell off "the rock."

"Jesus tells us that if we put our faith in him, we stand on the rock. No matter what storm comes, you won't be shaken. He'll hold us on the rock. So I'm out there in the backyard after witnessing all these things and I'm crying out 'Jesus, you promised me this' and I'm falling off the rock," he said. "It hurt."

Phil said Jesus brings people into our lives to help and to encourage them to keep them on the rock. For Phil on that day, it was Genesee County Undersheriff Chris Swanson, Capt. Casey Tafoya, and Lt. Bill Lanning.

"Men of faith, each and every one of them, just surrounded us and in that strength, Jesus held me on the rock. He held us on the rock that day and it continued," he said. Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter and Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz were on scene as well and prayed with them.

"We have seen so many people gather together in support of us, which we're very grateful for, but in support of the community at large," he said. "The plea to the community is to step into someone's life. You only have to step into one. You don't have to save the world."

Phil said that they still haven't put up many pictures of the family, but they're finding their way forward.

Laura said through griefshare, she's been able to move in the right direction because she can now physically say, "In February 2016, my son Len, daughter-in-law Heather, and my grandchildren Luke, Brenden, Rachel and Grant beat me to heaven."

Nina Quasarano, sister of Len, said, "I just put my boots on and keep moving. The more time I spend serving other people, the happier I know I'll be. Every waking moment I spend serving someone else because I know in the end that is what's worth more than anything else in the world."

She said she's learned to handle her grief like a cape, that it's blowing in the wind behind her with the image of the people you're remembering. "It's heavy and weighs you down but at the same time



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Phil, Laura and daughter Nina Quasarano stand in front of the tree that used to belong to Len and Heather Quasarano. Each color of string represents one of the family members who died.

makes you stronger," she said.

Phil said once you've experienced grief like this, it gives you a drive to want to help other people.

"That's what Jesus calls you to do. Go into the world and share the word of the Gospel... now I have a boldness about me knowing that anyone could be gone at any time," he said.

Phil stressed the importance of faith, and how his faith in Jesus Christ is what's carried him forward.

"It's not about a church, it's not about a building," he said.

The Q Project

The Q Project focuses on three topics, Laura said: faith, family and carbon monoxide awareness. The Quasaranos were rooted in their faith and cared deeply about family. Phil added that he's hoping to have Bible studies with first responders to help them deal with post-traumatic stress disorder.

The Q Project partnered with the Fenton Township Fire Department and have given away 2,500 carbon monoxide detectors for free throughout the county so far. Nina Quasarano, sister of Len, said every home should have a detector on each floor and right outside each bedroom.

Fire Chief Ryan Volz said when they get a call for carbon monoxide, the batteries usually ran out or the machine is past its shelf life. They always replace the detector with a new one.

Volz was on scene at the house when they got the call on Sunday, Feb. 21.

"It still sticks in the back of your head," he said. "It's getting close. The 21st is just around the corner. I kind of always recognize it on the 19th, the night the power went out."



The incident

The 911 call came in at 1:59 p.m. on Feb. 21, 2016 and Linden Police responded at 2:05 p.m. After police secured the scene, the Fenton Township Fire Department ventilated the house, which took about an hour and a half. The generator was not running when police arrived. Police entered the home and confirmed that the Quasarano family were found dead in different rooms of the house. The 10,000 BTU generator and a 40-gallon propane tank, which is believed to be the source of the carbon monoxide, were found in the basement. There were no carbon monoxide detectors in the house.

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HEPATITIS A

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Hepatitis A is caused by the hepatitis A virus (HAV), which is found in the feces of people with the disease. Symptoms include nausea and vomiting, belly pain, exhaustion, fever, loss of appetite, yellowing of skin and eyes, dark urine, pale-colored feces and joint pain.

Genesee County has had 10 confirmed cases since Aug. 1, 2016 to Feb. 6, 2018, and hepatitis A has been confirmed in restaurant workers at two Metro Detroit locations.

In response to the outbreak in November 2017, Lt. Gov. Brian Calley announced the activation of the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) to coordinate the state's response.

"The health and safety of Michiganders is the top priority as we work

to contain and prevent this deadly virus from spreading further," Calley said in a press statement. "Activating the SEOC will ensure that all state and local agencies are working together to combat this outbreak."

The SEOC, which is overseen by the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division, coordinates response and recovery efforts by state agencies and local government.

