

MSP trooper, another motorist injured in crash

■ Reports of slick roads early Tuesday morning a likely factor in collisions

By Sharon Stone

At 7:15 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 7, first responders were dispatched to a seri-

ous crash on Dixie Highway near Tripp Road in Groveland Township.

Dispatch advised that a crash involved a Dodge Ram pickup truck and an MSP vehicle. The road was closed for a few hours for cleanup and the investigation.

Preliminary investigation revealed

that a Metro North trooper was southbound on Dixie Highway in the right lane when a pickup truck driver attempted to pass a salt truck while heading northbound. The pickup driver lost control, crossed over all lanes of travel and struck the patrol car head-on. The

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Photo: MSP



LF wrestlers win first-ever Metro crown

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Local schools receive state funds for school officers

■ Funds will help train, hire police officers to cover school buildings

By Hannah Ball

Local school districts will receive funds from the state of Michigan to support school resource officers.

Fenton Area Public Schools will receive \$143,420, Linden Community Schools will receive \$82,132 and Holly Area Schools will receive \$75,733.

The state is reportedly dispersing \$25 million to 195 school districts to hire 195 SROs for the next three years

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Polar Plunge stuns with cold temps, raises more than \$131,000

A man runs out of the cold water on Lake Fenton on Saturday, Feb. 4 during the Fenton Polar Plunge at the Moose Lodge. Approximately 216 jumpers braved the icy water to help raise more than \$131,000 for the Special Olympics. This event was put on by Area 13 Special Olympics Michigan. The youngest jumper was 9 years old.

See story on page 5. Photo: Hannah Ball

Vic Canever Chevrolet contributes to pathway

■ Donates \$25,000 toward LAFF Pathway Inc., benefitting parks and trails

For more than 50 years, Vic Canever Chevrolet has served the community with a strong sense of family and sincere concern for customers. It is with that commitment that Vic Canever Chevrolet is donating \$25,000 to LAFF (Linden, Argentine, Fenton Township and Fenton) Pathways Inc.

This donation from Vic Canever Chevrolet joins hands with other generous donors in the construction of trails and parks in the area. LAFF

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“Congratulations Lake Fenton Play Production... you did an outstanding job on ‘The Addams Family

Play’ We were so impressed and entertained with your talent tonight. Awesome performance.”



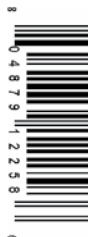
“Just a hunch the folks complaining about electric cars also complained

about the downtown Fenton streetscape, road repair bond, school millage and every new restaurant.”



“Found a gift card in the parking lot of the Fenton Dollar Tree

on Friday. The manager put it in the safe.”





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At VonRyans Sleep Shop

More than one thousand attend chili cook off

■ Collins Custom BBQ's creation wins first place

By Hannah Ball

ArgentineTwp. — Even though the annual Lobdell Lake Chili Cook Off was held on land this year because the ice was too thin, more than a thousand people came out to enjoy chili and live music.

Approximately one dozen teams set up their booths on Peninsular Drive. Judging and eating began at 4 p.m.

Collins Custom BBQ won first place. The team of three, consisting of Jameson Dean, Derek Collins and Daniel Collins, started cooking around noon and made five gallons of chili. They gave out approximately 130 to 140 servings and ran out of chili in about 30 minutes, earlier than most booths. This was their first time attending and participating in the cook off.

“The feedback has been great,” Derek Collins said. “It was fun. We had a lot of fun.”

Dean said the people were all friendly. “They’re all happy to be here and just get out of the house,” he said.

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Sharin' the Spotlight

By Editor Sharon Stone

Wow. What a great turnout they had for this year's Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Michigan presented by Michigan Law Enforcement held in front of the Fenton Moose Lodge on Saturday, Feb. 4 on Lake Fenton. Weather is always a factor for the day and with our mild temperatures, hundreds of people and snowmobiles surrounding a large hole cut in the ice was instead people staying on shore and watching plungers jump from a dock. The last minute decision didn't put a damper on the fun. This plunge alone raised more than \$131,000, a record amount. This area has an incredible number of generous people and a crazy number of people willing to jump into icy water. Plungers representing The Fireplace and Fenton Winery and Brewery alone raised nearly \$10,000. The Shivery SHERiff Deputies of Genesee County also raised more than \$9,330. Grand Blanc Community School plungers raised more than \$19,000.

As a member of the Moose, we've attended several of these Polar Plunges and cheered on our

Plunging into icy water for a good cause, Super Bowl and more

friends and neighbors. The costumes make the event even more fun. There are many creative people around us. I cannot bring myself to jump even though our good friend Rob Kesler asked me and my husband to jump with him this year. I know the nearly freezing water would take my breath away. More power to everyone who is braver than me.

Overall, the 2023 Polar Plunge raised more than \$933,837, according to plungemi.org. Money raised from the plunges helps Special Olympics Michigan to create a world that accepts and welcomes every single person regardless of ability or disability. The money raised will help provide year-round training and services to more than 22,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities across Michigan.

Huge kudos also go out to the Moose Lodge and its many workers and volunteers who help make the Polar Plunge every year a success. Be sure to check out all the story and photos in this issue by Times reporter Hannah Ball as well as her story and photos she took a few miles



Sharon Stone

away at the Lobdell Lake Chili Cook off. Again, because of the milder than expected weather, most of the activities took place on land.

I know this is Super Bowl week, but as more of a college football fan over the NFL, I had to go online and confirm who was playing this Sunday. I should pay more attention, I know. At this point, I'm more focused on what appetizer I should fix for the big day. Our whappy dip is a family tradition and my guacamole is pretty good too, but sometimes you just need to try something new. That's what I'll be thinking about as the weekend approaches. Like most other casual football game watchers, I'll watch for creative and memorable commercials and enjoy the day with friends.

On a serious note, prayers go out to everyone affected by the powerful earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. It's being reported that more than 5,100 people have died as of Tuesday afternoon. Prayers and positive thoughts also are going to the people affected by the massive train derailment that happened in East Palestine, Ohio on Saturday, Feb. 4.

Hotlines

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Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter — Question asked to Tri-County Times' Facebook followers

What do you think of the weather this winter season? Is winter over? | streettalk



"It snows every April. Every April!"

Jessica McDonald
Fenton



"Not cold enough! The bugs are already a buzz and just makes them bigger. Allergy season longer but can never complain about the sun! Love the sun, warm or cold!"

