**City puts pot discussion on back burner**

**Work session needed to discuss dispensaries and legalities**

By Sharon Stone
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Fenton — Fenton City Council tabled its discussion on proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding the regulation of medical marijuana at its work session on June 6.

In 2008, Michigan voters approved the Michigan Marijuana Act. Since then, local governments across the state are attempting to sort through the legalities of what is permitted since the federal law still says medical marijuana is illegal.

In February, the council extended a moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries for six months, to allow time for pending litigation to resolve details of the state law.

According to Fenton City attorney Stephen McGee, the council is awaiting guidance from the Michigan Court of Claims, which is weighing in on the merits of a lawsuit that challenged the city’s ban on medical marijuana dispensaries.

**Summary**

The Fenton City Council tabled its discussion on medical marijuana dispensaries during its work session on June 6. The city has a moratorium on dispensaries until August and during that time, attorneys and council members are sorting through the legalities of state law vs. federal law.

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**‘Holly’wood**

A movie production company from Farmington Hills, ACI, shoots scenes for the horror movie, "The Wicked," in downtown Holly on Monday. Local residents were featured as extras during many of the scenes. Some of the scenes were filmed inside the Holly Township office. "The Wicked" is about an urban legend coming to a small Michigan town.

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**Fatherhood not just genetics**

**Man was ‘second father’ to a dozen foreign exchange students**

By William Axford
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A resident at Rockwell Assisted Living in Fenton knows what it’s like to be a parent, being the father of two children. But being a parent has also been a global experience for him. William Dudley and his wife hosted nearly a dozen foreign exchange students.

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**Emotions mixed as school closes for good**

**Last day at Sherman Middle School**

By Tim Jagielo
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Holly — It was a morning of mixed emotions Tuesday, the last day at Sherman Middle School (SMS) before summer vacation. Students crowded the front entrance.

**Summary**

The last day at Sherman Middle School (SMS) was Tuesday. The building will be closed down and the students moved to the Karl Richter Campus. Three teachers are being laid off.

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**City of Fenton**

**$28,666 for new Tahoe for fire chief**

**Councilman says purchase will send wrong message to community**

By Sharon Stone
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Fenton — In a 6-1 vote, Fenton City Council approved a motion to allow Fenton Fire Chief Robert Cairnduff to purchase a 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe.

The city will be purchasing the vehicle from Shaheen Chevrolet in Lansing, under the state of Michigan bid price of $28,666, using funds from the fire department’s truck fund. The fund will have a balance of $147,348 at the end of June.

"We need to make sure our fire people are safe."

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When lightning strikes

A day in the life of a dog groomer

By Tim Jagielo

Riley, a caramel, salt and pepper cocker spaniel was doing just fine on Becky Pitonyak’s grooming table at Barking Babe’s Pet Boutique in Fenton, until Pitonyak started clipping his nails. Then the wriggling and squealing ensued.

Most dogs do not enjoy getting their nails clipped, said Pitonyak, of Holly. “If they’ve had one cut short, they don’t forget,” she said.

After Riley is groomed, a plastic grocery bag worth of hair is left, and a rather sharp looking cocker is placed in his own crate to be picked up by his family. Most dogs take about an hour to groom, and Pitonyak sees on average eight per day. Last week, when temperatures rose to 95 degrees, she saw 11 per day.

Riley was cooperative, but some larger dogs have to be wrangled in and out of the bath tub, and up and down the grooming table. “I go home very tired,” said Pitonyak.

When lightning strikes

If you hear thunder, it basically puts you in the danger zone.

Catherine Bodak

WNEM TV 5 Meteorologist

Spring and summer most active times for lightning

By Tim Jagielo

You are standing in a field on a hot summer day. The dark clouds of an approaching thunderstorm rumble, but you think you are safe. The cloud is not directly above you.

Suddenly, your hair stands on end in a strong static charge, like a balloon rubbing against your clothing. The sensation is indeed a static charge, but it’s the first warning that lightning is about to strike nearby.