Hepatitis A spreads by contaminated food or water, during sex or just by living with a contaminated person. The illness can appear 15-50 days after exposure and can cause sickness for several weeks, and in some cases, death. Not all infected people show symptoms.

Currently, one group at high risk for contracting the disease are men who have sex with men.

To protect against hepatitis A

- get vaccinated
- wash your hands after using the restroom and before preparing food
- use your own towels, toothbrushes and eating utensils
- do not have sex with someone who has hepatitis A
- do not share food, drinks, drugs, or cigarettes with other people
- if you think you have the disease, see a physician
- if you have the disease, cooperate with your local public health providers to help protect others

Vaccination

"The hepatitis A vaccine is more than 90 percent effective in protecting someone who may be exposed to the disease," said Dr. Eden Wells, chief medical executive with MDHHS in a statement.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention identifies the adult hepatitis A vaccine as constrained, which means the vaccine supplies to the state are limited by the CDC. The MDHHS said there are enough vaccines to support stopping the outbreak.

PEOPLE AT HIGH RISK FOR HEPATITIS A

According to the MDHHS, these people should consider getting the vaccine.

- Persons who **use injection** or non-injection drugs
- Persons who have **close contact**, care for, or live with someone who has HAV
- **Travelers** to countries with high or medium rates of HAV
- Persons with **chronic liver disease**, such as cirrhosis, hepatitis B, or hepatitis C
- Persons with **clotting factor disorders**
- **Men** who have sex with men
- Persons who are currently **homeless** or in transient living conditions
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This was part of the “LOL Emoji Challenge,” an event held by the GDL at several of the different local branches. This event is created for children, and is one of a variety hosted by the Jack R. Winegarden Library in Fenton.

On Friday, Badgley came back for story time, which included simple percussion activities and the big colorful parachute.

“We try to do a variety of cultural things,” said Chris Heron, senior librarian in Fenton. “Concerts, magicians, things people don’t normally seek out.”

The main branch of the GDL at 4195 W. Pasadena Ave., Flint, offers basic computer classes every Tuesday. Lately, adults have been coming for tax forms and tax information booklets.

Aside from educational programs and practical offerings, the library is good for regular entertainment. Heron said the library just got a copy of “Wonder,” a popular movie at elementary schools last fall. “I’m excited because it just came out on DVD,” said Heron.

Danielle Fox is adult services manager for the Holly Township Library (HTL) in Holly. She said they have several unique events coming up, like three sessions of



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Anna Marie Jackson, 4, of Fenton Township reacts to a story at Fenton Jack R. Winegarden Library on Friday, Feb. 9. She came with grandparents David and Marjie Andrejciw (right).

a genealogy class in March.

Like the GDL, the HTL is a free service to the community. “They learn different things they wouldn’t necessarily get any-

where else,” she said.

The HTL held a cupcake decorating class recently, and partnered with a local company. “Our patrons really enjoyed

having that program,” she said. They also run technology classes, and classes about basic email, and Microsoft Word skills. “It helps their life as well, careers-wise,” she said. “We like to balance having fun classes, as well as informative.”

Most local libraries are trying to become a community center, not just a place to check out books. Fox said even if someone comes to sit and relax, and not read or use the WIFI, she wants them to be comfortable at the library.

Said Heron, “I think (libraries) will still continue to be a place the community can count on to help them with their information needs, whether learning a new technology, or bringing their kids for story times.”

In the future, Heron hopes libraries will stay ahead of the technology curve. Whether programming, the digital library, or providing tax forms, Heron said, “We need to continue to evaluate what’s going to make us relevant in the future for people’s lives.”

The GDL is also supported by a county-wide millage. The Holly Township Library is supported by a millage paid by Holly Village, Township, and Rose and Groveland Township residents.

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His latest contract was not scheduled to expire until Sept. 30, 2019.

On Friday, Feb. 9, the Road Commission Board voted to accept a severance agreement with Daly, who will receive a \$100,000 buyout in exchange for his resignation, according to the agreement which was obtained by MLive via the Freedom of Information Act.

Former Road Commissioner David Miller had a frank discussion with the board at its Nov. 21, 2017 meeting, according to the minutes of that meeting which is posted online.

Miller addressed the board and staff at that meeting regarding something of great concern to him that was ongoing in the county. He referred to three unnamed Genesee County Commissioners who allegedly held “back room” meetings with a “few” Road Commissioners to terminate Daly’s employment.

