WHERE TO BUY A SOFA

The SOFA

...it keeps the family together

All sofas are not created equal, so for best quality and service, buy from a local store

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You sit on it, lie down on it, put your feet up to relax on it and snuggle on it.
Whether you call it a sofa, a sectional, a couch or a davenport, this important piece of furniture is the focal point of most living and family rooms. Long-lasting quality and relaxing comfort should be the most important aspects of buying a new one.

“A quality sofa literally keeps your family together,” said Rodney Willey, general manager of Fenton Home Furnishings, one of five independent furniture retailers in the tri-county area. Together, they carry hundreds of sofas on their showroom floors, as well as an infinite variety of fabrics, styles and designs through special orders.

Even better news is that these local retailers carry many U.S.-made sofas, so you’re getting the quality of an American-made product when you buy a sofa in your hometown.

What most people don’t realize is that sofas aren’t always what they seem. The quality is built from the inside out, so it’s most important to test the springs, feeling them through the upholstery.

“A sofa may look good, even if it’s not well built,” said Eric Klaus, owner of Kimberly Kay Furniture in Fenton for 18 years. “The first thing you want to look at is to be sure the coil seating goes into the base of the sofa. Everyone usually sits in one spot, and if it’s a cheap couch with poor construction, it will sag in places.”

Sofa shoppers will find that the quality of a bench-made sofa with each craftsman signing off his or her part of the construction of the sofa results in a better quality end product than a production line quick assembly.

That’s one of the advantages of buying a U.S.-made product, rather than from a global manufacturer. Some of these brands include Hickory Craft, Flexsteel, King Hickory, La-Z-Boy, Broyhill, LaCrosse, Ashley, Lancer and Elran, to name a few.

Several local retailers say that 80 percent of their sofa purchases are custom orders. “We’ve got more than 50 different sofa styles on the floor, but most people find a style they like, and then want to order it in a different color or fabric,” said Willey.

See SOFA on 4B
What’s been in the news that is of concern to you?

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“Guenther Beholz was born and raised in Germany, where he learned the watch repair trade in a three-year apprenticeship that sent him out into the working world by the time he was just 17 years old. Working on a U.S. Army base in Germany as a civilian watchmaker, he came to Michigan in 1957 in a job he obtained through the military, working first at Groome’s Jewelry in Flint. He then bought his own store in downtown Flint, moving his business to Fenton seven years ago. He recently moved Guenter Beholz Jewelers, Inc., with one employee, Reeney Sovel, to its new location at 104 South LeRoy St., near Fenton Flowers & Silks. What is it about watchmaking and jewelry repair that has earned your fascination for almost 60 years? I am a quiet person by nature. I like to do my tinkering. I had to choose a profession at a young age, that’s how we did it in Germany. I always took little things apart. It fascinated me. It’s like being a musician. Anyone can learn all the notes, but you need to have some talent by nature to excel at it. You go on a course, and it almost sets your path. How old are you? I can’t tell you that. That’s a secret. People can figure that out on their own. Look at my hands. No one at my age has hands like mine.”
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Event to provide tips for college scholarships

► Fenton school board president hosts session for area families with college-bound children

Many parents and students worry about finding ways to pay for college. An upcoming scholarship event to be hosted by Fenton Board of Education President Drew Shapiro will provide information to help families find potential scholarship funds. The free event will be held at the Fenton VFW Post #3243 on Saturday, Jan. 31.

The purpose of the event is to inform college-bound high school students and their parents on how successfully apply for scholarships. The session will also review additional opportunities to pay for college through special programs and volunteer service.

The discussion will be led by Vanessa Ferguson, who works as an instructor at Mott Community College. Her scholarships, which she was awarded in high school and college, paid for three college degrees including two master’s degrees.

Sofa
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“I always tell people to buy the sofa first, then match the paint color to it,” said Gary Suszek, co-owner of Stevens Furniture in Fenton with his brother, Jim.

