

Consumers Energy warns of imposters attempting to enter homes

■ Gas company will always provide advance notice if home entry is required

Compiled By Sharon Stone
Consumers Energy is notifying the public to

be aware that imposters claiming to be from the energy provider are trying to coerce residents to let them into their homes.
Instead, Consumers Energy says to dial 911 to call the police.
“We have received reports from the east and west sides of Michigan from customers who

told us that someone posing as a Consumers Energy employee tried to convince the residents to let them into their homes,” said Chris Bush, Consumers Energy director of corporate security. “Real representatives of Consumers Energy will never use the tactics these imposters are
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Criminal sexual conduct charges in Fenton Township

■ Flint man jailed in connection with May 27 complaint

By Sharon Stone
A 44-year-old Flint man, formerly of Fenton Township, has been charged with two counts of criminal sexual conduct (CSC), which allegedly occurred in the 11000 block of Linden Road in Fenton Township on May 27.
Michael Dennis Pollard was arraigned Dec. 8 in 67th District Court on one count of first-degree CSC and one count of second-degree CSC.

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Michael Dennis Pollard

‘It’s the most wonderful time of the year’



Ray and Tish Guenther of Tyrone Township spend nearly a month decorating 3.5 acres of their property on Germany Road with hundreds of classic yard ornaments. “This is our Christmas,” Tish said. The couple has been collecting the decorations since they married in 1971. The pieces adorn the trees and many are suspended in the air, creating a sprawling dramatic landscape bursting with light. They said passersby leave postcards in their mailbox thanking them for the display. **Photo: Tim Jagielo**

More area townships reacting to new recreational marijuana law

■ Tyrone Township votes to prohibit pot establishments

By Vera Hogan
Tyrone Township officials have joined other area leaders and voted unanimously to prohibit marijuana establishments
See MARIJUANA on 5



Tyrone Township Hall **Photo: Tim Jagielo**

Fenton man charged with OWI-third offense

■ Preliminary exam set for today, Wednesday, Dec. 19

By Sharon Stone
Joseph Medor, 54, of Fenton Township is expected in Genesee County 67th District Court Wednesday, Dec. 19 for a scheduled preliminary exam. He was arraigned Nov. 14 on one count of operating a vehicle
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Holly man's name to be honored on plaque 50 years later

■ Richard Charles Bachert was killed in action in Vietnam Dec. 21, 1968

By Vera Hogan

Well-deserved and long overdue, the name Richard Charles Bachert will be on the KIA Veterans' Honor Plaque in the village of Holly as of Friday, Dec. 21.

A small ceremony has been planned for the 50th anniversary of Bachert being killed in action in Vietnam. The ceremony, which will take place by the plaque that is attached to the former township offices, 102 Civic Drive, in downtown Holly, will begin at 11 a.m. and the public is invited.

According to good friend Charles Nichols, Bachert was born Feb. 16, 1949 and raised in White Lake Township. He attended Davisburg Elementary School and Mabel D. Bensett Junior High School and Holly High School.

His tour of duty in Vietnam began Aug. 28, 1968. He was killed in action Dec. 21, 1968. He earned the following decorations: Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Distinguished Unit Citation, Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation and Good Conduct Medal.

"Dicky and I were best friends from the time we met at the age of 7 in White Lake," Nichols said. "He and I were Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts in the White Lake Troops and attended White Lake Presbyterian Church."

"Dicky had a Pontiac Press paper route at the age of 10," he added. "During summer break from school we worked at many of the same places. As I recall, we were hauling hay at a neighbor's farm, working at the local IGA store, working

The ceremony honoring Richard Bachert is Friday, Dec. 21 at 11 a.m. at the former township offices in downtown Holly.



Richard Charles Bachert as he appears on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at virtualwall.org. Submitted photo

at the Reed Roofing Company, and later, working at Hi-Mill Tubular Products in Highland, after we got driver's licenses.

"His prize possession was a blue, 1964 Chevrolet Impala with a 4-speed transmission and a 409 cubic inch engine," Nichols said.

The impetus for the belated addition to the Honor Wall in Holly started three years ago.

"I returned to Michigan in 2015 after residing in Boulder, Colorado for 28 years," Nichols said. "Pursuant to discussions with mutual childhood friends, Joe Hutchins (former Holly Village president) observed that Dicky's name was not on the KIA Veterans' Honor Plaque. With this information in hand, we started an initiative to have the Honor Plaque modified to include Dick's name, ergo the ceremony scheduled for the 50th anniversary of Dick being killed in action in Vietnam."

"Dicky was a good, dependable man and a patriot in his service to our nation," Nichols said.

Armed robbery under investigation

■ State police attempting to identify suspects who robbed store in Hartland Township

Compiled by Sharon Stone

Troopers from the Michigan State Police (MSP) Brighton Post responded to an armed robbery at the Sprint store at 10010 Highland Road in Hartland Township at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 16.

The preliminary investigation indicates that three black men, wearing gloves and hooded sweatshirts, which covered their heads and lower faces, entered the store and immediately threatened the employee, pointing a long gun at him. The trio took an undetermined amount of money and new cell phones and then left the store.

The incident remains under investigation. The MSP asks anyone who may have information about this crime to contact the Brighton Post at (810) 227-1051.



Michigan State Police is investigating an armed robbery, which occurred Sunday, Dec. 16 in Hartland Township. Detectives are attempting to identify three suspects. Photo submitted to the Times

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Today's robot vacuums really do suck — but in a good way

■ New technology, more power and deep discounts in December make it a worthy holiday gift

By Sally Rummel

Who hasn't watched reruns of "The Jetsons" on TV and dreamed of having a Rosie the Robot to clean up all of your family messes, especially during the holidays.

Well, thanks to the newest technology of robotic vacuums, Rosie the Robot is becoming more of a reality today than ever before. According to Consumer Reports, prices for these do-it-yourself vacuums are even lower in December than they were during Black Friday events in November.

But does a robot vacuum actually clean as well as your sturdy full-sized upright or canister vacuum?

It all depends on your expectations.

Consumer Reports is right up front about robot vacuums being designed for maintenance cleaning, not deep cleaning. Eventually, you'll have to haul out a larger vacuum for that purpose, they say.

Homeowner Diana Voges of Linden agrees. She purchased an ECOVACS Deebot N79S for \$180 last August, but keeps her full-size vacuum on hand for more powerful jobs.

"The deebot does routine maintenance," said Voges, a General Motors software engineer. "I like that it runs when I'm not there. I can start it when I leave for work and it runs for the next 90 minutes. But I still need the full vacuum occasionally."



SUMMARY

■ Robotic vacuums are "smarter" and more powerful today than they were when they first arrived on the market almost 20 years ago. You'll find many at deep discounts this month for holiday gift buying.

But robotic vacuums really do the job when it comes to smaller messes like spilled Cheerios or a pet that sheds.

Many of today's higher-end models come equipped with Wi-Fi, so you can schedule and control them from an app on your smartphone. Some also have an onboard camera that helps them navigate from room to room without getting tripped up between a hardwood floor and an area rug.