When he was made aware of this, Miller called an emergency meeting with the County Board to discuss these back room meetings.

According to the minutes, “Mr. Miller stated that these back room meetings are illegal under the Open Meetings Act. Mr. Daly has the right to go under a review process before Mr. Daly can be let go from his position. You cannot fire Mr. Daly and then go to the review process. It is also illegal for one Road Commissioner to fire Manager-Director John Daly. That is why we have a five-member Board of Road Commissioners.

“Mr. Miller stated, this is the worst thing in the world the County is trying to do. If the Board goes forward with this, it can be construed as extortion and possible cause the Road Commissioners involved to go to jail.

“Under Torious interference (Tort Interference Law), interfering with a third party contract is against the law, which is what these three County Board members were trying to do. The County Board was basically asking the Board of Road Commissioners to commit extortion and possibly go to jail. ...”

Miller stated later in the meeting that he is a whistleblower in this situation and said he has given interviews to every newspaper in this state. He said he called the Attorney General, the Lieutenant

Government, local legislators and law enforcement in this state. He further has given copies of all the emails and documents he has to all those people mentioned, including the FBI.

Daly allegedly received a termination notice in November, which was later deemed illegal and invalid. In early January, the board voted to allow their attorney to begin talks on a severance package, which has been under negotiations for a month.

The minutes of this and subsequent meetings can be found online at www.gcrc.org, under the About Us tab.

Since that meeting, Miller resigned, claiming he was pressured by county commissioners to replace Daly.

“After a year as commissioner in Genesee County, this is not surprising of the cronyism and circular-door hiring that I’ve seen during

my time in office,” said Commissioner Drew Shapiro (District. 6). “Although the Genesee County Road Commission has been far from perfect, I believe John Daly has done a good job with the limited resources he’s been provided with.

“This type of political corruption is the exact reason that I am running for higher office,” he said. “The lack of integrity and transparency from elected officials from local level all the way to federal level is why I feel the need to fight.”

Daly has declined to comment on the severance, which was part of the agreement. His wife, however, posted on her Facebook page that on Feb. 9, after three months of intense pressure, some County Board members were successful in exerting enough pressure on the Genesee County Road Commissioners to force the early retirement of her husband.

“Everyone, stay tuned to see what’s next,” she posted. “This probably won’t end well for some.” She also implied in her posts that this is not over and that a “part 2” is coming.

Daly, in the meantime, will be on a paid vacation that started this week until April 2, according to the agreement, and his salary and benefits will end at that time.

The Road Commission is currently being run by two administrators — Anthony Branch, the director of maintenance, and Fred Peivandi, director of engineering.



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My young friends will try just about anything to get their children to eat. One discovered that with her little boy, it was all about presentation.

One day she took a plastic ice cube tray and dropped something delicious and colorful in each opening. One opening had a couple of grapes, the next a couple of baby carrots, a couple cubes of Cheddar cheese in the next tray, then a couple of pretzels and so on. Presented in such a "princely" way in the ice cube tray made him feel so special he ate as much of it as he could. And it was all good for him.

Parents know, or eventually figure out, what it will take to make their child eat. Don't fret because when your children are hungry they will eat. You just need to make sure that what they eat is balanced and mostly good for them.

Here are a couple of tips to get you started on the right path:

Make a schedule

Children need to eat every three to four hours — three meals, two snacks, and lots of fluids. If you plan for these, your child's diet will be much more balanced and he'll be less cranky, because he won't be famished. You can avoid the fast food trap when you're out and about with your kids by keeping a small cooler in the car and keep it stocked with carrots, pretzels, yogurt, and water.

Plan dinners

If thinking about a weekly menu is too overwhelming start with two or three days at a time. A good dinner doesn't have to be fancy, but it should be balanced and include whole-grain bread, rice, or pasta; a fruit or a vegetable; and a protein source like lean meat, cheese or beans.

Don't become a short-order cook

When we were kids, we ate what dad ate when he got home from work. Period! Some younger parents have gotten into the bad habit of making two dinners — one the kids will like and one for the parents. That's exhausting and costly. Just prepare one meal for everybody and serve it family style so the kids can pick and choose what they want. Children often



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Sneaking vegetables into popular meals is a great way to make sure your child is getting a little veggie nutrition.

mimic their parents' behavior, so one of these days, they'll eat most of the food that is being served.