“You’re everywhere anywhere where your hair starts standing up, you better find shelter fast,” said WNEM First Warn 5 meteorologist Catherine Bodak.

Bodak said there are 25 million lightning flashes per year, and cause about 300 injuries annually in the United States. More of them occur during the spring and summer months, creating an awesome visual display, but also a safety concern.

According to noaa.gov, static charge people feel in the path of a lightning strike is the negatively charged particle stream sent from the cloud to the earth. The object about to be struck then sends...
Time to reclaim our families

The Times, as it does every year, recently printed the list of the Top 10 graduates from each of the area high schools. Each listing contained a photo of the student, their cumulative four-year GPA, a list of accomplishments, their plans for the future, and who their parents are.

Of all this info, what I found most compelling was the fact that the overwhelming majority of Top 10 students came from two-parent households.

This information confirms what common sense already tells us — that children raised in traditional two-parent households have immeasurable social and educational advantages over kids raised in single-parent households.

Due to a dysfunctional court system, and an entire divorce-custody-lawyer industry that profits by fostering the inherent conflict associated with divorce, most of these primary-care single parents (84 percent to be exact) are moms, not dads. That doesn’t mean moms are bad — it just means they’re not dads. And households without out dads are why America is mired in a broken culture — of fathers and mothers with broken vows and children with broken hearts.

America’s teen pregnancy rate is the highest in the Western world. Our daughters are looking and behaving more like hookers at younger and younger ages with each passing generation. Teenaged boys are addicted to pornography at ever-younger ages each year. And it’s getting worse, not better.

So what should we do? How do we, as parents who are ultimately responsible for the shaping of our children’s lives, fix this? How can we combat the forces of evil such as the television and entertainment industry, the Internet, and society in general that profit from our ambivalence toward our precious children?

Just think how society could be transformed overnight if every dad of a preteen girl sat down with his daughter, took her hands in his, looked her in the eyes and said, “Sweetheart, I love you more than life. You are a priceless treasure to me. I would die to protect your honor. I will always be here for you,” and then shared with her the virtues of modesty, chastity and purity that are the foundation for respecting one’s self, as well as others.

Imagine how young boys and young men would be affected if their dads regularly had frank discussions about the addictive and harmful nature of pornography, drugs and alcohol, admitted to their own battles, and made a pact with their sons to live clean and honorable lives and to respect the women and girls in their lives.

What if dads everywhere started turning off the television and then turned to their children to reclaim their lives from the perveted entertainment industry? Imagine what would happen if absent and failed fathers across the nation called the sons and daughters they have abandoned and begged for forgiveness, and vowed to spend the rest of their lives devoted to them and doing whatever it takes to heal their wounds?

I’m talking ‘bout a revolution here — a social revolution to reclaim our families, and thus our society and country. A revolution where fathers once again become the moral and spiritual leaders our families secretly, and desperately, crave. A revolution where fathers strengthen their families by turning away from the decadent society we helped create and turning to God and church.

In celebration of this day — Father’s Day — let’s help end the revolution for America’s families.

Starting today. Starting with our own family.

— Foster Childs

By Foster Childs

Foster Childs took the words right out of my mouth. Teachers should not be exempt from the recession. I am tired of how they think that they have the most important job. Even if you focus only on the children, what about the doctors, nurses, soldiers, engineers, police, firefighters who protect the children’s health, freedom, safety, food, clothing. Get off your high horse.

WHEN THE SCHOOLS quit teaching sex ed, multiculturalism, tolerance and other nonsense, which is the parent’s job, then maybe we can begin to teach math, science and history again.

DEAREST NEIGHBOR, we do not mind your music blaring most of the time, however after 8 or 9 at night, you really need to turn it down. Some of us really need to turn it down. Some of us really need to turn it down. Some of us really need to turn it down.

HOW DO YOU get one of your neighbors to slow down on your street when there’s only five houses and it’s a dead-end street? There are kids that play on our street. Any suggestions?