Jamie Jones
Fenton



"Oh no, winter is definitely not over... We definitely need the moisture. The more moisture the better it is for our decorative Trees, Shrubs, Perennials and Bulbs. They thrive in the Spring under those conditions!"

Marti Addis Goforth, Holly



"Worst weather for ice fishing I've seen in a while."

Drew Shapiro
Fenton

Polar Plunge stuns with cold temps, raises more than \$131,000

■ Fundraiser for Special Olympics Michigan surpasses goal

By Hannah Ball

Fenton Twp. — In cold temperatures and wind blowing across the shoreline, approximately 216 brave people in costumes jumped into Lake Fenton on Saturday, Feb. 4 for the Fenton Polar Plunge.

Participants came from all around southeast Michigan for the event at the Fenton Moose Lodge, which is organized by Area 13 Special Olympics Michigan.

The event raised more than \$131,000. Funds help support athletes in the Special Olympics.

For years, Pat Peters, Area 13 director for Special Olympics Michigan, has said she would take the plunge if they raised more than \$100,000. They almost achieved that goal in 2022 when 180 jumpers raised nearly \$95,000.

They raced past that number this

year on Friday before the event began. Peters was the first to take the plunge on Saturday.

“It was cold and invigorating but I made a promise many years ago that if they hit \$100,000, I would jump,” she said. “I’ve had tattoos, I’ve had my head shaved, I’ve worn goofy clothes. I do a lot for the Special Olympics because I believe in it.”

While the surface of Lake Fenton was frozen, organizers placed a dock above the ice for participants to stand on. The Genesee County Dive Team cut sections out of the ice.

Area 13 Special Olympics Michigan supplies the equipment, uniforms, transportation and more so athletes can compete in the Special Olympics. Peters said her students benefit from participating. There are teams competing in Grand Rapids in a basketball tournament currently, and 90 Special Olympics athletics recently competed in Traverse City.

This year’s event saw a surge of do-
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Bomb scares at multiple Walmart stores

■ May be linked to similar threats against the retailer nationwide

A series of bomb threats made Monday, Feb. 6, against two Oakland County Walmart stores and at least one other in Wayne County might have been part of a larger effort to disrupt the retailing giant.

Fenton Acting Police Chief Jeff Cross said Monday afternoon that there had been no threats to the Walmart in Fenton.

Walmart stores in Rochester Hills and White Lake Township received threatening phone calls about 11 a.m. Monday, with the male caller threatening to blow up the store unless a cash ransom was paid. The stores were immediately evacuated and deputies along with explosive

detection K9s were dispatched to the stores.

A similar threat was also phoned into to a Walmart in Canton on Monday.

"We've seen similar things happen in different parts of the country," Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard said. "In the other threats, they were not credible. But out of an abundance of caution, explosive-detection dogs were sent to check the stores. We will be working with other authorities locally and nationally to investigate."

No explosives were discovered in either the White Lake Township or Rochester Hills locations. The stores were expected to reopen later on Monday. The Rochester Hills Walmart is at 2500 S. Adams Road. The White Lake Township Walmart is at 9190 Highland Road.



Mark McCabe

67th District Court

Ask the

judge

The Baseball Rule

For baseball fans everywhere, next week is an exciting time as it marks the beginning of spring training when the 30 major league baseball teams get ready for the upcoming season.

I recently read that baseball has more rules than any other sport. I don't know if that's true, but I do know about a rule, not in the rule-book, but is a "rule of law" called the "Baseball Rule."

Here's when and how it applies. When there is a batted ball (fair or foul) which goes into the seats at a major or minor league baseball stadium, a spectator can catch or retrieve it and keep it as a souvenir.

However, there are times (fortunately infrequently) when that doesn't happen and instead a spectator is struck by the ball and injured.

The question then becomes is the stadium owner, team or player liable for the injuries.

The answer is found in the Baseball Rule, which provides that there is no liability as long as the stadium owner has provided reasonable screening or netting protection behind home plate

and there are a sufficient number of protected seats to meet ordinary demand.

Spectators who choose seats in unprotected areas are said to have "assumed the risk" of being struck by balls before and during the games.

This rule was first announced in a 1913 Missouri case, and was subsequently adopted in a majority of states (including Michigan in 2001) by court decision or statute.

The rule explains why there are very few personal injury lawsuits arising out of these situations even though there are approximately 1,750 fans hurt each year.

It also allows major and minor league baseball to definitively know what needs to be done to avoid liability.

The rule has its critics and at least two states have refused to recognize it.

There have been extensions of the rule to other sports including hockey, with the requirement of netting behind each goal.

This isn't a unique law when it comes to limiting sports or recreational liability. For example, Michigan has the Ski Area Safety Act and the Equine Activity Liability Act limiting liability for skiing and horse related accidents respectively.

One last thing — I will go back to 1968 and simply say "Go get'em Tigers!"

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Dana Shuler is a Success Coordinator at Lake Fenton Community Schools' West Shore Elementary. In this new position, she supports teachers and students in the area of social and emotional growth. She has taught young fives-second grade over her 23 years at West Shore and has 27 years total teaching time.

Christmas break or summer break?
I would have to say summer break because it is a time to reconnect. It's a time to garden, soak up the sun, relax and recharge.

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How do you connect with students?
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Oakland County honors Holly grad

■ Commissioners sign proclamation to recognize four decades with the MDNR

By Sharon Stone

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners is honoring a Holly High School graduate for his four decades dedicated to preserving and improving our natural resources.

Roland (Rollie) Harmes, turns 84 Feb. 10 and friends of his worked with commissioners to have this proclamation done just in time for his birthday.

The proclamation honoring Harmes was signed by local Oakland County commissioner Bob Hoffman (Dist. 47), David Woodward (Dist. 1) and Brendan Johnson (Dist. 4).