A few of the newest models are also voice-enabled and can connect with an Alexa or Google Assistant — allowing

you to use your voice to tell the vacuum to clean an entire floor or a specific room, right away.

One of the best features of the iRobot Roomba i7, according to USA Today, is the self-cleaning dust bin that empties into a bag in the robot's base station. You don't have to empty the robot and can clean up to 30 times before ditching the base station bag.

Voges, who has a more basic model, said that her only complaint is the dust bin and how quickly it fills. "I've got two long-haired cats. But I do think the HEPA filter is making my house less dusty overall," she said.

The downside of models with all the extra "bells and whistles" is the price tag. The iRoomba mentioned above is priced at \$950. Other budget bots with fewer features are priced in the \$180 to \$300 range.

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A LOOK BACK at 1968

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Apollo 8 Astronauts named 1968 'TIME's Men of the Year'

Compiled By Vera Hogan

As its 1968 Men of the Year, TIME chose the three Apollo 8 astronauts, who had just completed man's first lunar flight, a 590,000-mile voyage to the moon and back.

Colonel Frank Borman, a fighter pilot in the Air Force and later a test pilot in aerospace research, had previous experience in space exploration, having commanded Gemini 7 in a two-week flight orbiting the Earth in 1965. He went on to become president, chief executive officer and chairman of the board of Eastern Air Lines.

Captain James A. Lovell, Jr., a Navy man, was a veteran of two previous space missions. He had accompanied Borman on the Gemini 7 flight and had made a second Earth-orbital flight in 1966.

Air Force Major William A. Anders was promoted to the rank of colonel by President Lyndon Johnson while still en route to Houston

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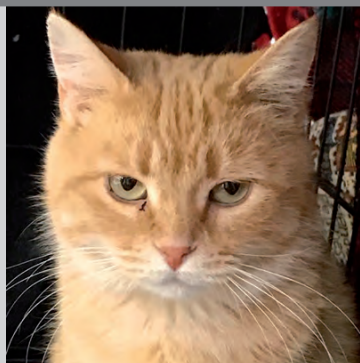
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If I Were King...

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'It's A Wonderful Life'

I read a column recently that discussed the merits of the movie *It's A Wonderful Life*. I'm one of those guys who wouldn't feel the Christmas season was complete without an annual viewing of the beloved holiday classic.

It was just another movie when it was first released shortly after the end of World War II. But it has since acquired a certain cult status.

That's not to say *It's A Wonderful Life* doesn't have its detractors. A few

years ago, some professor from Harvard spent a whole semester analyzing the movie (glad to hear our tax dollars are being spent wisely). His conclusion: *It's A Wonderful Life* is a tragedy that epitomizes how empty and bleak life can be when you end up marrying your high school sweetheart and living in the same town you grew up in. The professor's study concludes that George Bailey is the most sad and lonely of all characters — a bitter, unfulfilled shell of a man who deeply regrets the choices he has made and the empty, tragic life he has lived.

"I cry when I see it," the professor concluded.

To me, the real tragedy is the sad and pitiful analysis by the sad and pitiful professor. His life must be devoid of all the things that make my life rich and wonderful. I suspect that the Harvard professor bears a striking emotional resemblance to the movie's villain, Mr. Potter. And he likely leads as bleak and

empty a life as the financially rich but emotionally bankrupt Mr. Potter.

No wonder he cries when he watches *It's A Wonderful Life*.

Speaking as a guy who did marry his high school sweetheart, I would like to inform the professor that my life has been many things — but never a tragedy. Like most lives, it contains all the elements of a good story. I have a large extended family so there certainly has always been a steady stream of love, as well as lots of drama. It's often been a comedy of errors. My life has had its share of villains and heroes — with me playing both roles at different times and different places. There have been successes, failures, greed and misplaced values. And it's had its fair share of tragic events, including financial ups and downs, illnesses and deaths.

But never has it been a tragedy. *It's A Wonderful Life* is a celebration of small town values — family, faith and friends. And at the end of the day we are all George Baileys — just so-called ordinary men and women who are happily living our ordinary lives.

I hope you take the time to watch the movie. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. And I hope that you, like me, have a wonderful life.

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And I hope that you, like me, have a wonderful life.

“And at the end of the day we are all George Baileys — just ordinary men and women who are happily living our ordinary lives.”



Hotlines

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A HUGE THANK you to whoever found my credit card in the parking lot by VG's on N. LeRoy and turned it in at the front service desk. Merry Christmas.

REPUBLICAN LAWMAKERS ARE trying to make it harder to mount ballot drives after voters last month legalized marijuana for recreational use, overhauled the process of redrawing district lines that the GOP dominated in recent decades and expanded voting options.

THERE SEEMS TO be a flaw in your logic. It would be purely discriminatory to apply discounts based on those groups you identified as being worse off than senior citizens. The senior citizen groups cuts across all of those groups so it would be fair to any senior in any group.

I STATED THAT my father told me Republicans were the party of the rich, not my grandfather. Perhaps you are too young to comprehend what you read. Party of the rich means that their priorities lie in taking care of the rich. Whether there are rich Democrats is irrelevant.

WITH A GOVERNOR and attorney general who've promised to purge toxic chemicals from Michigan's drinking water poised to take office in two weeks, lame-duck legislators are working overtime to protect the state's largest polluters from stricter water standards.

GOV. RICK SNYDER on Friday signed laws to significantly scale back citizen-initiated measures to raise Michigan's minimum wage and require paid sick leave for workers, finalizing an unprecedented Republican-backed legislative maneuver that opponents blasted as shameful. He did mind giving the rich a tax cut earlier though.

SB 1244 HAS already cleared the Senate on a party line vote and is expected to be taken up by the House next week. Gov. Snyder should reflect on his administration's catastrophic experience in Flint if anything resembling the polluter-friendly version adopted by the Senate reaches his desk.

OUR TRASH COLLECTORS, postal employees and those who deliver our papers are working hard to handle all the additional burdens of the holiday season. Try to remember them with a small gift. Their jobs are especially difficult this time of year.

I HOPE THE owner can sleep at night after approving the sale of most of the mobile home parks in our area to the Havenpark. We have faithfully supported your spendthrift life. Now our lives are ruined since we can't afford to stay in our homes.

THANKS RICK, YOU will be missed.

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Do you say 'Happy Holidays' or 'Merry Christmas?'

streettalk



"I say 'Merry Christmas,' because I'm a Christian, and I think 'Happy Holidays' seems impersonal."

Joanne Allen
Mundy Township



"I say 'Merry Christmas' because I feel comfortable saying it in our store. They say 'Merry Christmas' back, and smile."

Kevin Begola
Fenton Township



"It depends on the person I'm talking to. I'm personally a big believer in Christmas. I might just say 'Happy Holidays' to be appreciative and loving for everyone we have here in Fenton."

Angela Vessella
Fenton



"I say 'Merry Christmas,' because of my upbringing; we always went to church. I have no problem with 'Happy Holidays' because it's the season."