I KNOW TEACHERS spend a lot of their own money on supplies each year for their classrooms. They should have a school wide supply drive and not just for brand new items. How many parents buy their kids new stuff each year, folders, crayons, scissors, etc. that are slightly used, and could be reused? Teachers could go through all the donations and take what they need.

IT’S INTERESTING that people are saying Republicans are sabotaging Obama’s presidency. Does anybody remember the entire George W. Bush presidency and the media running with stories that they knew weren’t even true?

TO THE HOMEOWNER on Four Lakes, your neighbors are tired of your trucks, trailers, trash, whatever you want to call it, parked all over your yard. Come on, we live in a nice neighborhood. Clean up your stuff. It’s ridiculous. From all of your neighbors.

TO THE KING, your view of liberal logic is flawed. Liberal logic is actually, “keep abortion legal, safe, and rare.”

FOLLOWING A WONDERFUL, although very hot graduation ceremony at Fenton High School, I returned to my car to find a flyer from the Fenton whitner’s. I mean teachers. The flyer proceeded to congratulate the Class of 2011, a nice touch since I understand they are negotiating a contract, but could they at least have checked the spelling of the large heading. I could not believe my eyes, ‘Congratulations.’ Go, IB.

A NUMBER OF years ago, the Methodist church united with the Evangelical church and changed their name to the United Methodist Church. Now that the Fenton church has withdrawn their support to a brewery being next door, maybe they should unite with the St John Catholic Church. Then, they could have bingo in their new addition and maybe even a beer tent in their parking lot. From a dissatisfied member.

I WANT TO say that all the flowers planted in downtown Linden are just beautiful. I believe they were all done voluntarily and I want to say, good job. Downtown Linden may be small, but it has huge charm. I am proud to work here.

REGARDING THE COMMENT about the kids of Tomek approached by teenagers who tried to sell them pot, to the parent call the police now. Do those teenagers have a favor? Even if you don’t know their names, describe them. The police may need to do surveillance in the area. We need to stop the drug problem, now.

See HOT LINE throughout Times
Linden to ban storage on porches, patios

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Linden residents may have to find new places to store their property. The city council proposed a new ordinance that would prohibit outdoor storage on porches, decks and balconies in multifamily zoning districts. A concerned citizen who did not want to be named, prompted the ordinance.

"This has been an ongoing issue in the community," said City Manager Christopher Wren. "We have struggled to enforce it in the past but couldn’t because it isn’t an ordinance."

The ordinance will hold both the renter and property owner responsible for outdoor storage. The penalty for breaking the ordinance will be considered a misdemeanor and will be punishable by a $500 fine or up to 90 days in jail. Debris, trash and junk are targeted in the ordinance.

The concerned citizen described the houses as having unused grills laying about the yard, and unsightly old rugs and tarps hanging around for months. "It’s a blight, noxious atmosphere," the citizen said.

Council member Ray Culbert doubted the practicality of the proposed ordinance. "This is going to be impossible to enforce. Where is the line drawn?"

The council members agreed that the ordinance would take some time to smooth out and may have to be rewritten and updated. "At a minimum, this is an attempt to do something about a problem that has gone on for years," Wren said.

The ordinance was drafted by city attorney Charles McKone and was written specifically toward people using porches for storage. The ordinance would be complaint driven and enforced by local police. "It’s to take care of a problem, not to generate revenue," McKone said.

"It’s so that people will take care of their properties."

Exceptions to the ordinance include fenced-in porches that are not visible to the public. Tables and chairs, grills, sound equipment, umbrellas and other recreational equipment will be allowed on porches and patios. The city council voted to redraft the ordinance so it would more clearly state that both the owner and renter are responsible for outdoor storage.

The ordinance will be proposed again at a later council meeting after being redrafted.