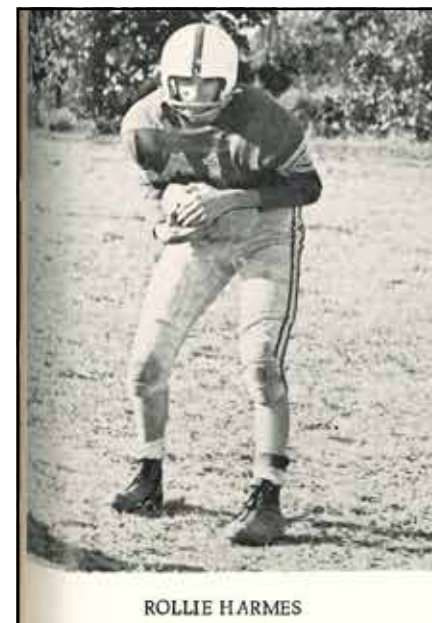
The proclamation states in part, "We are all indebted to the special individuals who dedicate themselves to improving the community through their work in the public sector, particularly when that passion is dedicated to preserving and improving our natural resources."

Harmes was founder of Harmes Consulting and his career with the state of Michigan Department of Natural Resources spanned four decades. From



1991 to 1995, he served as the director of the department and supervised a team of deputy directors and division chiefs who oversaw 3,500 employees with a combined budget of \$300 million. The group of employees Harmes managed were responsible for over 4.5 million acres of state land, minerals and resources, as well as portions of the Great Lakes.

Harmes now lives in Okemos but has maintained strong personal and professional ties to the Holly area. He worked



ROLLIE HARMES

to protect natural resources throughout the county, including nearly 900 acres in Davisburg.

The commissioners, for his 84th birthday, join his family, friends and colleagues to thank him for his contribution to the community.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

Local grad makes Dean's list at Ferris

Seven hundred and eighty-five students completed the requirements for certificates, associate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees at Ferris State University and Kendall College of Art and Design during the semester that ended in December 2022. To be eligible for Academic Honors, the minimum requirements for full-time students each term are: 3.5 GPA and completion of 12 Ferris credit hours or more of graded course work at the 100 level or higher. **Taylor Huntoon** of Fenton is a freshman studying criminal justice and was an honoree of the Dean's list.



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Owned by sisters Kris O'Neil and Robin Wolf, My Sister & Me Upscale Consignment opened in 2014 in a 5,000-square-foot building. In 2018, they grew into a second building, with the third following in 2021. In 2022, the "Smitten Mitten Confectionery" ice cream and specialty shop opened, co-owned with their neighbors/family "Optimum Balance Counseling/Back To Basics." MS&M is now over 15,000 square feet of upscale shopping for furniture, decor, designer clothes and accessories, fine and costume jewelry, designer bags and much more. Many call it a true "one-stop shopping" experience. They currently have more than 4,500 consignors with new friends arriving daily. Kris said everyone at MS&M is humbled and appreciative of the continued support from our community, customers, consignors and team members. They

Owners *Kris O'Neil, Robin Wolf, Karl Gill and Jamie Sweet* are shown here in April 2022 for the opening of Smitten Mitten, which is attached to the consignment store.

were recently awarded the "Outstanding Customer Service" award from the Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors, and are recognized on the "Top 10 best consignment shops in Michigan" list. MS&M proudly donates any unsold items to the "Fenton World of Wonder" program supporting local families. Kris and Robin ask that you please keep them in your heart when disposing of unwanted items they are not able to accept. "Fenton has always been our home and we are proud to be a part of it," Kris said.

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Karima Amlani named Hurley Foundation president

With hospitals across the country experiencing financial and staffing challenges following the pandemic, the role of the hospital philanthropic arm is vitally important to the care patients receive. Hurley Foundation is excited to announce Karima Amlani of Fenton is now leading its team as Hurley Foundation president.



Karima Amlani

Since its inception in 1993, Hurley Foundation has made tremendous strides to help ensure every family in this region has access to the state's best health care through destination hospitals Hurley Medical Center and Hurley Children's Hospital, which is one of just four Children's Miracle Network Hospitals in Michigan.

Amlani has worked alongside their team and with community partners to further these goals as the former Hurley Foundation director of events and fundraising from 2017-2019. Recently, she exceeded strategic goals as vice president of development for the Community Foundation of Greater Flint in raising endowed and non-endowed funds, growing grant revenue, transformational gifts and planned giving. Her expertise has been utilized as committee co-chair for the Council of Michigan Foundations and as an expert panelist

at a national conference on resource development and diversifying donor bases.

"Karima Amlani's extensive knowledge of and relationships with many community resources, non-profit agencies and frontline health care workers will further the progress Hurley Foundation has made and we expect her

leadership will move the foundation to a whole new level of advancement," said Michael Burnett, former Hurley Foundation president.

The experienced Hurley Foundation team is excited to set records for events, volunteer engagement, Children's Miracle Network, Lobby Shop revenue, grants, sponsorships, investments and funds. Many have worked with Amlani in the past and together, with the addition of new specialized talent, are hitting the ground running in 2023.

"It's beyond special to rejoin the Hurley Foundation in its 30th year, celebrating with the team, community partners and ambassadors who help make our work possible," Amlani said. "I look forward to building off the success of my predecessors and embarking on a mission to grow philanthropic investment in health equity and access."

To learn more visit hurleyfoundation.org.

Flint Institute of Arts Receives Grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Flint

The Flint Institute of Arts received a grant from the Ford Foundation Equity Fund of the Community Foundation of Greater Flint that will allow the FIA to have American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters at their public lectures for 2023. Public lectures are free and open to the public. For more information, visit flintarts.org.

The FIA is Michigan's second-largest art museum and one of the largest museum art schools in the nation. The FIA's mission is to advance the understanding and appreciation of art for all through collections, exhibitions and education programs. The FIA receives support from the Genesee County Arts Education and Cultural Enrichment Millage.

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SCHOOL PARENT PAGES really need to be removed from social media. All it ever seems to be are overreactive parents spreading idle gossip or rumors without any proof whatsoever, and passing those rumors on to their kids to spread. Be better role models to your kids and just stop.

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I'M CALLING BALONEY on the Hot-liner claiming 'big oil receives billions in subsidies.' Name one oil subsidy to a domestic oil producer that supports the development, production, and sale automotive gasoline. You can't. You have fallen for leftist propaganda hook, line and sinker.

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BIDEN, ADMINISTRATION, PENTAGON all failed miserably protecting U.S. citizens allowing Chinese spy balloon to go beyond Aleutian Islands, Alaska. Where's accountability? Why is such incompetence allowed? U.S. should fly balloons over China carrying all seized fentanyl, dump it on Beijing returning their poison.

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WHAT WILL BE left when the attack comes to our shores? You are aware that the DoD budget is \$773 billion this year, right? So, \$26 billion on Ukraine is like throwing a penny in a wishing well. Oh, and protecting democracy from Russia is protecting our shores as well.