“There are many more paint colors than sofa colors, so it will be easier to match.” He added that it’s helpful for people to bring in any swatches of fabric or paint from home to help pick a sofa that will tie in with other existing pieces or paint colors in the room.

Suszek also mentioned the importance of taking proper measurements from home, so that the sofa will be a good fit. “It always looks smaller in the showroom than it will in your home,” he said.

Many sofas can actually be built custom from the floor up. “The Lancer brand is so well-built that you can have it put together anyway you want,” said Willey. “You can totally customize it and even choose your own fabric or leather.”

Built in Star, North Carolina, the Lancer brand is also available at Stevens Furniture.

Technology and style are two more reasons to check your local furniture store first. Power reclining sofas, especially in leather, are especially popular.

Style includes not only the shape of the sofa, its arms and feet, but also the leather or fabric, which puts the finishing touches on the look of the piece. “It’s good to mix things up, like combining fabric and leather,” said Willey.

Color is also a huge selling point, with gray being the most popular neutral.

Services from a hometown retailer will also cut down just about any furniture discount. “We really want each of our customers to be happy with their purchase,” said Willey. “That’s why we offer an in-home design service with free consultation, to help customers know what they’re buying will be the right size, style and color for your home.”

Delivery is another huge benefit for local shopping, with delivery services available at all local furniture retailers. Depending on the store and the destination, there may be a small delivery charge.

In today’s dollars, the scholarships and fellowships she was awarded would be valuable.

Ferguson will share her story and educate attendees on strategies to help prepare for researching scholarships. “Most families wait too long to begin searching for scholarships. It’s important for students to start planning for college early in their high school career,” said Ferguson.

“Students don’t necessarily need to know what college they plan to attend since a lot of scholarships are awarded from organizations outside educational institutions,” said Ferguson. “These awards can be used at any college or university that a student ends up attending.”

Shapiro is sponsoring the event because of talks he has had with Fenton parents. “Paying for college is a big concern of parents. I wanted to have this event so area students can best prepare themselves to apply for scholarships.”

The VFW is located at 11-48 North Leroy Street in Fenton. The event will run from 2 to 4 p.m. The event is free to area families.

Summary
► Check your five local independent furniture retailers in the tri-county area first, when your family needs a new couch.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

STATE of the Union was a sad example of a man with an agenda using the bully pulpit of the presidency to present that agenda. Mr. Obama still seems to be tone deaf when it comes to hearing anything but his own opinion. The people spoke last November and rejected his policies and ideology.

WE HAVE NEARLY two years until the Presidential election. Help make sure you, your relatives, your neighbors, your mother, anyone who wants to vote gets registered now instead of waiting until the last minute. We need to eliminate all chances of voter fraud for a fair election.

AS A DESERTER, Bergdahl should be in prison for many, many years, but because three soldiers died looking for him, he should be tried and executed, according to our military rules. The Obama administration will not release the findings of this investigation because they are embarrassed they traded five high-ranking al-Qaida terrorists for this worthless soldier.
The Steelman Agency brings local ownership with AAA benefits

New insurance agency opens in Linden

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Kristen Short worked at Paychecks, Inc., a national payroll and human resource company, for more than a decade, honing her skills in customer service and education. She built many relationships in those years by taking good care of her clients, and is now the owner of her own business, The Steelman Agency in Linden. This locally owned AAA office opened Nov. 28 in the Alpine Marketplace plaza. Joining her in her office is Chad Steelman. The Steelman Agency sets itself apart from other agencies by offering not only a full-service insurance menu, but also AAA memberships.

“Everyone recognizes the AAA name and logo,” said Short. “Now it’s up to me to educate our local community about all the insurance programs we offer, from homeowners to auto, renters, motorcycle, boat, ATVs, life, health, as well as commercial lines like fleet lines and workers’ comp.”

Short decided to open a locally owned AAA office because of some of their unique insurance services. “I shopped around for different insurance companies to represent and was most impressed with AAA,” she said. “The average AAA member saves $450 a year on auto insurance plans, plus discounts for multi-line, education and occupation.”