Nicole Mills
Clayton Township



"'Merry Christmas.' Christ is Christmas. It just feels better. Jesus is the reason for the season, the whole shebang."

Darlene Murray
Fenton



The Linden Band Boosters have a new treasurer after the former treasurer, a Fenton Township woman, embezzled money from the organization. *Times file photo*

Former treasurer sentenced for embezzling from Band Boosters

■ Fenton Township woman has already paid back \$13,418 of \$15,974 restitution

By Hannah Ball

A 46-year-old Fenton Township woman is paying restitution after embezzling money from the Linden Band Boosters.

Rochelle Vargas was sentenced Nov. 15 to pay \$15,974.01 in restitution, along with added court fees. She was originally charged Oct. 3 with embezzling \$1,000 to \$19,999 from a non-profit organization. It was reduced to embezzling \$200 to \$999.99 as an agent or trustee.

She pleaded guilty to the reduced charge Oct. 17.

As of Nov. 15, she had paid back \$13,418.29. Court records show she paid back \$200 on Nov. 28 and \$100 on Dec. 12. She has approximately \$2,500 to pay back.

John Potbury, deputy chief assistant prosecutor for the Genesee County

Prosecutor's Office, said Vargas was the treasurer of the Linden Band Boosters and embezzled money between April 2014 and December 2016.

"She began making restitution payments to the band boosters prior to the criminal charges but the boosters wished to pursue charges against her," he said.

The Linden Band Boosters is run independent of Linden schools as a 501 (c)(3). Linden Superintendent Russ Ciesielski said the band boosters is its own legal entity, and that school control over the program is very minimal.

Linden School Resource Officer Ken Engel said when he confronted Vargas about the situation, she confessed to everything. She had access to the Linden Band Boosters account and would use it for things like gas.

"She was forthcoming from day one," he said. "She needed money. She said they were broke."

Engel said everyone at the school was "very adult and professional" about the situation.

“She began making restitution payments to the band boosters prior to the criminal charges but the boosters wished to pursue charges against her.”

John Potbury
Genesee County deputy chief assistant prosecutor

IMPOSTERS

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employing such as threatening to shut off service if not let into the home."

How to spot a scam

A contractor or employee for Consumers Energy will always wear a company identification badge and will gladly show it upon request.

There are times when Consumers Energy does have to shut electric and/or natural gas service off to a home for safety, security and non-payment reasons, however, employees will never threaten to shut off service if you do not comply with immediate demands.

Consumers Energy will always provide advance notice if entrance to your

home is needed.

If you are contacted via phone, Consumers Energy never demands payment, ask for personal information or prepaid credit cards over the phone.

If someone feels they have been targeted by someone acting as a Consumers Energy employee, contact your local police, dial 911, or call the energy provider at 800-477-5050. Consumers Energy is actively working with law enforcement to protect customers.

"Due to the rise in these types of scams from numerous counties in Michigan, we implore customers to be on the lookout and call their local police if they suspect a scam,"

Bush said. "Consumers Energy's number one priority is the safety of our customers, employees and communities."

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Chris Bush
Consumers Energy director of corporate security

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

PROPERTY DAMAGED ON THOMPSON ROAD

On Saturday, Dec. 8, Genesee County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the 3000 block of Thompson Road in Fenton Township for a malicious destruction of property complaint. The incident remains under investigation.

PROPERTY DAMAGED ON ROLSTON ROAD

On Wednesday, Dec. 12, Genesee County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the 6000 block of Rolston Road in Fenton Township for a malicious destruction of property complaint. The incident remains under investigation.

FLINT WOMAN CHARGED WITH LARCENY IN FENTON TOWNSHIP

Lacey Cook, 31, of Flint, was arraigned Nov. 30 on one count of larceny between \$1,000 and \$20,000 and one count of using a credit card without authorization of the cardholder. According to the Genesee County Sheriff's office, deputies responded to the 11000 block of Main Road in Fenton Township on Nov. 14 to investigate a fraud complaint. Lt. Curt Herrington said Cook is being held on a \$5,000 cash surety bond ordered by Judge Mark Latchana.

MARIJUANA

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from locating in their communities — for now.

The matter also appeared on the Dec. 12 Rose Township Board of Trustees meeting agenda, but no action was taken, according to Clerk Debbie Miller.

"The board did not take any action and left this under unfinished business," Miller said.

"We don't know exactly what this new law means yet," said Tyrone Township Supervisor Mike Cunningham. "We don't want to be the guinea pigs. We don't want to snub the voters but we don't want to put ourselves in a bad situation either."

On Tuesday, Nov. 6, Michigan voters made the use of recreational marijuana legal. The new state law became effective Thursday, Dec. 6.

According to local officials, the new Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act does not address some of the concerns communities have with the new law, and the leaders in local municipalities have chosen to wait and see what the new rules and regulations are going to be.

Once the rules and regulations are established by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), area municipalities will be reviewing the issue again and likely adopting their own ordinances, rules and regulations on marijuana facilities.

Resolutions adopted to prohibit marijuana establishments from locating in area communities does not affect the other rights residents have under the new marijuana law.



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When (and when not) to take a photo

■ Worldwide, 250 people have died while taking selfies since 2011

By Hannah Ball

Capturing experiences and memories with your phone and camera is important, but clicking the shutter button might not always be the best idea.

Many things in life are photo-worthy — kids opening presents or riding a bike for the first time, beautiful sunsets, delicious meals, a good hair day and much more. However, that doesn't mean you should always take a photo or video.

Deadly selfies

More than 250 people worldwide have died while taking selfies in the last six years, from October 2011 to November 2017, according to a study from researchers associated with the All India Institute of Medical Sciences.

These deaths include taking photos on top of tall cliffs and waterfalls, in front of an oncoming train, with dangerous animals, electrocution, firearms and more. Lead researcher, Agam Bansal, told The Washington Post that the selfie deaths were "a major public health problem."

More than 85 percent of the victims were between the ages of 10 and 30. This past September, an 18-year-old hiker from Jerusalem died after falling more than 800 feet off a cliff at Yosemite National Park while trying to take a selfie at a popular waterfall.

Two weeks after that, a 32-year-old California woman in Michigan stopped to take selfies at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore and slipped and fell to her death.

Research — is the photo worth it?

There have been multiple studies done on the effects of taking a photo and someone's enjoyment with the experience and how much they remember of the event.

In 2016, Linda Henkel, a professor

of psychology at Fairfield University in Connecticut, conducted a study on how taking photos affects someone's memory. She used a group of undergraduates who went on a tour of the university's Belknap Museum of Art. Some students were asked to take photos, some were asked to only observe the art.

The next day, she brought the students into her lab and asked them about the art they had seen. The ones who photographed art pieces remember fewer of the objects, and the ones who didn't take photos remembered more, according to ideas.ted.com.

Henkel explained that this is because when you take a photo of something, your brain does not work to remember it.

Other work has been done studying happiness when people take photos vs. when they don't. Researchers from the University of Southern California, Yale University and the University of Pennsylvania conducted nine experiments with more than 2,000 people about how taking photos affects the experience of the moment. They found that when people took photos, they were more likely to enjoy what they were doing, like going on a bus tour. When people were doing hands-on activities, like an arts and crafts project, taking photos did not enhance their experience.