Bite your tongue

As hard as this may be, try not to comment on what or how much your kids are eating. Be as neutral as possible. Remember, you've done your job as a parent by serving balanced meals; your kids are responsible for eating them. If you play food enforcer — saying things like "Eat your vegetables" — your child will only resist.

Dip it

If your kids won't eat vegetables, experiment with dips. Have them try carrots, celery or other vegetable with some ranch salad dressing, or other dip.

Make mornings count

Most families don't eat enough fiber on a daily basis, and breakfast is an easy place to sneak it in. Look for high-fiber cereals for a quick fix. Or make up batches of whole-grain pancake and waffle batter that last all week.

Sneak it in

If your kids really don't like vegetables, you can sneak some into their meals. Pureed vegetables can be mixed with pasta sauce for a wonderful spaghetti dinner, for example. Avocado thoroughly blended with chocolate pudding also is a delicious treat. Kids probably won't even know it's in there.

Sprinkle some sugar

Kids usually like cooked carrots with a bit of brown sugar mixed in. Others like a sprinkle of sugar on their fruit. They'll eventually outgrow this need for extra sweetness, but in the meantime, they're eating fruits and vegetables.

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What readers say...

■ **Donna Zeman** is a local mother and grandmother. "Well, I know my technique, but today's young parents don't agree. They get what's made and if they don't like it, they go hungry. Many young parents believe in catering to their kids. The kid won't starve. They'll learn they can't manipulate the parents if the parent chooses to be in charge, and not let the kid be in charge. Sorry if this offends some, but that's what I feel and believe."

■ **Brad Wright**, a teacher at Fenton High School and proud dad, said, "I found that having my kids help prepare the meal made them more likely to try and even like the food we were having."

■ **Lee Oppenheimer Knorr**, a mom and grandmother who grew up in Linden said, "We had the 'one bite' rule in my house. If I prepared something new and the kids were saying 'ew!' they had to try one healthy bite. If they hated it, I wouldn't make them eat it. Heck, I wouldn't eat something I hated. Honestly though, they liked it more often than not. I felt that that was a fair way to go about it."



■ **Mary Rendon** is raising her two grandchildren. "If they don't like what I made — tough — go hungry, but I also will allow them to have a sandwich later, maybe."

■ **Dana Wigton** said, "They eat what you make or starve. I also gave the food names like Kung Foo Chicken and karate chops to make it sound cool. Hid veggies in meals. Oh, and I used the timeless 'you don't get dessert unless you eat everything on your plate.'"

■ **Nancy Anderson Hanks** of Holly said, "I used to serve two vegetables and they had to choose one even if it was just a few bites."

■ **Bonnie Green Raymond** said, "If they didn't want to eat what I made, they could make themselves a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. I already made something."



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McDonald's fries cure for baldness?

■ Certain material used in oil is able to grow hair on mice

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The cure for baldness may lie in an ingredient used to make a popular fast-food item — McDonald's French fries.

Hair growth didn't result from eating the fries — hair growth occurred because scientists used a certain kind of silicone on bald mice.

On the Times Facebook page, Jason Pellett said "McDonald's should research it. If it works, embrace. Start a balding treatment center."

Japanese scientists from the Yokohama National University used dimethylpolysiloxane, which is a silicone added to McDonald's fries to stop cooking oil from frothing, in order to grow hair on hairless mice. The study was published in

the journal Biomaterials.

The scientists used dimethylpolysiloxane to help mass producing hair follicle germs (HFGs), which are cells that drive follicle development and are known to greatly aid hair-loss studies. After mass producing 5,000 HFGs, the scientists seeded the germs into a chip and implanted it to the mouse's body.

The mice were growing hairs within days of the treatment.

One of the authors and researchers, Junji Fukuda, said, "This simple method is very robust and promising. We hope that this technique will improve human hair regenerative therapy to treat hair loss such as androgenic alopecia."

More Facebook reactions:

Scott Carter said, "If true, I would have way thicker hair."

Ryan Rife said, "If true, McDonald's needs to capitalize on it."

Source: newsweek.com, sciencydaily.com



VEGETABLES

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Get kids cooking

If your children become involved in choosing or preparing meals, they'll be more interested in eating what they've created. Take them to the store, and let them choose produce for you. If they're old enough, allow them to cut up vegetables and mix them into a salad.

Cut back on junk

Remember, you — not your kids — are in charge of the foods that enter the house. By having fewer junk foods around, you'll force your children to eat more fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and dairy products.