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SO NOW GM has gone over to the woke side. Saw on the news they are sending schools books on LGBT. Our kids don't need those kinds of books in school libraries. Messing with their heads, GM should stick to making cars not trash books.

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I READ IN the newspaper that the public school system in USA had an exodus of 1.4 million students from prior year during the 'pandemic.' This is a direct result of the shameful activity of the government and the teachers union. They should be ashamed of themselves.

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IT APPEARS THAT the legacy of Joe Biden will be measured by how much damage he has done to our country, as it appears that he has done very little of benefit to the American people.

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Michigan State Police are investigating a crash involving an MSP vehicle that happened Tuesday, Feb. 7 just after 7 a.m. The trooper and at-fault driver were injured and transported to a local hospital for medical treatment. Several areas of northern Oakland County were reporting icy road conditions. **Photos: MSP**

CRASH

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trooper was transported to Ascension Genesys in Grand Blanc Township for injuries to his leg and hip and the at-fault driver was transported for minor injuries. The investigation continues.

With temperatures hovering just over freezing, roads were icy in spots and multiple crashes were reported in Groveland, Holly and Springfield townships in Oakland County. The following are some of the crashes that happened Tuesday morning.

At 7:02 a.m., the North Oakland County Fire Authority responded to a personal injury crash on Grange Hall

Road just east of Rood Road. There were reports that an airbag was deployed.

At 7:13 a.m., Springfield Township Fire Department responded to a three-vehicle crash on Davisburg Road in Springfield Township. Injuries were unknown.

At 8:05 a.m., Springfield Fire Department responded to an injury crash on Dixie Highway, south of E. Holly Road. It was reported that a vehicle had crashed and rolled over in the roadway.

At 8:18 a.m., Springfield Township Fire Department responded to north-bound I-75 south of Davisburg Road on a report of a dump truck losing control and rolling over. The driver was unable to exit the truck.

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MCC Centennial Concert to feature two alumni

■ Event is Feb. 22 in Flint

The first concert in the Mott Community College (MCC) Centennial Lecture & Concert Series will feature two alumni, Rufus Ferguson on piano and Caleb Robison on drums. They will be joined by Rockelle Whitaker-Fortin with vocals and Brandon Rose on bass.

They will perform hits from the first quarter of MCC's century of existence, from 1923 to 1948.

The concert will be Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. in the MCC Event Center on the main campus in Flint. The concert is free and open to the public.

Ferguson and Robison are both graduates of MCC's Music Program.

Ferguson is a multi-genre pianist and organist raised in Flint and based in Detroit. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in jazz piano from Western Michigan University as well as an Associates of Arts degree from Mott Community College. He is currently the Assistant Professor of Jazz and Popular Music at Albion College.

Born and raised in Flint, Robison is a multi-talented drummer who has been playing and learning the craft since the age of three. He also plays bass and produces music. An alumnus of the MCC Music Program, Caleb is currently a student in Michigan State University's Jazz Studies Program.

Rose incorporates elements of jazz, funk, hip hop and R&B into a full-bodied sonic experience. In the 2000s, he achieved early notoriety on Michigan-based television programs and online streaming platforms as a child bassist.

Whitaker is a vocalist, composer, lyricist and "Ghost" lyricist from



Rufus Ferguson is a multi-genre pianist and organist raised in Flint and based in Detroit.



Caleb Robison of Flint is a multi-talented drummer who has been playing and learning the craft since the age of 3.

Detroit. As the eldest of jazz bassist Rodney Whitaker, her musical talent is rooted in gospel, baptized in the blues and an immensely inherited legacy of jazz. She has toured and performed in jazz clubs/festivals in the U.S., Europe and Asia.

POLAR PLUNGE

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nations compared to previous Polar Plunges. They raised \$36,000 more than in 2022. In 2021, LaFontaine Automotive Group held a modified Polar Plunge because the event was canceled due to the pandemic. They raised approximately \$12,000. In 2020, the event raised nearly \$84,000.

"I think we've had a couple bad years and now people are just like, 'we want to get out and do something, we want to do something for a good cause.' The people believe in us," she said.

Multiple organizations donated time and resources to make this event possible and safe for everyone involved. This includes the Fenton Township Fire Department, Genesee

County Dive Team, the National Guard, Medstar, students from Kettering, parents of athletes, UAW volunteers and more.

Peters said it's like the quote, "if you build it, they will come."

"This is a dream, and as long as we have the event, they will come," she said. "Thank you to the whole community because without the community, we couldn't do this. It's not an 'I,' it's a 'we.'"

Like in 2020 and 2022, the UAW Local 598 raised the most funds at \$34,595. Ryan Buchalski was the top individual fundraiser at \$11,488.

Best costume went to the Not So Skinny Dippers. Grand Blanc Community Schools was the school district that raised the most funds for the event with more than \$19,267. The youngest plunger was age 9.

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SAW ON THE Sunday news that a pharma company is working on a vaccine against fentanyl poisoning. What? This means our leaders are just gonna keep letting the deadly drug come across the border and there will be no way out except another vaccine. Follow the money.

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THE GROANER SAYS this should be shared. It's not mine. A wise man said he who says he knows, knows nothing. He who knows nothing really knows. I learned that decades ago.

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WHY ARE YOU hating on BP oil profits of \$40 billion? Do you oppose people making a living and earning a profit? Sounds like someone around here is jealous.

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I'M SAD. WHAT happened to the journalistic integrity of the TCTimes? Three recent articles reporting and favoring electric vehicles. One article even made 'The case for electric vehicles.' But not a single word questioning or critiquing electric vehicles. Is local journalism dead?

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PEOPLE BUY A house, they maintain their house and yard. Then, a group, SLPR, gets an idea to connect walking trails through Fenton Township and Linden. SLPR wants the trail to run through people's yards. When the homeowners don't agree, SLPR can use Imminent Domain? What? We live in America, not Cuba.

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FUNDS

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in order to help improve the safety and security of more than 334,000 Michigan students.

This money can be used to support salaries, benefits and training for SROs.

Fenton Area Public Schools has one SRO from the Fenton Police Department who monitors all of the schools in the district.

Heidie Ciesielski, superintendent of FAPS, said, "As a district, we are elated to receive this grant from the Michigan State Police. These dollars will allow us to add another SRO to our district. This additional SRO will be responsible for our PK-5 campuses. While our existing SRO will be responsible for our secondary 6-12 campus. It will add a positive impact and presence to our district and community during the school year."