These researchers also found that photographing a sad experience negatively affected the moment. In one study on a virtual safari, some people were asked to take photos of a lions attacking a water buffalo. They reported more negative feelings compared to those who didn't take photos.

When, and when not, to take the photo/video

Recording someone's reaction to a happy situation is always a photo-worthy experience. If you're watching your child open a gift they really wanted, taking a video and sending it to the family will share a happy experience.

With moments meant to be enjoyed live, such as a fireworks show or a concert, it's best to put the phone down. Fireworks shows are very similar, and

America? The WWII generation had so much more class and intelligence.

THE ANTI-BABY Boomer person seems to believe that prior to the last 30 or so years everything in America was just wonderful and grand. I've got news for you and this might come as a shock, it wasn't. We've had depressions, world wars, civil war and recessions. You name it we've had it.

TO THE HOT-LINER demanding presidential candidates disclose tax returns; do you have any other Democrat Party talking points you would like to post?

OCASIO-CORTEZ IS only made fun of by old people who didn't go to college and think Sarah Palin is smart.

I WISH THE Michigan State Police would spend more time in Rose Township than Holly. Holly already has a police department.

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Taking selfies near tall mountain cliffs, oncoming trains and other dangerous situations resulted in the deaths of 250 people from 2011 to 2017. Photo: techcrunch.com

there's already footage of that band playing online. It's harder to see the stage through hundreds of people holding up their phones.

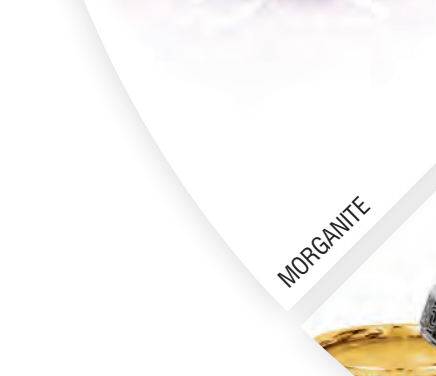
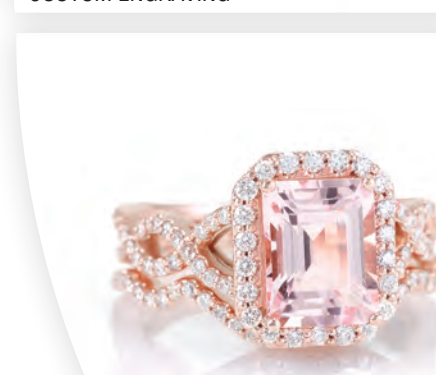
If you're in a dangerous situation and you could fall from a tall cliff, don't try for that Instagram-worthy shot.

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The Washington Post, *diyphotography.net*,



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HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO THE PERSON on Rolston Road Saturday, I didn't realize you were turning into your driveway. You tapped your brakes three times. I thought you were being a jerk so I flashed my brights then you hit your turn signal and turned. Apparently, I was the jerk. I sincerely apologize.

IN MICHIGAN, REPUBLICANS are working to cut off voter registration 14 days before an election, which would effectively negate a voter-backed initiative from November that would have opened voter registration opportunities on Election Day itself.

IF YOU THINK what is happening in Lansing now is a Lame Duck session; you fail to understand the concept.

MICHIGAN CITIZENS WERE very clear in November that they want Michigan to grow in a way that benefits them, not just the special interests.

SERIOUSLY, WHY DO Boomers whine so much and blame their children's generation for all the problems in

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■
REPUBLICAN GOV. RICK Snyder's proposal to increase trash fees to pay for environmental cleanup is dead in the GOP-controlled legislature, forcing his administration and legislative leaders to explore other options to shore up the funding.

■■■
IN REGARDS TO the proposed roundabout at North and Torrey roads, hopefully the Fenton City Council puts into consideration about timeframe and detours due to how Exit 80 is set up along U.S. 23 since it could potentially pose as a major inconvenience.

■■■
IN A RECENT Hot line, I stated Russia blockaded East Berlin and Kennedy airlifted supplies to East Berlin. This is incorrect; I should have stated West Berlin. I wish to apologize to everyone because I feel if we are going to utilize this forum, we should keep our facts straight.

■■■
MOST MILLENNIALS HAVE college degrees and most Boomers have trouble navigating traffic circles.

Our Future

BY HANNAH BALL



Rachel Dodds

- AP student
- Dancer
- Painter

Rachel Dodds, 18, a Linden High School senior, loves her English classes and is

currently taking AP English and AP Art. She's previously taken AP U.S. History, AP Government and AP Psychology.

Do you play sports?

I don't play school sports, but I dance at Visions in Motion in Fenton. I have been dancing since kindergarten.

What country would you move to if money were no object?

I would move to France if money weren't an option.

What's one thing you want to do before you graduate?

Before I graduate, I want to paint a mural. I love to paint as a hobby, it's very stress relieving, and it gives me a creative outlet.

What's one class you wish was taught in high school?

I wish home economics was still taught, I think that would be fun.

If you could open a store, what would you sell/service would you provide?

If I could open a store or a business, I would probably open a tutoring business.

What worries you about the future?

One thing I'm worried about for my future is being away from my friends and family.

What type of career possibility excites you?

I'm excited about the possibility of attaining a career in the study of law.

If you were to write a book, what would it be about?

If I were to write a book, it would probably be a realistic fiction novel with an uplifting theme.

Read the book or see the movie?

Read the book.

Do you have any pets?

I have a dog, Breeze. She's so sweet and loves everything. My cat, Victoria, is really mean and I honestly think she suffers from stranger anxiety. She doesn't like anyone but my parents and me.

Who's your biggest inspiration?

I have a lot of people who inspire me to do different things. My mom inspires me to be strong. My dance teacher inspires me to be kind. The list is endless. AP English is the highlight of my days. My teacher, Dr. Bethanie George, is such an inspiration to me. She is such a dedicated woman, and without her guidance, I truly believe I wouldn't be who I am today. We just finished reading Henrik Ibsen's "A Doll's House," which prompted an interesting class discussion on the subject of feminism.



The Community Holiday Dinner

I am very proud to be a member of the Genesee County Bar Association (GCBA).

There are many reasons for this which I won't detail here except one — tomorrow the GCBA is holding its 28th annual Community Holiday Dinner at the Masonic Temple in downtown Flint.

This is a very special event and provides a free holiday meal and much more to those who might be a little down on their luck or going through some hard times.

It all began in 1992 at the suggestion of Judge Duncan Beagle and attorneys Brian Barkey and Tom Pabst.

That first year there were two dinners (hence the "28th annual") and over 200 people were fed. Since then, it has grown to the point where approximately 1,000 guests receive a meal and much more each year.

The funding for this comes entirely from donations made by GCBA members and the legal community. There has never been a year when there wasn't enough money to cover expenses.