Police&Fire

THEFT FROM CAR

On June 14, a 47-year-old Fenton man filed a larceny from automobile complaint with Fenton police. The man, who lives in an apartment complex off Torrey Road, said someone entered his Chrysler 300 during the nighttime hours of June 12 and 13 and stole his Gatorz sunglasses and $100 in cash.

UNCONSCIOUS WOMAN

On June 15, Fenton police responded to a residence in the 200 block of Trealout Drive to investigate a report of an unconscious 44-year-old woman. Police learned that the woman had failed to show up for work and a co-worker was sent to the home to check on her. The co-worker found the woman on the couch with labored breathing. Police confiscated a bowl containing a suspicious white powder from a table near the couch. The woman was transported to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township. The powder was sent to the crime lab for analysis.

SENIOR CITIZENS WARNS OF PHONE SCAM

A Linden senior citizen wants to remind other seniors to be wary of unsolicited phone calls requesting money. The woman said she recently received a phone call from a man who claimed to be her grandson. She inadvertently used her grandson’s name and the caller said that it was him, but his voice sounded different. The caller said his voice was different because he had a cold. The caller said he was in a Mexico jail for drunk driving and he needed his grandpa to send him money. She refused to help and questioned why he didn’t call his mom and dad. The caller eventually hung up when the woman refused to give her credit card number to him.

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Linden principal retires after 41 years

Avid reader embarks on next chapter of her life

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   Author: Christopher Tremblay & Linda Pohl, Canton MI

3. PETTY THEFT
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   Author: Brendan Michael Lindsay, Howell MI

4. THE CELL PHONE
   This Comedy/Drama concerns generational, ethnic and cultural differences.
   Author: Janet Ruth Heller, Portage MI

5. THE IMPORTANCE OF CHESS
   A game for memories.
   Author: Steven Shelton, Grand Blanc MI

6. THE DANCE GAME
   Getting your husband to sign up for seven weeks of dance class has never been easier!
   Author: Mary Hackett, Flushing MI

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   How to get a job by telling the truth!
   Author: Jeffrey Gold, Salt Lake City UT

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Fenton Village Players contest showcases local talent

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Amy Herman, of Fenton, and Steven Shelton, of Grand Blanc, will soon see their original one-act play performed live in front an audience at the Fenton Village Players Playhouse.

Herman and Shelton’s plays were two of top eight plays selected as winning entries for the VFP’s national writing competition, announced last fall.

Scripts were submitted from New York to California and points in between. Scripts were judged in a blind reading. Judges had no idea who or where the scripts came from.

Seven of the top nine winners were from Michigan and four of those are local. The FVP’s contest organizers believe this speaks loudly of the talent found locally. The winning plays will be performed on Friday, June 24 and Saturday, June 25.

None of these plays have been performed on stage before and many of the authors will be present. This format will give the community an opportunity to not only see the author’s work, but to talk with the authors as well.

“Am I excited about the show,” she said. Herman’s play incorporates the stories of Hershel and his wife Biston, who lived during the war. The two men meet weekly to argue about anything and to play chess. About half way through the play, the audience will learn that one of their wives died. The grumpy old men reveal a more tender side as they cope with the loss.

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“Fairy Tale” has been involved with many FVP productions. “I’m excited about the show,” she said. Herman’s play incorporates the stories of the Little Red Riding Hood, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, and the Three Little Pigs. Characters go from one story to the next, bringing in some confusion and comic relief. Shelton plays Papa Bear in her play.

Herman’s daughter Rachel plays Goldilocks and her daughter Meredith provides sound effects on her baritone. Lake Fenton Middle School student Lindsey Burrough narrates the play. She enlisted the help of other middle school students, as well as adults.

As excited as she is about directing her play in front of an audience, Herman said “The journey is fun.” During their hours and hours of rehearsals, laughter was the norm. “We had to stop laughing and get through the show.”