Holly Area Schools contracts both of their current SROs through the village of Holly.

Steve Lenar, Holly Area Schools assistant superintendent of administrative services, said, "At Holly Area Schools, the safety and security of our students

and staff remains our top priority, and we continually invest in the latest safety upgrades and enhancements. We are grateful to be chosen as a recipient of state grant funding for school resource officers. This funding will help us build on our existing safety and security efforts, which include two full-time School Resource Officers from the village of Holly Police Department and three armed security guards.

"We are in communication with the police department to determine how to add an additional school resource officer with the grant funding as soon as possible. The grant will help us continue to provide a safe, secure learning environment where all Bronchos can learn and thrive."

Linden Community Schools has two SROs. One covers the school buildings in Argentine Township and the other is stationed at the school buildings in Linden City.

Lake Fenton Community Schools has an SRO contracted through the Genesee County Sheriff's Office. LFCS Superintendent Julie Williams said they did not apply for this SRO grant, however, each district did receive an allocation for school safety through the 97 grants.

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Holly's Tony Simmons begins one of his two dunks versus Linden. Photo: Mark Bolen

Holly Bronchos remain in division hunt, defeat Linden

By David Troppens

Linden — For a quarter, the Linden varsity boys basketball team was able to deal with Holly's defense and keep the game at a tempo that the Eagles could have success with.

The score showed it. Jase Becher scored six first-quarter points and the Eagles led 18-9 after one quarter.

However, the Bronchos made life much tougher during the middle two quarters. Holly's press paid off big time. The Bronchos forced 19 turnovers during the middle two quarters, took the lead for good in the second quarter and eventually earned a 74-62 Flint Metro League Stripes Division road victory. The win improves the Bronchos' division re-

cord to 6-1, one game behind Fenton.

"We lost the first one (against Fenton)," said Holly junior Tony Simmons, who thrilled the crowd at Linden High School with two dunks off of Holly steals. "We've won something like seven of our last eight games (that loss was a 61-50 loss at Fenton),

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Sports Times

LF wrestlers win first-ever Metro crown

By David Troppens

Saturday was a historical day for the Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team.

It marked the first time the Blue Devils have ever won an outright Flint Metro League Championship.

Entering the league meet in second place, knowing a first-place finish would assure them at least a tie for the league crown, the Blue Devils dominated the meet earning six finalists and collecting 211.5 points. Goodrich, who entered the meet in first, was unable to compete and fell to sixth in the final standings. Fenton took third at the league meet with 131 points while Linden was fifth (113.5). Holly took seventh (75).

"This is huge to the program," Lake Fenton varsity wrestling coach Vance Corcoran said. "It shows the team that all of the months of hard work they put into this sport will pay off. It's also a great motivator to the team that we're heading in the right direction as the post-season gets nearer.

"We had 12 out of our 14 kids place in the top four which may have been right up there with some of our best league performances over the years."



Lake Fenton's champions were Jorge Marvin (106), Clay Cook (120) and Noah Hall (150).

Hall improved to 42-1 for the season by defeating Clio's D'Marion Erlenbeck in the finals by a 16-4 major decision. He won his first two matches by pinfall and by a tight 4-3 decision against Corunna's Xavier Anderson.

Marvin (40-4) had only two matches, earning a pinfall victory and then a 6-2 decision win against Flushing's Dylan Labelle in the title match. Cook (40-3) earned a major decision win in the semifinals against Fenton's Owen Freeman, and



then defeated Flushing's Wyatt Martin by technical fall in the championship bout.

Wyatt Devasher (113), Robby Moore (126) and Jack Conley (157) earned second-place finishes, losing in the finals.

Lake Fenton's Drew Corcoran (138), Ty Johnson (144) and Caden Tortice (190) earned third-place finishes while Cohen Dancil (106), Karson Crist (175) and Josh Ezell (215) earned fourth-place efforts.



Linden's Olivia Mawhinney attacks the basket in the Eagles' victory against Holly.

Photo: Mark Bolen

Linden earns strong win versus Holly

By David Troppens

Linden — It's been a couple of busy weeks for the Linden varsity girls basketball team.

The Eagles have played six games during the last two weeks, and have three more scheduled next week.

It's likely the girls are going to have to fight through some physical and mental fatigue. The Eagles were able to do that at home against the Holly Bronchos, earning a 51-28 victory.

Linden took a 16-6 lead after one quarter and fought

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Lake Fenton's Kendyl Smith prepares to score a bucket in a recent game. Photo: Mark Bolen

LF girls dominate Corunna, 63-12

By David Troppens

The Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team keeps on winning.

The Blue Devils improved to 17-0 with another overwhelming road victory. The road warrior Blue Devils defeated Corunna 63-12.

Corunna was never able to score more than four points in any quarter. Meanwhile, the Blue Devils scored at least 13 in every quarter.

In the opening quarter, Kendyl Smith hit two treys and Amaya Smith and Makenna Clement had two steals each in an 18-point stanza. Lake Fenton led 18-3 after one quarter.

In the second quarter, Smith netted five more points, including a conventional three-point play, in what was a 13-point quarter. The Blue Devils led 31-6 at halftime.

It was Lake Fenton's typically balanced team effort. Smith led the squad with 17 points, three rebounds and two assists, while Savannah Feltenbaum netted eight points, six rebounds and two blocks.

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Area teams capture many Metro titles at league meet

By David Troppens

The tri-county area had a nice showing at the Flint Metro League wrestling meet with area squads taking home 10 of the 14 individual weight champions.

Lake Fenton won the meet with three champions (a story about Lake Fenton can be found elsewhere in this publication) while Linden had a meet-high four champions. Fenton had two while Holly had one.

Fenton's team placed third at the meet and fourth in the overall standings, while Linden was fifth in the standings and the meet while Holly placed seventh at the meet and was tied for seventh in the final standings.

Linden's champions were

Bryce Shingleton (126), Adoniah Delgado (138), Michael Bush (175) and Jase Grundy (190).

Shingleton won his title match by pinfall in 31 seconds against Lake Fenton's Robby Moore, while Delgado defeated Swartz Creek's Hayden Pletscher by pinfall in 2:08 in his championship bout. Bush earned his championship by beating Brandon's Calvin Solis by a 6-1 decision while Grundy defeated Clio's Jacob Marrs by a 7-4 decision in his final match.