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Chad Steelman and Kristen Short stand in the lobby of their agency, The Steelman Agency.

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We need a January thaw

Now that the message of peace on earth, good will toward men, is neatly packed away with the Christmas decorations, we’re in danger of entering our annual relapse into business as usual. Though totally inconsistent with the message of the season we’ve been celebrating, this too often happens.

Those of us who live in a cold climate now brace ourselves for winter winds and lots of snow but we often look forward to a brief break, soon after the beginning of the New Year, called a January thaw. We could use one of those merciful warming times in most of our churches and in many of our homes.

Let’s thaw the frigid feelings that divide us from others. Bitterness and strife between members of congregations can thwart the work of God, causing whole communities to suffer.

Melting spiritual ice is no easy task. Real and imaginary wrongs have often built up such strong barricades to blessings that true reconciliation among people who should know better seems out of the question. Yet our Lord came to reconcile us to Himself and commanded that we forgive others as we have been forgiven.

Through her tears, a woman told me how negatively her life had been affected by her unwillingness to forgive. Once she had been one of the most active members of her church.

Then she had become bitter toward another person in the congregation and as a result had spent two unhappy years over their disagreement. Now she realizes how foolish she had been to carry that old grudge and forgive her adversary.

The reconciliation of these two who had been at odds was great news. But the two years they had lost could never be regained.

A free flow of forgiveness would revive most churches. Barriers erected long ago would fall. Efforts now spent by church leaders in holding the church together and catering to warring factions could be given to reaching out to the community.

Power to forgive comes from realizing we have been forgiven. And both our own forgiveness and the ability to forgive others are the results of God’s love.

The first century church was a tiny minority in a dangerous and hostile world, but they knew their situation called for unity so they laid aside their differences in order to fulfill their mission. They loved one other, forgave one another, shared their burdens and became known as people of one accord. We’re still benefiting from the thawing among them that enabled them to reach their world.

The warmth of love in any church can be felt by members and visitors, as can the chill of congregational conflict. What’s the feel of your fellowship?

Try forgiving those who have wronged you and you may able to start the needed January thaw that will revive your church and change your life.

Contact us at rministry@ameritech.net.

Roger Campbell was an author, a broadcaster and columnist who was a pastor for 22 years.
**ANSWER:** some insight? — D.J.

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normal. He has no idea why I have extra

beats). He did a stress test, and it was

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had 5,000 extra beats within 24 hours.

I go to a cardiologist, and he put me on

Premature heartbeats are extremely common

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R, 1 hr. 29 min

BANANA GINGERBREAD

Recipe from becauseyum.com

INGREDIENTS:

• 2 C. all-purpose flour

• 4 1/2 t. ground ginger

• 1/2 t. nutmeg

• 1/2 t. allspice

• 11/2 t. baking soda

• 1/2 C. packed brown sugar

• 4 t. oil

• 2 T. blackstrap molasses

• 2 eggs

• 3 large ripe bananas, mashed thoroughly

DIRECTIONS

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees F and spray a small loaf pan with non-stick cooking spray.

2. Sift together, or thoroughly mix, dry ingredients (flour through brown sugar) in a mixing bowl. Make a well in mixture and add in oil, molasses, eggs, and mashed bananas.

3. Stir well, making sure to scrap bottom of bowl and pull up any dry mix.

4. Pour into loaf pan and bake for 45 minutes or until toothpick or butter knife inserted in center comes out clean.

5. Cool for 10-15 minutes and slice with a serrated knife for best results.

6. Tastes great reheated.

**SUNDAY SCRAMBLER**

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

T O T D C A M I L

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"I won't be long — I'm only going in for an"

Answer key located in this edition

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Gus Macker is coming to Linden

Well known 3-on-3 basketball tournament coming to tri-county area for the first time

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The legend began in a driveway in the city of Lowell in 1974. Now, just over 40 years later, the Gus Macker tournament has finally found a place in the tri-county area. The Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament using Linden Community Schools’ campuses for the event. The two-day competition will be held on June 27 and 28.