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Playing opposite of Shelton is Rob Pardikes, who portrays Hershel’s friend Pavil. Fellow VFP member Tammy Robison plays Nadia, Hershel’s wife. “It’s nice to be in the theater to perform on stage. It adds to the excitement,” said Shelton.
ROOT CANAL

Root Canal is one of the most feared and dreaded terms in the English language. People associate Root Canal therapy, technically termed Endodontic Treatment, with tremendous pain and suffering. I am happy to report that the majority of what most people assume to be true about root canals, simply isn’t true. Much of what I do in my practice is root canal treatment. I do a lot of Endo. Most, if not all, of the root canal procedures I perform are PAINLESS. Patients I see needing endodontic treatment for their teeth are often scared and apprehensive because they have heard tales of terror from their friends and family about how bad a root canal is. Once the procedure is completed, they are amazed and pleasantly surprised that their root canal went so well. The patient is happy and relieved that they felt little, if any, discomfort during and after having a root canal. The patient is happy and relieved that they felt little, if any, discomfort during and after having a root canal. The new owners have also requested the addition of a new entertainment permit so that they can provide live, Blues-style music for their guests. Fenton Police Chief Rick Arko said an investigation was conducted on the owners, which yielded nothing to preclude the approval of the licenses. The Michigan Liquor Control Commission requires the approval from city council for the transfer process to continue.

Refinancing bonds saves Fenton $217,000

Fenton City Council unanimously approved a resolution, which authorizes the city to refinance an outstanding 2001 obligation. These bonds were for the Fenton Department of Public Works (DPW) building and the new fire station. City Manager Lynn Markland told council members that refinancing from 4.5 percent to 2 percent with a new entertainment permit so that they can provide live, Blues-style music for their guests. Fenton Police Chief Rick Arko said an investigation was conducted on the owners, which yielded nothing to preclude the approval of the licenses. The Michigan Liquor Control Commission requires the approval from city council for the transfer process to continue.

Fenton City approves liquor license transfer request

The Fenton City Council gave its approval Monday to transfer ownership of a 2009 Class C liquor license at the request of the new owners of Beale’s Smokehouse BBQ at 2461 North Road, formerly owned by Kim Hicks, Lisa Reading, Phillip Canup and Steven Pender, of Listephi, Inc. The family-style atmosphere would continue with a menu specializing in BBQ-style food and drinks. The new owners have also requested the addition of a new entertainment permit so that they can provide live, Blues-style music for their guests. Fenton Police Chief Rick Arko said an investigation was conducted on the owners, which yielded nothing to preclude the approval of the licenses. The Michigan Liquor Control Commission requires the approval from city council for the transfer process to continue.

Checking and replacing washing machine water-fill hoses

Hoses that burst always give a warning first, at the 90 degree bends either coming from the wall or at the washing machine connections. The hoses will form a large bubble giving the homeowner a warning 99 percent of the time. Look for this situation.

When replacing the hoses:

- Use steel braided hoses (they are less likely to rupture at the 90 degree bends).
- Turn off both hot and cold water supply and then remove the old hoses.
- Connect your new hoses to the washing machine first and tighten firmly. Make sure there are no kinks.
- Connect to the hot and cold water supply and tighten. Check for leaks!

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Do you have an appliance question?

Dr. Steven Sulfaro, Fenton

FATHER

Summary

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Do you have an appliance question?

FATHER

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A dozen foreign exchange students during his lifetime, and he has had the distinct pleasure of calling them his children. “William Dudley was always telling stories,” said Linda Schipansky, a cook at Rockwell Assisted Living Home. “He’s been everywhere, and loved visiting foreign countries.” As an avid traveler with two children of his own, Dudley couldn’t resist the opportunity to have kids from all over the world living in his household.

But, of all world travelers that entered his home, Marica DeCarmago built the strongest relationship with Dudley, becoming more of a daughter than a foreign exchange student. And it wasn’t always the easiest relationship, given that the Brazilian student couldn’t speak English when she first arrived at the Dudley household.

“She learned English at a brilliant speed and became fluent in a short amount of time,” Dudley said, reminiscing with a smile on his face. “She was a jewel in both personality and looks. She now works as a commercial interpreter in Brazil.”