Fenton's champions were Jamal Horne (113) and Philip Lamka (157). Lamka improved to 23-3 with a pinfall victory against Lake Fenton's Jack Con-

ley in the title match while Horne defeated Lake Fenton's Wyatt Devasher by pinfall in 2:21 in their title bout.

Holly's Kendall Drake earned his crown in 165 pounds, defeating Kearsley's Kasen Johnson by a 2-1.

Holly also had a runner-up. Jayden Higgins (215) earned a second-place finish.

Fenton recorded four third-place finishers. They were Aiden Velzy (106), Ben Triola

(175) and Carson Krzeszak (285).

Fenton's Garrett Clark (132) and Holly's Chase Couchman (120) earned fourth-place finishes.



Jase Grundy was one of four Linden wrestlers to earn an individual league championship at the Metro League Meet. Photo: David Troppens

Fenton posts strong scores at own cheer competition

By David Troppens

It was a pretty solid day for the Fenton and Holly varsity competitive cheer teams at the Fenton Tiger Invitational on Saturday.

The Tigers finished second with a team score of 742.4, while the Bronchos took fourth with a 633.48. Both scores represented better marks than



Fenton's Libby Pattan

each squad has had during Metro events this season. And with the final Metro meet coming up on Friday at Lake Fenton High School, there's no better time to post strong team scores.

Fenton, who scored a 712.7 in the first Metro meet, improved upon that score by almost 30 points on Saturday.

Griffins earn victory vs. Eastside, 3-2

By David Troppens

The Fenton-Linden Area Griffins enjoyed a pretty strong performance against Eastside last week, earning a 3-2 victory.

The Griffins also suffered a 4-1 loss to Lakeland.

The Griffins pretty much had the game against Eastside under control, with the final score making the contest maybe appear tighter than it really was, at least on the scoreboard. Eastside scored its second goal with 10 seconds left when Jack Drounare scored. Eastside did enjoy an overwhelming 46-21 shot edge. In net, Porter Lobocki made 44 saves, earning the Griffins the win.

Both teams had goals in the final seconds of a period. In the opening period, Jace Dumeah scored a goal for the Griffins with just nine seconds left until intermission. That goal made it a 2-0 Griffins' lead. Fenton/Linden's first goal came with 9:22 left in the opening period by Caden Crandall. Crandall also scored the team's third goal of the game with 7:52 left in the second period. Brett Elsey assisted the goal.

Hayden Stone scored Eastside's first goal with 9:08 left in the contest.

The Griffins had to kill off four two-minute penalties, and did so successfully.

Fenton had a 226.6 round one score, and led the competition at that point. The Tigers had a 216.8 round two score and a 299.0 for round three.

Holly's best Metro score so far was the second event's 632.04, so Saturday's event represented a slight improvement upon that score.

Holly had a 199.8 in round one and a 181.58 in round two. The Bronchos con-

cluded action with a 252.1 in round three.

Both communities had middle school competitors as well, with AGS earning first and Holly earning fourth. AGS had scores of 131.66 and 284.00 to finish with a 415.66, more than 60 points better than the second-place Clio squad. Holly had a 103.92 and a 229.8 for a team total of 325.72.



Griffins goalie Porter Lobocki made 44 saves in a 3-2 victory against Eastside. Photo: David Troppens



Fenton's Jacob Grifka won the 100 breaststroke in the Tigers' victory against Swartz Creek. Photo: Christopher Summers

Small Fenton squad provides quality, defeats Swartz Creek

By David Troppens

Fenton varsity boys swim team of just 11 athletes (nine swimmers) is hoping to make its string of 11 straight Flint Metro League titles grow to 12.

If the Tigers do that, it will be because of quality instead of quantity of swimmers.

The Tigers have been able to win each of their duals so far which bodes well for a 12th straight league crown. Fenton defeated Swartz Creek 100-74 in recent league dual action.

Fenton won 10 of the 12 events against the Dragons, with Max Haney and Zach Michelson each earning two individual firsts.

Haney won the 200 individual medley (1:59.70) and the 100 butterfly (52.82) while Michelson won the 200 freestyle (1:58.59) and the 500 freestyle (5:15.36). Haney also was part of two winning relays. He teamed with Jacob Grifka, Isaac Gurnsey and Gabe Lampe to win the 200 medley relay (1:53.50) and with Luke DeFina, Finley Hughes and Grifka to win the 200 freestyle (1:40.69). Michelson also teamed up

with DeFina, Hughes and Gurnsey to win the 400 freestyle relay (3:46.13).

The Tigers also had three other individual firsts. DeFina won the 50 freestyle (24.64) while Owen Cox won diving (225.65). Grifka won the 100 breaststroke (1:11.82).

The squad also earned four individual seconds. In fact, three of those seconds completed first-second performances for Fenton in those events. Gurnsey finished runner-up to teammates in the 200 freestyle (2:06.46) and the 100 butterfly (1:00.78), while Caleb Markley was second in diving (142.20) behind Cox.

The Tigers have two big home league duals before the league meet. They face Brandon/Go-odrich on Thursday and then compete against the league's other undefeated squad Owosso on Tuesday. Finishing undefeated in league play would help the Tigers' goal of at least a co-league crown tremendously.

The league meet is February 24 and 25 at Fenton High School.

Tigers get scare vs. Swartz Creek, 45-42

By David Troppens

It was one of Fenton's toughest Stripes Division games of the year, yet the Tigers won.

But with the Fenton varsity boys basketball team's 45-42 road victory against the Swartz Creek Dragons, the Tigers are assured a spot as one of the top two seeds in the Stars Division in the end-of-the-season Metro League crossover championship series with the top two teams in the Stripes Division.

After a five-point second quarter, the Tigers (7-0 in the Stripes Division and 11-5 overall) trailed 27-17 at halftime.

"We were decent at the defensive end, and as bad as we've been since I've been coaching here on the offensive end," Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Chad Logan said. "Luckily, we understood what our mistakes were so we were able to correct them."

Durant breaks record in Tigers' win vs. Creek

By David Troppens

Temperatures hit around 0 degrees Friday night.

But Fenton's Naomi Durant's three-point stroke was as hot as ever.

Durant broke the Fenton varsity girls school record for three-pointers in a game, making six, in the Tigers 64-33 road victory at Swartz Creek.