The food is prepared by the Battiste Temple dining room staff who all work for free, with the only charge being the cost of the food. Everything else is taken care of by 100 or more GCBA and legal community volunteers. Their duties include serving, bussing tables, helping those who need help, general cleanup, and anything else that needs to be done.

There's also entertainment with singers and musicians.

Invitations are widely distributed at many locations including area shelters, homeless centers and senior citizen centers. Transportation is provided for those who need it.

Included among those served are a large number of children.

After eating their dinners, these children can visit Santa Claus and tell him what they want for Christmas. They then have their picture taken with him and receive a gift and a children's book.

There are also hats, gloves, and scarves available for both children and adults.

It is a very exciting and gratifying day for everyone.

The famous Hall of Fame basketball coach John Wooden once said, "You can't have a perfect day without doing something for someone who'll never be able to repay you."

The GCBA is privileged to have that perfect day every year with our Community Holiday Dinner.

NEWS BRIEFS

Public hearing scheduled for roads

At the Monday, Dec. 17 meeting, the Fenton Township Board of Trustees scheduled a public hearing for Jan. 21 to accept local input for potential local road improvement projects. The township approved the limestone resurfacing of Sharp Road from Lahring Road to Ray Road, which is 2.2 miles, and Smith Road from Hogan to the westerly township border, which is 1,250 feet. The projects could be chosen by the Genesee County Road Commission to be completed in 2019. After applying the 50/50 road funding allocation, the cost to the township for both projects combined is \$77,566. This amount is approximately 26 percent of the approved 2019 road budget of \$300,000.

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North Oakland County Fire Authority Firefighters Association bought 350 gifts for Holly area children for Christmas. Photo: NOCFA

NOCFA buys Christmas gifts for kids, area families

■ Firefighters' successful fundraising efforts enable them to buy 350 gifts

By Hannah Ball

The North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) Firefighters Association raised enough money to buy 350 Christmas gifts for Holly area kids.

Fire Prevention Officer Lt. Scott Blaska of NOCFA said through Holly Area Youth Assistance (HAYA), they were able to sponsor families and ask them what their kids needed and wanted for Christmas.

This year, they wanted to do more so

they also hosted a boot drive to raise money.

"The boot drive was two days and was a huge success. We made more money than we ever have," Blaska said. "With the higher than expected total of money raised we wanted to do more. So we asked HAYA what they were lacking in donations and went to Target in Fenton and purchased about 200 items ranging from toys to clothes."

They adopted five families and went shopping on a second night at Target and bought 150 more items, including boots, clothes, pajamas, toys, art supplies, and pots and pans. With leftover funds, they gave gift cards to the parents.

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ASTRONAUTS

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via Hawaii at the end of the flight. He served as systems engineer on the lunar flight and was the first of the scientifically oriented astronauts.

On Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve) 1968, as one of the most turbulent, tragic years in American history drew to a close, millions around the world were watching and listening as the Apollo 8 became the first humans to orbit another world.

As their command module floated above the lunar surface, the astronauts beamed back images of the moon and Earth and took turns reading from the book of Genesis, closing with a wish for everyone "on the good Earth."

Because they were told that on Christmas Eve they would have the largest audience that had ever listened to a human voice, the instructions from NASA was to do something appropriate.

Since the first 10 verses of Genesis is the foundation of many of the world's

religions, not just the Christian religion, they decided this would be appropriate and that's how it came to pass.

The mission was also famous for the iconic "Earthrise" image, snapped by Anders, which would give humankind a new perspective on their home planet. Anders has said that despite all the training and preparation for an exploration of the moon, the astronauts ended up discovering Earth.

After circling the moon 10 times on Christmas Eve, it was time to go home. On Christmas morning, mission control waited anxiously for

word that Apollo 8's engine burn to leave lunar orbit had worked. They soon got confirmation when Lovell radioed, "Roger, please be informed there is a Santa Claus."

The crew splashed down in the Pacific on Dec. 27. A lunar landing was still months away, but for the first time ever, humans from Earth had visited the moon and returned home safely.

Sources: nasa.gov; time.com

“Roger, please be informed there is a Santa Claus.”

Capt. James A. Lovell, Jr.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■ ■ ■
I FEEL THE problem with the older generation (Baby Boomers) is they feel entitled, lack of personal responsibility and lack of integrity as well as no work ethic. They also completely destroyed every single one of the accomplishments of their parents.

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IN REGARDS TO senior discounts. I am 68 and I don't go looking for them. As far as whether they deserve them, I don't believe that is anyone's business but the proprietor's. It could be due to the amount of sales he does with seniors, or even like you say, seniors tend to have more money.

■ ■ ■
THIS IS NOT Trump's economy. Throughout the last economic crash, the balance sheet of most mega corporations was in better shape than that of the USA and remains so today.

■ ■ ■
SIT DOWN? I need to stand up. 'Those who cannot remember the past are doomed to repeat it.' Are your offspring going to be a casualty of the next war? Keep supporting foreign companies and governments.

■ ■ ■
THERE IS A simple solution to the high car insurance rates; just remove the word 'mandatory.' It is not a coincidence the small handful of states that mandate insurance pay by far the highest rates.

SO, THE RUSSIANS used social media to try to influence the 2016 presidential election? What was happening at that time on FOX, CNN, ABC, MSNBC and the rest of the national media? Surely, they weren't trying to influence the election, too?

■ ■ ■
REGARDING ROUNDABOUTS. SIMPLE rules for using them. First and foremost, hang up. Never turn left. Do not stop to let other cars in front of you. If an emergency vehicle enters the roundabout, take the next exit. Again, do not stop in the roundabout.

■ ■ ■
AS A LOCAL hockey player, I am disappointed that the Kmart building is not being made into an ice rink. It seems like a great place for one, and our town could really use something like that, instead of more retail. Oh well.

■ ■ ■
ROUNDABOUTS IN FENTON. First, we need to train drivers on how to handle stop signs and stop lights. Then we'll graduate to turn signals and try to attempt some extra credit with a roundabout. Wake up and put on a little makeup.

■ ■ ■
STATE POLITICIANS ARE more crooked and conniving than ever. Witness their despicable actions during lame duck session. No wonder people don't vote.

■ ■ ■
BABY BOOMER BASHER, please seek help. You are going to have a heart attack before you grow old enough for your kids to blame you for everything they don't like.

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Decorating for the holidays



Gerych's greenhouse staff member Gabrielle Garry cleans the Garden Center on Monday, Dec. 17. The Fenton business is consolidating its Christmas items, which includes live and silk plants. "It's really beautiful here," she said. Photo: Tim Jagielo

HOT LINE CONTINUED

MANY THANKS TO the kind couple that paid for my dinner on Dec. 10 at the China Buffet. It was greatly appreciated and I will pay it forward. Merry Christmas.

WHAT CAR INSURANCE company gives seniors a discount? My insurance increased \$66 a month because I am now 80 years old.

WITH WHITMER IN the Bernstein's Law firm's pocket (Mark ran her campaign), ignorant Dems will never see car insurance rates fall under her tenure.

TO THE PERSON railing on Baby Boomers: what is your problem? Do you have daddy issues? You might want to see a doctor about that.