“Some of the coaches in our basketball program approached me about doing a Gus Macker,” Linden Community Schools Superintendent Ed Koledo said. “We were looking for something with a schlitz. … The Gus Macker was perfect because it comes with people. People love the Gus Macker.”

People certainly love the Gus Macker. The event has proven to be a hit in the past and is expected to draw thousands of participants and spectators.

Expo booths selling fast

The tri-county area’s strong business climate this year is contributing to the success of one of the Fenton Regional Chamber’s most popular annual events, the Community Expo. This year’s dates are Saturday and Sunday, March 7-8 at Fenton High School. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Only a handful of Expo booths remain in the gym area, according to Chamber Executive Director Shelly Day.

“Attendance numbers of booths are already secured by businesses this early in the first quarter of the year,” said Day. “We’ve got a lot of returning members this year.”

Popular event that draws hundreds of kids and parents is still in the planning stages

By Sally Rummel
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There are still a few months left of winter, but hope is in sight with the planning of the seventh annual Eggciting Easter in Linden on Saturday, March 29. This year, Easter Sunday will be April 5.

Kids and their parents are invited to attend the event, set for 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Hyatt Elementary School. Three special events are planned:

Breakfast, photos and gym activities
See EGGCITING on 13B

Eggciting Easter fun in Linden set for March 29

Tri-County Times | GusMacker.com
Linden will be the place to be on June 27 and 28 as thousands are expected to attend or take part in the annual Gus Macker 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

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Team Chamber! January defines a time for change. Already our Chamber begins 2015 with a few changes. First being that we are in our new location and accepting new members. Second, Shelly has been promoted to Membership Director and third, we have a new staff member on our Team – Lee Mitchell our Office Coordinator. I am looking forward to working with this team. They bring fresh ideas, enthusiasm and a youthful perspective that will be sure to benefit our members and the community helping promote “Building Business … Building Community”.

The Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce is proud to be made up of many team players! If you are interested in participating on a committee or volunteering, please don’t hesitate to contact me for more information on when they meet and the level of commitment. It is a great way to give back to your community, promote your business, build clientele and grow the Chamber! Below are the different team levels:

The Board of Directors – In 2015 we have 17 team captains. This diverse group of leaders guide and direct the Chamber throughout the year. They meet monthly to discuss and review progress as related to the Strategic Plan.

Committees – currently there are 15 teams (committees) that serve the Chamber. Each committee has approximately 5 team players on each committee. They are: Ambassadors, Business Development, Connections, Finance/Operations, Governance, Marketing, and Political Action. Our events committees are: Forecast Breakfast, Community Expo, Linden Eaggting Event, Go! Scramble, Lindie Rape, Tastie in Fenton, Event So Good It’s Scary, Annual Awards Dinner, and Jinglefest. Being involved in a committee not only serves the Chamber but also benefits members through involvement in community, creating partnerships, and making business connections.

Volunteers – the Chamber’s volunteer team is made up of an unlimited amount of players. Our events and programs utilize volunteers that serve in many different roles and are a necessity to our success.

The goal and purpose of each team is different but ultimately working with the same mission: to be a strong advocate for member businesses through services and resources, while fostering the economic vitality and prosperity of our region.

Thank you to everyone that participates on Team Chamber! No matter what team (committee) you’re on or what capacity you serve, every player on our team makes a difference and contributes to the Chamber’s overall success!

Wishing you continued business growth!

Shelly Day

If you are interested in Leasing Office Space at the Chamber
Please contact Shelly Day at 810-629-5447. Ext 400.

SPAIN

Costa del Sol is in the southeastern region of Spain, comprising the coastal towns and communities along the coastline of the Province of Malaga. Highlights of the trip include a full day tour of Seville, tour of Ronda, breakfast daily and five dinners, round trip airfare, all transfers between airports and hotels, seven nights first-class accommodations and more.

“We’re working with a travel company, Journeys of Discovery that only works with chambers of commerce,” said Shelly Day, Chamber executive director. “It will be mostly a leisure trip, but there will be opportunities to get together with chambers of commerce in Spain. There is no minimum number of people required, so anyone who signs up will be able to.”