Dudley and his wife soon became experts at hosting foreign exchange students, helping parents with foreign exchange students of their own smooth out cultural differences. His house served as a safe haven for exchange students in the Howell area.

“With no hesitation, I would recommend people to host foreign exchange students,” said the former chiropractor.

“There was a great camaraderie amongst the kids and they are very family oriented. It gives tremendous exposure to foreign cultures.”

In a world where economies compete on a global level and interacting with other cultures is key to success, hosting a foreign exchange student can be invaluable. One stick that sticks out in Dudley’s mind is when the host family of a Spanish foreign exchange student took him to a Mexican restaurant saying that it would be the same as Spanish food. The family learned quickly that they were very wrong.

“These kids were young but they weren’t unsophisticated. Americans have little understanding of foreign countries,” he said.

Dudley achieved worldly experience before he ever hosted foreign exchange students. As a chiropractor, he had the opportunity to present papers and guest lectures at foreign universities on the topic of thermography. England, Norway, Germany and Hungary are a few countries he has visited.

“I changed my life to go to Hungary. I used to have a stuff upper lip,” Dudley said. “But when I saw how my wife’s family lived, I became more friendly and outgoing.”

Decades passed since DeCarmago lived with Dudley. But it didn’t stop the communication between the two of them. DeCarmago calls at least once a month, keeping close contact with the man that taught her English.

When Dudley’s wife died two years ago, DeCarmago’s only response was “I’ll be right there, immediately, Dad.” And like any child told what to do by their parents, DeCarmago ignored Dudley’s insistence that she not fly 14 hours to America, attend the funeral or stay in America for a week. Dudley visited DeCarmago’s home country shortly after, staying with her in San Palo.

“I was taken aback by the lack of racial tension there and how busy it was,” Dudley said. “The people were warm and friendly.”

Dudley’s story exemplifies that fatherhood is more than genetics and carrying on the same last name. By simply opening up his home to another child, Dudley had become a second father to someone from another continent.
Instructor Ray Durgan advises a student during range time last weekend during the Hunter Safety class.

The Hunter Safety class attracted 66 students of different ages from around the state to the two-day course at Fenton Lakes Sportsman’s Club last weekend. The class arranged by Sen. John Gleason, was free. It was designed to teach students about basic gun handling and safety.

Local sportsman’s club hosts hunter safety class

By Tim Jagielo
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The school year in the tri-county area has ended, but at the Fenton Lakes Sportsman’s Club, class was in on Saturday and Sunday for a special class for hunters.

“It’s more about safety, not how to hunt,” said lead instructor John Wiley. Attendees learned how to safely handle, clean and shoot firearms, and about the different types of ammunition used.

The class was free, and drew 66 people from areas as far as southern Oakland County.

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“The course is great,” said Tim Hsu, of Bloomfield Township. He is preparing for a hunting trip with his son. Most of the attendees were younger, with a mix of boys and girls.

The special session was conducted by seven volunteer Department of Natural Resources (DNR) instructors, and coordinated though the office of Sen. John Gleason.

After classroom work, each student was able to fire six rounds with a simple military-style, .22 rifle at targets in the basement range of the club.

The instructors checked for general accuracy. Checking each of the targets was Gleason, who offered congratulations and even some friendly razzing to some students. “Good job out there,” he said to a young student.

After two days, the students took a state exam. “We very seldom have a failure,” said Wiley. “We want success, it’s better for everybody.” Wiley has ejected students who exhibited a poor attitude.

The class was one of about five that will be held this year at the Fenton Lakes Sportsman’s Club. Visit fentonlakes.com for future class information.
DOG GROOMER
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A standard dog grooming includes the brush, bath and cut, nail trimming, and ear cleaning. Dog groomers can learn on the job, or take classes. Pitonyak works six days per week, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., most days.