U.S. SEN. PETERS (D) stalking and threat bill for pets and support animals? How about a bill on healthcare reform with your time? That's a (D) for you. And remember: everything's Trump's fault.

TO THE PERSON stating that auto insurance rates will go up under Gretchen Whitmer, I ask what has happened to the rates under eight years of Republican control of all branches of state government?

KENNEDY HAD LEADERSHIP. When Russia blockaded East Berlin, Kennedy started the airlift to supply East Berlin. When Russia put missiles in Cuba, Kennedy blockaded Cuba and stood toe to toe with Russians until Russians removed missiles. At some point, action must be taken. Reagan did nothing.

'ACCORDING TO THE Nuremberg Laws, Bush was a war criminal;' that makes no sense. The Nuremberg Laws were enacted by Nazi's to protect and promote the German heritage, nothing to do with war crimes. Please quit making up stuff.

FOR THE RECORD, no Michigan citizen voted for Pelosi or McConnell.

ECONOMIC GROWTH UNDER Trump will average just 2.2 percent per year, almost exactly the same as during President Obama's second term. The federal budget deficit, meanwhile, rose from 3.5 percent of GDP in 2017 to 3.8 percent in 2018.

NEWS BRIEFS

Tri-County Times announcement

Due to scheduling, printing and mailing, the Tri-County Times will not be publishing a Midweek edition of the Times on Wednesday, Dec. 26 or Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019. From everyone at the Tri-County Times, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Visit myfenton.com for the latest news and features.

CHARGED

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while intoxicated—third offense, a felony, stemming from a Sept. 13 incident.

At 5:55 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, Fenton police responded to the 14000 block of Swanee Beach Drive to investigate a complaint. The caller told the dispatcher that a man who might be intoxicated was yelling at neighbors.

A description of the vehicle was provided to police. An officer located the gray Saturn vehicle and initiated a traffic stop at 6:02 p.m.

Contact was made with the driver, later identified as Medor. Suspecting Medor had been drinking, a Breathalyzer was administered, resulting in a blood alcohol content of .179 percent. He was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

Medor was transported to the Genesee County Jail where he submitted to a blood draw to determine if any other substances were in his system.

During the 3 p.m. preliminary exam, the judge will determine if there is probable cause to bind the case over to circuit court for a jury trial.

JAILED

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The Genesee County Sheriff's Office investigated the complaint and arrested Pollard. He is lodged at the Genesee County Jail on \$100,000 cash surety bond.

A probable cause conference is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 20 at 8:30 a.m.

ROBOT VACUUMS

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Another consideration for robotic vacuums versus traditional vacuums is their longevity. According to Consumer Reports, most high-end vacuums last about eight years and robot vacs about five years.

These statistics hardly stand up to the sturdy canister vacs you may have grown up with that lasted about 20 years. Even today, the \$600 Miele canister vacuum is expected to last about two decades.

“I like that it runs when I’m not there.”

Diana Voges
ECOVACS Deebot N79S owner

But just think about your own longevity and workload when deciding whether a robotic vacuum would be right for you. There’s nothing wrong with letting a smart vacuum take some of the load off your everyday cleaning chores.

Some of the best deals on robotic vacuums during the month of December:

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- **Neato Botvac D5 Connected**
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Lake Fenton's Cody Schramm (left) attempts to drive to the bucket in the Blue Devils' 54-42 loss to Bendle, Friday. Photo: Mark Bolen

LF boys going back to work after loss to Bendle

By David Troppens

Lake Fenton — It's back to work for the Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team.

Four days after earning its first victory of the season, the Blue Devils felt confident entering a home game against Bendle. Instead, Bendle's perimeter shooting presented many issues for Lake Fenton, resulting in a 54-42 loss to the Tigers.

Bendle, led by Dayton Mills's six three-pointers, nailed a sizzling 10-of-21 three-point shots, sparking the win.

"They shot the ball better than we anticipated," Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Brian McInerney said. "We made some adjustments to extend our zone. ... It was a tough one. We thought coming off of Monday we were feeling confident about ourselves, and we proved we have some work to do, and now it's back to work."

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Griffins keep on winning, beat WL Central

By David Troppens

The win streak is up to six games for the Fenton/Linden co-op hockey team, the Griffins.

The Griffins were strong on both sides of the ice, earning a 6-0 victory against Walled Lake Central.

Loren Jones started the first period in net and made six saves. In the second and third period, freshman Nick Wilson played in net and made 11 saves, completing the shutout for the Griffins.

On offense, Fenton/Linden continued a season-long trend of having many scorers get on the board. In this game five had goals. Heyden Justus scored twice with one

coming on the power play. The other scorers were Dominic Loria, Brendan Miles, Caleb Baker and Josh Appleberg.

The Griffins posted their first shutout of the season with the win. The shutout came just a game after they allowed just one goal in a 9-1 win against the Kalamazoo Eagles.

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Griffins' Josh Appleberg

photo by Mark Bolen

Sports Times

Blue Devils continue their hot start

By David Troppens

Lake Fenton — The Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team looked in a little trouble.

Leading by as many as 41-28 late in the third quarter after a converted three-pointer by Katelyn Siebert, the Bendle Tigers eventually cut the Blue Devils' lead to just 48-43 after a three-pointer by Lindsey Ferrington with 3:12 left in regulation.

On Lake Fenton's next possession, the Blue Devils nearly turned the ball over, probably striking fear in the Blue Devils' fans. However, the Blue Devils scrambled for the loose ball, got it and then senior Haley Whittecar responded with the key shot of the contest. Driving to the hoop, she made an underhanded scoop layup and was fouled. She made the free throw as well, raising the Blue Devils' lead back to 52-43 with just 2:28 left. From there, the Blue Devils made enough free throws down the stretch to earn a 59-48 home victory against Bendle.

"I was thinking just as long as I go to the basket and try to put it up, I could get fouled," Whittecar said. "I wanted to do my best to put it in. It was more points on the board, so they didn't have a chance to come back."

Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball coach Brian VanBuren remembered the play as a key one as well.

"She has it two feet behind the three-point line. She catches it and that girl comes all the way up to guard her," VanBuren said. "The lane is open and even by the time that girl got over and fouled her, it took a long time to get there. She got all the way to the basket, powered it up and got the ball to the backboard before the girl could get her hands on her. Just taking what is there and also making sure we see what the opportunity is, and attack when we get there is important. That's what she did and that's what we got away from at times."

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Lake Fenton's Sydney Hammis fights to get a shot off during the Blue Devils' 59-48 victory against Bendle, Friday. Photo: Mark Bolen

Holly girls cruise by Swartz Creek, 62-45

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity girls basketball team learned the value of a fast start Friday night.

The Bronchos took a 13-4 lead in the first quarter and cruised to a 62-45 home victory against the Swartz Creek Dragons.

The Bronchos jumped out to the early lead on the strength of a few other scoring options. Typical leading scorer Rebecca Fugate made just 1-of-2 free throws during the opening period, but that didn't matter because Emma Tooley hit a trey and a two-pointer, leading the squad to the 13-4 lead.