Coming off the bench, Durant didn't make a shot until the second quarter. She nailed two treys in the second quarter, two more

LF boys lose down stretch versus Corunna

The Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team's chances of earning a Flint Metro League Stars Division championship took a little bit of a blow Friday.

The Blue Devils lost a tight 57-55 road contest at Corunna, in what was a battle between two of the three squads that entered Friday tied atop the Stars



Fenton remained undefeated in Flint Metro League Stripes Division play entering Tuesday night's contest against Holly. Results of that game weren't known at press time. Photo: Mark Bolen

The Tigers did just that in the third quarter. Fenton scored 20 points in the third quarter, with 18 of those points coming on three-pointers. Fenton scored treys on each of its first three possessions of the third quarter — two by Colin TerBurgh and Ja'Hion Bond and one by Sam Dillard II. Before the quar-

ter was over, TerBurgh added another and Fenton led 37-34 entering the final quarter. The Tigers held on in the fourth to earn the win.

"From there, it was game on. We had the lead, but it was nothing significant," Logan said. "We got out of there as fast as we could."

LF boys lose down stretch versus Corunna

Division standings.

Playing without senior Gavin Teffner, the Blue Devils found themselves in a tight contest. Lake Fenton managed just seven points in the first quarter, and trailed 13-7 entering the second period. In it, the Blue Devils heated up, with Brady Belcher leading the way. Belcher scored

two treys, Weddle scored four more points and Lauren Gadola hit a trey. Fenton led 27-16 at halftime.

The Tigers blew the game open with 26 third-quarter points which included six three-pointers. Allie Michewicz nailed three and had 13 third-quarter points. Meanwhile, Durant had two treys and Gadola hit another. Fenton led 53-23 entering the final quarter, and cruised from there.

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11 second-quarter points with nine coming from behind the three-point arc. Brit Antonange-li also hit two treys in the stanza while Jett Husted and Coleson Lessner netted four points each, resulting in a 27-point quarter. The Blue Devils led 34-31 at halftime.

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so we are ready for them.”

The Bronchos enjoy when they can get the tempo of the game going, and it shows with their results. During the team's current seven-game win streak they've scored at least 70 points in four of those contests.

“We love the energy,” Simmons said. “We adore it. We absorb it and keep pushing through.”

“That's a big key for us. When we play loose and they're enjoying it, we play well,” Holly varsity boys basketball coach Steve DeHart said. “Credit to Linden. We wanted to play a faster tempo tonight, but I guess they were ready for it. They executed really well in that first quarter. It just took a few minutes to kind of tweak and find out what was going to work tonight. Once we changed a few things up, we found our groove and it worked the rest of the night.”

Early on it looked like it was going to be a tight battle. Holly tied the game at 4-all on a lob pass layup to Bowen Moore, but just seconds after it, Linden's Colin Weiss hit a three-pointer. The Eagles led 7-4. Holly trailed just 12-9, but the Eagles scored the final six points of the quarter. That run started with a post layup by Becher and ended with two free throws by Becher. Linden led 18-9.

But Holly's press dominated after that. Holly earned steals on Linden's first five possessions of the second half, and Holly cashed in big time as the Bronchos went on a 16-0 run. Holly's Bowen Moore had three of those steals. One by Deshawn Willis was passed forward to Simmons for his first slam. Holly still trailed 18-13 after the dunk. The run ended with a converted free throw by Andrew Lewis, giving Holly a 25-18 lead. Back-to-back three-pointers by Linden's Joe Miller cut the gap back to just 25-24, but Holly was able to

up the lead to 31-27 by halftime.

The third quarter saw Linden turn the ball over 10 more times, while Holly's Ka'Vion Smith netted seven third-quarter points. Linden remained within 44-41 after a third trey by Miller, but Holly ended the quarter with an inside hoop by Mason Clark and a Simmons assist on a Moore trey, giving Holly a 49-41 lead entering the fourth quarter.

Holly pretty much iced the game when Andrew Lewis hit a layup, followed by a trey by Clark. If that didn't lock up the victory, then Simmons's second dunk did, giving Holly a 56-41 lead with about six minutes remaining.

“The thing we talked about was we have to stop turning the ball over,” Linden varsity boys basketball coach Matt Christensen said. “Someone's going to have to step up and take control of the game because anytime they start getting us uptempo, we just play too fast and turn the ball over.”



Linden's Monte Keener (front) fights for a ball with Holly's Tony Simmons in the Bronchos' victory Friday night. Photo: Mark Bolen



Holly's Alana Simmons attempts a shot among the Linden defense on Friday night. Photo: Mark Bolen

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forward, eventually earning a strong win against the Bronchos.

“Tonight was a lot more than about the win or loss,” Linden varsity girls basketball coach Brian Klein said. “I'm proud of the way the girls came out at halftime. They were kind of going through the motions early, but they responded well in the second half and started to play our brand of basketball I was happy for that. And we were able to finish the game and then enjoy the evening.”

Holly tried to stick with the Eagles, who slowly merged to a big lead. In the first quarter, Olivia Mawhinney netted seven of Linden's 16 points, leading the squad to the 16-6 lead. In the second quarter, the Eagles' defense held Holly to just four points while Addyson Sturgis hit two buckets, including one three-pointer. Linden led 25-10 at halftime.

The Eagles' press did damage against Holly in the third quarter. The Bronchos scored the first bucket of the third quarter on a hoop by Morgan Fluckey, but a converted three-point play by Mawhinney started a 14-0 Linden run. The run con-

tinued with a post hoop and a three-point hoop by Kelsey McLennan, and eventually ended with a layup by Mawhinney. Linden led 39-12. By the time the quarter was over, the Eagles (6-1 in the Flint Metro League Stripes Division and 11-5 overall) enjoyed a 46-19 lead.

“I thought we played a lot better this

time than we did the first time for sure,” Holly varsity girls basketball coach Ben Varner said. “We broke the press better. The third quarter killed us again. We had a couple of silly mistakes. It wasn't even things they did, but just some stuff we did to ourselves.”

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PREP REPORT

COMPETITIVE CHEER

► **Linden at the Charger Challenge:** The Eagles took second among the seven D1 and D2 schools at the event with a team score of 629.92. Linden had a 191.5 round one performance, followed by a 181.62 score in round two. Eighteen points in penalties hurt the squad's score. In round three, the Eagles recorded a 274.8.