The purpose of the trip and raffle is to generate income for the Chamber, investing funds back into their new building for improvements, such as a possible expansion of their meeting room. “Our goal is to make a profit of between $5,000 and $10,000,” said Day. Interested travelers who send in their deposit before Feb. 28 will get $100 off the cost of their trip, from $2,799 down to $2,699. Chamber members will get another $200 off, making their final trip cost $2,499.

This year’s Chamber Raffle, formerly the Car Raffle, will include a Grand Prize of two tickets for the Chamber Spain trip, or a cash prize of $5,000. The raffle will also include second- to 11th-place prizes, valued at $250 each, awarded by these Prize Sponsors:

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• Chasse Ballroom & Latin Dance Studio

Chamber Raffle tickets sales will kick-off at the Community Expo, and winners will be drawn in August at The Taste in Fenton event.

For more information about the trip or the raffle, contact Day at the Chamber office at (810) 629-5447.

FINANCIAL PLUS

Chamber Journal

2015: There is no better time to be a member of the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce

2014 proved to be a very successful year for the Fenton Regional Chamber. During the past two years we have taken several big risks, some which have worked out and some that have not to the level we expected them to. However, as they say, ‘no risk, no reward’, and we have many more rewards than not. These successful risks ensure a strong chamber to carry forth the mission: To be a strong advocate for businesses through our services and resources, while fostering the economic vitality and prosperity of our region. Our priority is to promote businesses and provide education, networking and resources to our valued members.

Through our members, the Fenton Regional Chamber serves more than 500 businesses and close to 150,000 employees who live and work in our community. The strength of the Chamber is the volunteer leaders, where our members are our investors – design our programs each year at our board meetings as well as our board retreats and then come together to implement and make things happen.

In June of 2014 we moved into our new building on Adelaide and have started accepting applications for tenants of businesses who would like to lease office space from the chamber. This is another way we are looking to help small business grow within our community by providing a place they can start out, whether it is a new business or a home based business looking to expand out of their home office.

The Fenton Regional Chamber perfectly reflects the composition of our community with a range of large, medium and small businesses. Most of our members are small businesses and small business people can and do play an integral role in our leadership programs.

People do business with people they like, they know and of course the people they trust. And, combining these factors with all the attributes of our relationship with our local cities, the potential for business growth is unlimited.

I invite you to engage with us and explore how we can grow your business. Our active chamber has won the Michigan Chamber Award for the second time and with more than 25 events and programs, growing more each and every year. This year we are even hosting a Gus Macker basketball tournament in Linden at Hyatt Elementary on June 27th and 28th.

One of the most exciting events coming in October of 2015 is the Chamber trip to Seville, Spain! We are so excited about this unique opportunity to travel to Spain for nine days to see and meet other chambers, plus enjoy the south coast of Spain. Chamber members receive a special discounted rate for their travel package and if you book before February 28th, you’ll save an additional $100 per person. For more details on the trip, please visit our website at www.fentonchamber.com.

The Board of Directors, ambassadors, staff and committee members are dedicated to delivering our mission and serving the member businesses. Best wishes to everyone and may 2015 bring prosperity and happiness to all.

— Chelsea Mills
Business is booming

Business, government leaders learn about ‘state of the tri-county’ at Forecast Breakfast

By Sally Rummel
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Business is booming in the tri-county area, and a record crowd was on hand to hear all about it at the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce Annual Forecast Breakfast on Tuesday, Jan. 13. “This is one of the largest turnouts we’ve ever had,” said Shelly Day, chamber executive director.

Keynote Speaker Rich Studley, president and CEO of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, honored Day and her staff at this event, which was presented by the Outstanding Chamber of the Year Award.”

“We’re blessed with extraordinary local chambers here in Michigan,” said Studley. “The Fenton Regional Chamber demonstrates excellence in its programming, government, finances and advocacy.”