Allow treats

Having less healthy foods occasionally keeps them from becoming forbidden — and therefore more appealing. Candy, soda, and cookies should be considered

"sometime" foods. Let them have sugary cereals when they visit their grandparents or when on vacation. And treat them to McDonald's for lunch every so often.

Be a role model

If you're constantly on a diet or have erratic eating habits, your children will grow up thinking that this sort of behavior is normal. Be honest with yourself about the kinds of food messages you're sending. Trust your body to tell you when you're hungry and when you're full, and your kids will learn to do the same.

Adjust your attitude

Realize that what your kids eat over time is what matters. Having popcorn at the movies or eating an ice-cream sundae are some of life's real pleasures. As long as you balance these times with smart food choices and physical activity, your children will be fine.

Source: Parents.com

HOT LINE CONTINUED

ONCE AGAIN THE Republicans cave into the Democrats and give them a whopping spending increase. They could not refuse, adding to the already enormous national debt.

BARACK OBAMA, AFTER graduating from Harvard Law School Magna Cum Laude, worked as a lawyer and taught constitutional law at the University of Chicago Law School. He then entered politics as an Illinois State senator where he was re-elected.

IF DREAMERS WANTED to remain here then they should have been work-

ing on becoming a legal US citizen. Obviously this doesn't apply to the 'minors' but there are plenty of dreamers who are 18 and older with no evidence of attempting to become a legal US citizen.

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Bronchos strong season ends in frustration in regional semifinals

By David Troppens
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Goodrich — There's no question, the Holly varsity wrestling team had a great season.

With a lineup that included a large number of freshmen the entire year, the Bronchos finished the season with a

32-7 record overall, went undefeated in Metro League dual play, won the Metro League championship outright and then won a team district title as well.

But, with all those positives, the season didn't end the way the Bronchos hoped. The issue wasn't that the Bronchos lost to Goodrich in the regional

semifinal round 47-18. It was how they lost.

"We just didn't show up today," senior wrestler Carsen Cuthbert said. "It wasn't a good day for us. We've wrestled that team before and we were much close in score. I'm

disappointed to face the team again and not do as well."

Varsity wrestling coach Don Pluta pretty much repeated Cuthbert's remarks. "It was a tough loss. There was no energy," Pluta said.

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Holly's David McCarthy



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Fenton's Korryn Smith attempts a shot in a recent game. Smith scored 16 points in the Tigers' victory against Flushing.

Tigers end Flushing's 54-game win streak

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Flushing's 54-game Metro League win streak is over.

And the Fenton varsity girls basketball team is the reason why it is over.

The Tigers played what probably was their best game of the season defeating Flushing, the defending Class A state champions, 68-50 in Flushing's own home gym on Tuesday night.

"The thing was going into last night

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Blue Devils are steadily getting better

■ Lake Fenton makes it three wins in four games, defeats Genesee Christian, 45-29

By David Troppens
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Lake Fenton — After a slow start to Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball season, things are starting to change in recent weeks.

The Blue Devils have won three of their last four games. And even the contests the Blue Devils are losing in the last month, they are much more competitive in those matches than earlier in the season. The progress continued on Tuesday when the Blue Devils took an early lead and never trailed after getting that lead, earning a 45-29 victory against Genesee Christian at Lake Fenton High School.

"We are spreading the ball better, getting used to the game," junior Hunter Schramm said. "Everybody is looking for one

another. Everything is clicking right now."

First-year varsity boys basketball coach Brian McInerney knows why the wins are starting to come more frequently. He has a chart that lists a handful of key goals for the squad each week. They start with things outside the court like eligibility and then extend to the court with keys like limiting turnovers, hitting a certain percentage of free throws, winning the rebound battle and limiting fouls.

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Lake Fenton's Matt Turgeon attempts a shot in a recent game. The Blue Devils defeated Genesee Christian, 45-29.



Tigers lose a heartbreaker vs. Mustangs, 55-53

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Fenton — The rapidly improving Fenton Tigers were primed for an upset Tuesday night while hosting the league leading Flushing Raiders.

Beset by turnovers early and late in the game and foul troubles for several starters, the Tigers led for all but a few minutes of the game before faltering late as Flushing closed it out for the 55-53 win.