SKIING

► **Holly/Oxford boys 35, Powers 37:** Eric Ranck led the Holly/Oxford team by taking first in the slalom (55.51) and the giant slalom (50.37), while James Ferguson was second in both events (59.02 slalom/59.05 in the giant slalom). The meet was tied 18-18 after the slalom.

► Holly/Oxford girls 28, Powers


44: Finley DeCubber placed first in the slalom (1:00.77) and second in the giant slalom (51.63) to pace Holly/Oxford. Sierra Musial was third in both events (1:02.93 slalom/51.73 giant slalom).

BOWLING

► **Holly boys at Dragons Singles-Tournament:** The Bronchos had three bowlers qualify for the top 32, with Ryan Dalton taking 10th with a four-game series of 784. Sean Dankert placed 12th (779) and Ryan Sparklin was 30th (763). Dankert had a 274 game during qualifying, striking in the first nine frames.

In elimination action, all three were eliminated in the opening round.

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Margaret A. Keck 1939 – 2023

Margaret A. Keck - age 83, of Linden, died Sunday, February 5, 2023. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St, Fenton. (The service will be live streamed and may be viewed by visiting her obituary page www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.) Fr. Robert Copeland celebrant. Burial in St. Augustine Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held 10 - 11 AM Wednesday at the church. Those desiring may make contributions to The Padre Pio Foundation of America, 463 Main St, Cromwell, CT 06416. Margaret was born August 19, 1939 in Flint, the daughter of Vernon D. and Margaret A. (Hoag) Murphy. She married Cleo Keck on October 18, 1955, in Flint and he preceded her in death on September



21, 2020. She was a member of the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. She enjoyed golfing, traveling, painting, knitting and most of all spending time with

her family. Surviving are children, Debra Laier of Linden, Joseph (Treena) Keck of Fenton, Matthew (Jill) Keck of Fife Lake, and Patrick (Melissa) Keck of Milan; 11 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; two brothers, George Nichols and Patrick Murphy. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Cleo; two sons, Douglas and Christopher Keck; and sister, Mary Frances Sivick. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Sally S. Diehl 1938 – 2023

Sally S. Diehl — Survived by her four children, six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Terminal diagnosis of metastatic breast cancer, July 2022. More information at the following link: <https://www.caringbridge.org/public/welovesallydiehl>. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

Maralene G. Kennett



Maralene G. Kennett – age 90, of Argentine Township, passed away Monday, January 9, 2023. A Celebration of Life service will be held at Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church, 10235 White Lake Road on April 22, 2023. tronepca.org for time of service. Maralene is survived by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many special nieces and nephews and many wonderful friends. Maralene was an avid gardener, surrounding her yard with many beautiful flowers. She was also active in her church and was the best neighbor anyone could have. RIP Maralene.

Robin Lee Royer 1955 – 2023



Robin Lee Royer - age 67, of Fenton, passed away Friday, February 3, 2023. A Celebration of Robin's life and love will be held at 1 PM Friday, February 10, 2023 at Tyrone Hills Golf Club, 8449 Old US 23, Fenton. Robin was born November 2, 1955 in San Diego, the son of Ralph and Phyllis (Schollenbruch) Royer. A proud veteran of the U.S. Marine Corp, stationed in Yuma, Arizona where he met his wife, Linda (Smith) of 45 years. He retired from KUKA

after many years of employment. Robin was an avid golfer and loved his dog buddy Zeko. He was a devoted loving husband, father, grandfather (papa), great-grandfather, son, brother, uncle, and friend (golf partner). Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Midweek Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Energy

4 Amtrak express

9 Sushi fish

12 Praise in verse

13 VIP on Air Force One

14 Tennis feat

15 Museum piece

17 Train lines (Abbr.)

18 Sprite

19 Holler

21 Word game with dice

24 Horseshoe site

25 Brit. record label

26 Not 'neath

28 Bolivian city

31 Wilson's predecessor

33 Observe

35 Castle

36 Caper

38 Music booster

40 GPS suggestion

41 Skip

43 Telethon array

45 Soft and weak

47 Kanga's kid

48 Use a shovel

49 Land in the Irish Sea

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23 Eloquent person's talent

27 Actor Stephen

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32 Marathoner's stat

34 Catherine, notably

37 Municipalities

39 "Nuts!"

42 Inventor

44 Gut-punch reaction

45 Wax-coated cheese

46 Rover's pal

50 Fleur-de- —

51 Oft-tattooed word

52 Jurist Fortas

53 Kibosh

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Midweek Sudoku

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WEEKLY SUDOKU BY LINDA THISTLE

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

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Horoscopes

ARIES
Mar 21/Apr 20
Excessive spending in recent days may have you feeling nervous about your finances, Aries. In addition to bills, you could be waiting to be reimbursed. Be patient.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you may have been working so hard you haven't had time to spend with family and friends lately. Clear your calendar and make some time for recreation.

GEMINI
May 22/June 21
This week you may lock yourself behind closed doors and enjoy some alone time for a change, Gemini. Relax with a good book or binge watch some television.

CANCER
June 22/July 22
A friendship could be tested when you get into a quarrel over money, Cancer. You each have different philosophies on spending. Try to see both sides.

LEO
July 23/Aug 23
Philosophy and religious principles are of interest to you lately, Leo. Explore the metaphysical and dive into these subjects with all of your energy.

VIRGO
Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you could be longing for a vacation, so why not make it happen? If you've socked away some cash, put it towards a trip to recharge and relax.

LIBRA
Sept 23/Oct 23
Make an effort to reconnect with someone you have known a long time who has become absent from your life. Resolve to maintain this connection in the years ahead.

SCORPIO
Oct 24/Nov 22
Honest communication can take you through a rough patch you might be having with your romantic partner, Scorpio. Speak openly and honestly to resolve the issue.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 23/Dec 21
Keep your eyes focused on the future, Sagittarius. It's easy to dwell on what happened in the past, but that won't matter much in the grand scheme of things.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22/Jan 20
A miscommunication could find you spending money you just don't have right now, Capricorn. This may be an instance when you need to seek a professional to sort it all out.

AQUARIUS
Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, a project that has been on the calendar for some time finally gets completed. It has been a long time coming, but the results are better than you expected.

PISCES
Feb 19/Mar 20
Go through some old photos and reminisce, Pisces. It can be a quiet way to spend a day or two and enjoy the memories.

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