Fenton Mayor Sue Osborn and Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland talked about the dozens of business improvements that have opened or been renovated in 2014, and a trio of national franchises planning to open in 2015 — including cosmetic giant ULTA, fashion retailer rue21 and shoe retailer Shoe Show.

Certainly, the biggest business news in Fenton in 2014 was the completion of the Cornerstone building, according to Markland. Other groups and businesses expanded or remodeled their current locations, from $300,000 in renovations to the Jack R. Winegardener Library in Fenton to Lasco Ford’s $2.5 million in new construction and renovations to its existing building. Creative Foam added a $250,000 engineering building and Blessing Plumbing & Heating has erected a brand new building on LeRoy Street, to name just a few projects.

The biggest project in Fenton in 2015 will be its $4.5 million streetscape project, which will add streetscape furniture, LED lighting and repainting of current poles, wider sidewalks for more walkability, brickwork and new landscaping/trees. The project is expected to begin in April with tentative completion in spring 2016. “There will be one lane open for traffic at all times,” said Markland, “Funding for the project will include $1.9 million in federal and state grants.”

Funds from the state of Michigan will also provide reconstruction of the Silver Lake Road bridge.

Fenton City Council goals for 2015 will include the North LeRoy corridor, bike paths and usage opportunities for the Topps parking lot and grain elevator downtown. Future plans in the city may include a permanent farmers market in downtown Fenton, trolley, sidewalks and neighborhood streets program.

Linden Mayor David Lossing spoke about the $900,000 of infrastructure improvements to the city, from funds from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Improvements included road assessment studies, a $12,000 grant for early warning fire systems, 77 new LED streetlights and 44 repurposed light poles, exterior improvements to the Linden Mill building, a paved subdivision and a DDA parking study, which showed that Linden has ample parking.

“There’s also been an uptick of new businesses, seven in the last year,” said Lossing.

The mural painted on the outside of Linden City Hall spawned controversy, but also the emergence of the Linden Arts Council. According to Lossing, community events were well attended, from the Back-to-the-Bricks to the Linden Farmers Market and Keepers of the Shiawassee Flotilla.

Linden is excited to welcome the Gus Macker Basketball Tournament downtown in 2015, with an expectation of 3,000 to 5,000 visitors.

Jerry Walker, manager of the village of Holly, said that 2014 was a banner year for Holly with a 100 percent full occupancy rate.

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Business Continued from Page 9B downtown. “Nineteen new businesses opened in Holly and 2015 will already see two new bakeries coming, the Davisburg Bread Company and Cupcakes & Kisses downtown.” He added that the Dickens Festival enjoyed a huge resurgence this year with George Kulish as chairman “crucial to its success.”

In his keynote address, Rich Studley said that Michigan will have a good 2015, with this state already moving up nine spots to 30th in Michigan Chamber Foundation’s 2014 study on Economic Competitiveness by Northwood University.

“For a strong business community, it’s important for our chambers to be involved politically and in our courts,” he said. He mentioned the importance of becoming informed about the May 5 Special Election on the increase on sales and use tax to raise $1.7 billion for roads, schools and revenue sharing for local government.

“The Michigan Chamber is neutral at this point on this proposal,” he said. “It’s very important, very complicated, with lots of moving parts,” he said.
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EXPO

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to all new and renewed paid Cham- ber members. On Feb. 2, booths will be open to non-members at no member rates. Registration can take place online, in person or by phone. The Chamber office is located at 104 South Adelaide St. in Fenton, telephone (810)629-5447 or www.fentonchamber.com.

Expo Chairman Linda Hathaway continues her 31st year of involve- ment with the Expo in 2015. Last year marked a milestone year for the Expo, its 30th An- niversary, marked with the 1980s theme: 30 Years Strong/Flashback Reunion.

Once again, Coldwell banker professionals and Sharp Funeral Homes are co-sponsors, providing free admission to the public through their sponsorship. Both businesses have been with the Expo since its beginning, and continue to be strong supporters. Other major sponsors include Chasse Ballroom as Enter- tainment Sponsor and Kid’s Zone Sponsors Valley Tent Rental and Faith City Church.