Things looked bleak early for the home team as starter Nolan Lawrence picked up two fouls in the first two minutes of the game and then picked up a third barely halfway through the opening quarter. Flushing moved out to an early lead but inspired by a 3-pointer from AJ LePage off the bench late in the third quarter, Fenton

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Ford, Bundy lead area skiers at regional meet

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Usually tri-county ski teams don't have to worry about facing the northern ski squads until the state meet.

This year it was a little different.

The Holly/Oxford and the Fenton/Linden teams had to go to Cannonsburg Ski Area and compete against schools from Traverse City and Marquette. That made qualifying for the state meet much harder than in past years.

And as a result, none of the area teams did qualify as complete teams to the state meet. However, the area did qualify two individuals to the state meet. Holly/Oxford's Connor Ford and Fenton/Linden's Parker Bundy finished in the top 10 of the men's giant slalom and will compete at the state meet at Boyne Mountain on Feb. 26.

Holly/Oxford's boys came the closest to qualifying for the state meet, taking fourth with a team score of 166.5. Fen-

ton/Linden's boys ski team took sixth (245). In women's action, Fenton/Linden took eighth (296) and Holly/Oxford took ninth (299).

The Holly/Oxford boys were in third place after the giant slalom, but placed a distant fourth in the slalom, keeping them from earning a team state bid. Fenton/Linden placed sixth overall.

Connor Ford was the area's top performer, taking third in the giant slalom (GS) with a combined time of 52.78 seconds. Ford was just .07 seconds inside a state trip after his first run, but then capped his GS event with a 26.30 second run, the second-best time during the second run. Fenton/Linden's Parker Bundy placed fifth with his first run (26.35). However, a 15th-place time of 26.87 on his second run meant he had to wait it out, qualifying by .16 seconds.

Bundy beat out Holly/Oxford's Jack Ford for the final individual state qualifying spot. Ford finished with a combined time



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Jack Ford missed out qualifying for the state meet by just one place, taking 11th in the giant slalom at the regional meet.

of 53.38 seconds. Not far behind Ford was Max Ford in 14th (53.64). Connor Denman capped the Holly/Oxford effort in the giant slalom taking 33rd (55.08).

Fenton/Linden's next best competitor was Braden Lapa in 32nd (55.03). He was followed by Devon Mann in 37th (56.15) and Devon Cherney in 46th (57.49).

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Blue Devils make comeback attempts but fall to Goodrich

By David Troppens
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The Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team tried to stick with typical GAC powers Goodrich as long as possible on Tuesday.

After falling behind by as many as 17 in the second quarter, the Blue Devils cut the gap to 10 at least twice.

However, Goodrich ended the third quarter with a 9-0 run and never looked back after that, earning a 65-40 home victory against Lake Fenton.

Lake Fenton (0-9 in the GAC and 5-12 overall) trailed 19-9 after one quarter, and saw the lead grow to 17 points at one time in the second quarter. The Blue Devils cut the gap to just 35-25 by halftime. In the third quarter, the Martians expanded the lead again, only to have the Blue Devils fight back and cut the deficit to just 42-32. However, that's when Goodrich went on the 9-0 run to end the third quarter, making it a 51-32 lead entering the fourth stanza.

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Lake Fenton's Katelyn Siebert scored 14 points in the Blue Devils' loss to Goodrich on Tuesday.

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we talked about how Flushing has not lost this year in the Metro and quite honestly I forgot about their big streak not thinking about the past years," Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Rebecca Moore said. "So when (I was asked the question about the streak it) stunned me.

I wasn't even thinking of that as I was preparing for them. We were trying to get the win this season."

The Tigers did just that. Despite Chloe Idoni suffering from foul troubles in the first half, the Tigers proved early on they planned on trying to end the Lady Raiders' league win streak.

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went on to lead 15-9 at the end of the first stanza. It was LePage's first game back from injury and he was warmly welcomed back by the Fenton faithful.

The Tigers upped the early margin to 19-9 as the Fenton defense held the Raid-

ers scoreless for more than four minutes. But, late in the second quarter, Flushing battled back to chip into the Fenton lead and only trailed 25-21 before an Addison McIntosh three made it 28-21 with 1:35 left in the half. The Tigers lead 28-24 at the break.

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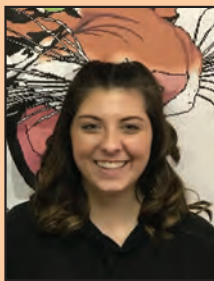
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