In the second quarter, the Bronchos took advantage of Swartz Creek's foul troubles, netting eight free throws at the line. Fugate made four of those free throws and Hunter Weeder made two others, sparking a 16-point quarter.

Holly scored at least 13 points in every quarter and netted 16 in the third period. Tooley hit two treys and a two-pointer in the third stanza, leading the squad to a 45-32 lead after three quarters.

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Holly's Payton Price (right) drives to the bucket during the Bronchos' 62-45 win against Swartz Creek, Friday. Photo: Monica Bradburn

Linden girls earn first win against new foe

■ Defense sparks 45-24 victory vs. Old Redford

By David Troppens

Maybe the Linden varsity girls basketball team should schedule Old Redford Academy more often.

Playing the Ravens for what may have been the first time in school history proved to be good luck as the Eagles defeated them 45-25.

The Eagles played outstanding defense, never allowing more than seven points in any quarter. The Eagles also played pretty re-

spectable on offense, scoring at least 11 points in each of the first three quarters.

Linden led 13-6 after one quarter and 25-12 at half-time. Any chance Old Redford Academy had of coming back ended in the third quarter when the Eagles increased their edge to 36-19 by the start of the fourth quarter.

Erin Gillespie had a big game, scoring a game-high 16 points. Eva Darling had nine while Maddie Smith netted six points. Grace Pryde and Taylor Acox had five points each while Jordan Peterson had four points.

Bronchos fall short in fourth vs. Dragons, 62-55

By Dale M. Smith

Holly — The Holly varsity boys basketball team is a young team finding its way.

On a drizzly, mid-December night the Bronchos played great defense against a senior-laden Swartz Creek Dragons' team but was unable to hold on and fell 62-55 at the Horseshoe.

Both teams had great difficulty finding the bottom of the basket early, but Creek more so, courtesy of outstanding defensive play and rebounding by the Bronchos. Holly held the Dragons to only two free throws through the first six minutes of the game. The Bronchos held Creek to only one field goal the entire quarter as they blew out to a 11-2 lead before a 3-pointer from Creek's Taquavius Humphries made it 13-5 to end the first.

Keyed by a block, a rebound and a basket on the other end by Dylan Hignite, Holly led 22-10 midway through the second quarter. But, then, two more threes from Humphries and a pair from Carsen Allesie brought the visitors back into the game. Holly only led 30-28 at the break.

The third quarter was pretty even with the Dragons taking the lead at 36-34. A nice spin move in the low post from Gavin Ambrose tied the game at 41 with 1:45 left in the third quarter.

With Creek leading early in the fourth, Holly's Ben Gramer calmly drained a three to put Holly on top again at 49-48. The Dragons then went on a 9-0 run and closed out the game as the Bronchos were plagued by foul trouble. Holly's



Holly's Jelton Brown (left) attempts a shot against Swartz Creek in the Bronchos' 62-55 loss, Friday.

Photo: Monica Bradburn

Hunter Jackson led all scorers with 14 points but fouled out with more than four minutes to go after being hit with consecutive player control fouls as he aggressively tried to restore some momentum for the Bronchos.

"We are getting better," said Jackson. "Some calls just didn't go our way tonight. And that's fine. We will play (Creek) again. We've got to get better."

Jackson complimented his effort on the defensive end with five rebounds and a steal.

Holly's Ambrose is the only senior starter who played substantial minutes last year. This year, however, he has taken his game to a completely another level. Not only has he become a strong rebounder, but also shows a lot of savvy under the basket while using his solid frame to his advantage.

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COMPETITIVE CHEER

► **Fenton at Walled Lake Western Invitational:** The Tigers placed third out of 12 teams, posting a total team score of 653.34. The Tigers had a 213.40 round one score, putting Fenton in third right from the start. In round two the Tigers posted a 180.54, placing them fourth at the time. However, the Tigers' 259.40 round three score enabled the Tigers to get back into the top three overall.

The Fenton JV team also competed and placed 10th in the 12-team field. The Tigers finished with a total team score of 353.20.

WRESTLING

► **Fenton at the Clio Clash:** The Tigers finished fifth out of 15 teams, taking 12 wrestlers to the competition.

Kendra Ryan (103) continued her strong start to the season, winning two matches before losing in the championship match to Clio's Trenton Idalski 7-2. Luke Thornton (130) also was 2-1 on the day, earning third place. Mason Church (145), Dalton Wagner (171) and Lukas Zywicki (189) all placed fourth. Beau Trumbull (160) had a 3-2 day. JV wrestler Blake Baird (171) won his weight class at the JV tournament.

► **Lake Fenton at Hornet Duals:** The Blue Devils went 3-2, with one of the victories coming against the eventual tournament champions, Williamston 40-35. Logan Julian, Sean Trombley and Zolen Marron went 5-0 on the day.

"The kids are improving and working hard," Lake Fenton varsity wrestling

coach Vance Corcoran said. "We're continuing to watch their improvements day by day."

BOYS BASKETBALL

► **Swartz Creek JV 63, Linden JV 61:** The Eagles played a tight game with Swartz Creek, but came up just a little short. Lance Barkholz led the Eagles with 14 points while Aiden Miller netted 11 points. Hunter Hall had six points.

GIRLS BOWLING

► **Fenton 21, Linden 9:** The Tigers were paced by Angela Hanners who had a 226-215-441 series, beating her average by more than 30 pins in both games. Ashlyn Bristol also had a 133 game.

Linden had a strong 179 baker game score, while Cassie Most led the team with a 137 game.

► **Flushing 26, Fenton 4:** Fenton won the first baker game with a 185. Angela Hanners led the Tigers with a 328 two-game series.

BOYS BOWLING

► **Fenton 17, Linden 13:** The Tigers had baker games of 183 and 150 and were paced by Gavin Blades's 125-156-281 two-game series. Nicholas Hall bowled a 190 game.

Linden was paced by Kyle Miller who had a 160-198-358 series, while Jackson Shelp had a 170-173-343 series.

► **Flushing 26, Fenton 4:** The Tigers won the second baker game, while Tate Temrowski had a two-game series score of 340.

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LFLF gymnasts win first home meet of season

The LFLF gymnastics team opened its home season the way any squad would want to — with a victory.

The squad posted a team score of 134.85, defeating Walled Lake.

The top score posted by any LFLF

gymnast was Ella Cox's 9.3 on the floor. Cox was one of three LFLF performers that posted a score strong enough to already qualify for the all-around at regionals. She also was one of the team's scoring performers on the vault.

Fenton girls remain perfect in Metro League

Three games into the Metro League season and there is only one varsity girls basketball team that is undefeated in league play.

That's the Fenton Tigers.

Fenton won an impressive road contest

on Friday, defeating the Kearsley Hornets 53-44.

As what happened a week ago when the Tigers were on the road against Swartz Creek, the Tigers' opponents, this time the Hornets, jumped to an early lead.

Holly wrestlers place third at WL Central event

After a slow start on the win-loss ledger, the Holly varsity wrestling team started doing something about it at the Waterford Kettering Team Tournament, Saturday.