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The first 13 years we played it in my parents’ driveway,” McNeal said. “My parents’ driveway wasn’t massive. Two cars could fit in it and that’s about it. We went from 18 players that first year to 30 the second to 50 the third and then it got pretty heated because the money was getting higher.”

The tournament was changed to teams winning trophies instead of money so the players could maintain their amateur status. McNeal said at its peak in 1992, the Belding tournament hosted 5,400 teams.

Koledo and McNeal expect the event to attract up to 200 four-player teams. Players usually range from ages 8 to about 50. Teams are sloth in pools with teams of similar size, age and ability. Games are played 3-on-3 with a check line — a line a team starts with the ball after each hoop. Games are played up to 15 points with the winner having to win by two points. There also is a 20-minute time limit if teams don’t reach 15 points. Buckets inside the three-point line are worth one point, while shots beyond the three-point arc are worth two. Teams are guaranteed at least three contests, but most play more than that.

Over the years, the Gus Macker has become a family event and in some communities has become the anchor for other community activities during the weekend. That’s Koledo’s ultimate goal with the Linden event.

“I’ve seen what it has done to other small towns. We could expect 4,000 to 7,000 people coming around,” Koledo said. “Gus Macker brings shoppers to town. I’m hoping eventually to create more of a community festival around the Gus Macker if it is successful and works well. Maybe have a carnival or fireworks. But we’re going to slow and try to build on its success.”

Linden’s athletic and music boosters will be doing a lot of the volunteer work and will be among those financially supported through the fundraising event.

Games will be played outdoors at Hyatt Elementary School and Linden Elementary School. The high school campus will be used for parking. More information on registering a team can be found at www.macker.com. McNeal said team registration fees have yet to be released.
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Theodore & Kimberly Stephen are requesting a Variance to build an Accessory building on a vacant lot. Described as Part of Lot 81 Ton-dahwa Beach, 01-35-533-060. A complete copy of this tax description may be viewed at the Township office during regular office hours.

Denise Graves, Clerk
Arthur Township

TYRONE TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS HELD JANUARY 20, 2015 AT 7:00 PM.

2. Appointed the Treasurer to moderate the meeting in the absence of the Supervisor.
3. Approved the agenda as presented; approved the consent agenda as presented.
4. Received and placed on file Communications #1-2.
5. Directed the attorney to accept the pocket judgment regarding the Fenton Sand & Gravel land agreement.
6. The Clerk updated the board on public safety.
7. Authorized the Clerk to advertise the township properties for sale.
8. Awarded the five year contract for audit services to Gabridge & Company.
9. Adopted Resolution #160103 to collect summer taxes with collections due May 1st.
10. Adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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JANUARY 19, 2015

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday January 19, 2015 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawawa Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

1. Trustee Gouliot offered the opening prayer.
2. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
3. Approved the agenda as amended.
4. Approved invoices and expenditures for the total amount of $364,110.75.
5. Conducted a public hearing for the purpose of obtaining citizen input for potential local road improvement projects for 2015.
6. Accepted the 4th quarter 2014 report from Ordinance Enforcement Officer Robert Atkinson.
7. Conducted the first reading of a proposed amendment to the Illicit Discharge and Connection Stormwater Ordinance.
8. Adopted the Genesee County Stormwater and Flood Control Design Standards as the mechanism to regulate post construction stormwater runoff, only to the extent that it impacts Fenton Township’s Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System.
9. Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawawa Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday. Ordinance meetings, meetings scheduling any Township meetings and other Township information are also available at www.fenton township.org.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

At their meeting of January 19, 2015 the Fenton Township Board conducted the first reading of a proposed ordinance to amend Section 7 of Ordinance No. 769, (Illicit Discharge and Connection Stormwater Ordinance), to revise language relating to discharge prohibitions.

Complete copies of the ordinance may be obtained at the office of the Fenton Township Clerk, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430. The ordinance is also available on Fenton Township’s website at www.fentontownship.org.

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