The Bronchos went 4-1 in their five matches and earned a third-place perform-

mance at the tournament, getting their record closer to the .500 mark, at 4-6 overall.

"We are getting better, but we are still a long way from where we need to be," Holly varsity wrestling coach Don Pluta said. "The effort is good."

Linden grapplers place fourth at New Boston

Saturday was a day of big victories and tough losses for the Linden varsity wrestling team. The Eagles swept through pool play, but then lost to two state-ranked teams, resulting in a fourth-place finish at the New

Boston Huron Team Tournament.

"It left a bitter taste in my mouth, having compete with teams ranked in the state and having to void three weights," Linden wrestling coach Kyle Summerfield said.

Fenton Tigers lose tight game vs. Kearsley

Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Chad Logan will be the first to tell anyone, there doesn't seem to be much differ-

ence among any of the teams in the Metro League boys basketball race. Anyone can win and anyone can seemingly lose.


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Myra Wright
1937-2018

Myra Wright - age 81, of Fenton, died December 16, 2018. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Saturday, December 22, 2018 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Visitation will be 9:30 AM until time of service Saturday at the funeral home. Those desiring may make contributions to Humane Society of Genesee County. Myra was born August 30, 1937 in Flint the daughter of John and Dorothy (Cole) Gaines. She married Samuel E. Wright on February 4, 1955 in Lansing. He preceded her in death on July 15, 2018. She worked at Uncle Bobs and Atlas Coney Island as a waitress for many years. She was a great mother and grandmother, and always put her family first. She loved to travel. She was an animal lover. She took care of family and friends, even strangers. She will be dearly missed. She is survived by her children, Katherine Wright of Swartz Creek, Teresa (Claudio Cattai) Wright of Brighton, Samuel Wright of Flint; grandchildren, Kelsey Irland-Wright, Maxim Mostovoy; brothers, J.T. Gaines of Lansing and Keith Gaines of Lansing; sister, Waynette Sharp of Flint; sister-in-law Ann Carlson of Lansing. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sister, Emma. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Dorothy Ethel Kelly
1919-2018

Dorothy Ethel Kelly - age 99, of Fenton, died Monday, December 17, 2018 at her residence. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Friday, December 21, 2018 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton with Rev. Fr. Robert Copeland celebrant. Interment will follow at St. John Cemetery. Visitation will be held 3-7 PM Thursday, December 20, 2018 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton where a scripture service will be held at 7 PM. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to Fenton Adopt-A-Pet (<http://www.adoptapetfenton.com/>). Dorothy was born January 21, 1919 in Rochester, NY, the daughter of Clarence and Ethel (Fernaays) Meyer. She married E. George Kelly on October 23, 1943 and he preceded her in death on April 16, 2003. Mrs. Kelly had resided in Fenton Township for 55 years. She enjoyed gardening, feeding the birds, crossword puzzles and many dogs throughout the years. Surviving are: three children, Michael Kelly of California, Stephen (Carol) Kelly of Fenton, Christine (Kenneth) Tomasek of Fenton Twp.; eight grandchildren, Lynnette (Michael) Lwin, Sean (Susan) Kelly, Martha (Henry) Fierro, Scott (Alisa) Tomasek, Timothy Kelly, Jennifer Kelly, Kyle (Samantha) Tomasek, and Kelly (Zachary) Stevenson; nine great-grandchildren. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Joseph Vito Salfi
1929-2018

Joseph Vito Salfi - age 89, of Linden, died December 17, 2018. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Thursday, December 20, 2018 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery. Visitation will be held 2-4 and 6-8 PM, Wednesday, December 19, 2018 with a Rosary at 7 PM at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden and from 10 AM until the time of Mass on Thursday at the church. Those desiring may make contributions to Wounded Warrior Project. Joseph was born November 11, 1929 in Larchmont, NY, the son of Joseph Vito and Adaline (Apa) Salfi. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the Army Corp of Engineers, 439th Engineer Battalion during the Korean War. He was married to Margaret (Matthews) Puckett on August 26, 1987. Mr. Salfi retired from General Motors, Milford Proving Grounds. Following retirement, he enjoyed wintering in Florida for many years. He was an avid golfer, loved to camp and was a member of the Linden Historical Society. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; children, Russell (Marty) Salfi, Christine (Bruce) Johnson, Dominic Salfi; step-children, Andrew Puckett, Christina Puckett, Lori Puckett; grandchildren, Kelsey (Ryan) Zukowski and Kendall Johnson; step-grandchildren, Brandi Puckett and Heath Puckett; sister, Mary Allard; brother, James Salfi; sister-in-law, Esther Skibowski; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, JoAnn; three brothers, Anthony (Dorothy), Thomas (Sally) and Alfred (Jeanne) Salfi. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Horoscopes
For the week of
Dec. 17, 2018

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, when you are fired up about something, there is no stopping you. If something doesn't go your way, don't let that stop you from pursuing your goals.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Stick to activities that will help you feel grounded and centered this week, Taurus. Only put things on your schedule that pertain to your future goals.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, there may be something you say that seems wise at the moment, but may need to be reconsidered as days press on. It is alright to revise along the way.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Tap into the energetic flow that has been driving you to take charge of money matters, Cancer. A desirable outcome will arrive, and your bottom line will be better for it.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

No one seems to be able to sway your thoughts one way or another, Leo. With your self-determination laser-focused, there is nothing that you can't handle.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Time is ticking, Virgo. However, you don't have to move until the time is right for you. Take your time and plan your next step before putting plans into motion.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, a romantic partner shares your thoughts on a sensitive subject and now is a great time to have a discussion about it. Working together will strengthen your relationship.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, readjust your approach conversations this week. What you have been doing might not be effective when communicating with people unaccustomed to your style of conversing.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, take some quiet moments to focus on a memory that makes you happy. Whenever things get challenging, you can call this memory to mind.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Any turbulence going on in your life right now can be remedied by thinking a bit more positively, Capricorn. Things will soon fall into place.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, try a new perspective in regard to looking at a difficult problem that's been tough to solve. Seek others' help, which is a sign of strength, not weakness.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

A profound time of introspection and revelation will begin for you this week, Pisces. You may be pleasantly surprised by what you discover.

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- 8 Arduous journey
- 12 Reed instrument
- 13 Pussy-Cat's partner
- 14 Present
- 15 Freebie
- 17 Wedding symbol
- 18 "Golly!"
- 19 Illuminated
- 20 Actor Tommy Lee
- 21 Automaton, for short
- 22 Not many
- 23 Strictly — nous
- 26 Excise
- 30 Old Italian money
- 31 Godfather's address
- 32 Greet silently
- 33 Abandon the nest
- 35 Gold measure
- 36 Child

DOWN

- 1 "Dukes of Hazzard" boss
- 2 Theater award
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- 4 Born
- 5 Namely
- 6 Bat a gnat
- 7 Thickness
- 8 Disposable
- 9 Check
- 10 Sea eagle
- 11 Small barrels

- 16 Burn aid
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- 21 Made to come apart easily
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