Janice Fletcher, of Club Canine in Fenton, has been grooming dogs steadily for 30 of the last 40 years, and could have gowned around 70,000 in her career. She has a passion and a true love for grooming. It was something she wanted to do since she was a child. “It’s in my blood,” she said.

Fletcher has a vision for each dog. She likes to pick a stylish cut that fits the pet’s personality, but is also easy to maintain.

Fletcher likes working with poodles, and especially enjoys grooming cats. Cats are smaller, and at age 60, big dogs take a lot out of her.

For the same reason, Pitonyak also prefers smaller dogs, like Shitzus. “They’re nice little dogs,” she said. “Some people even have you put a little Mohawk on them, to be a little more artistic.”

Every day, both of the groomers use scissors, clippers, dryers and shampoos, all of which have improved over the years, according to Fletcher.

Pitonyak’s scissors cost between $150 and $200, and she has them sharpened every six weeks.

Many dogs and cats are cooperative, and many even enjoy being groomed, but groomers still have to be wary of a dog’s temperament, as they could bite out of fear, or aggression.

Pitonyak still has scars on her left wrist from a German shepherd that clamped onto her out of surprise when the dog almost slid off the table. “It wasn’t his fault, it’s one of those unfortunate accidents,” she said.

If a dog seems potentially dangerous, Fletcher will send the dog back home. “That’s when I say ‘no,’” she said. “Fletcher does not just cut dog hair, she also dyes it. Her standard poodle, Pearl, is currently pink.

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Becky Pitonyak, pet groomer

Despite their experience, both Pitonyak and Fletcher continue to educate themselves. “I like to keep learning,” said Fletcher. “I don’t know it all, there’s always another person out there with another idea.”

Tips
1. Keep your pet used to the grooming process. They need to be gowned four to six times a week.
2. Brush and comb your pet regularly. It will make grooming far more comfortable.
3. Groomers are not paid hourly. They are generally paid a commission of the fee. A 20-percent tip is considered fair, on top of the grooming fee.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE PERSON PRAYING that our next President will be Republican had better be careful what they pray for. The last Republican president created an economic mess that will take 20 years to repair. May God help the poor people if another Republican becomes president anytime soon.

I FEEL SORRY for anyone who is a teacher in this day and age. The problem isn’t with the kids. It’s with their parents. Good luck, teachers, and carry on.

MANY PEOPLE IN Michigan have not supported GM, Ford or Chrysler. Citizens are complaining about reductions in government services. Teachers and police are seeing layoffs, and reductions in budgets and benefits. Hopefully, these same people now realize where a majority of the taxes for government spending came from. We are paying a heavy price for not buying local.

IT’S BEEN MORE than two years and I’m still driving by dumpsters in our neighbor’s yard. Come on, people. What an eyesore. How long must we look at this? It’s time to remove it.

DEAR GOV. SNYDER, we don’t want your balanced budgets, your common-sense approach, your red-tape chainsaw, improved bond ratings, level playing field or jobs. We like our wasteful spending, government handouts, federal bailouts, and high unemployment just the way they are. Fire the nerd.
SHERMAN

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of the building, celebrating with hugs, excited chatter and painted faces.

The eighth-grade students exited to a receiving line of sixth- and seventh-graders, who took pictures, waved, and cheered as they walked by in the end-of-the-year send-off.

“Buses are leaving, let’s go,” said Scott Baker, an eighth-grade social studies teacher, as he tried to get the students loaded up for their ride home. Baker was among the faculty and staff who waved as the final buses left the front-loading area. “My kids went to school here, my wife went to school here,” he said.

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Seventh-grade math teacher Vicki Graham packs up her room on the last day at Sherman Middle School (SMS) on Tuesday. Graham will be moving to the new Holly Middle School program at the Karl Richter Campus on Baird Street.

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LIGHTNING
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a powerful positive return stream at 60,000 miles per second up the path the cloud sent, heating the air to around 30,000 degrees fahrenheit and creating a shockwave up to 30 feet, a blinding flash and the clap of thunder for miles beyond.

This process takes milliseconds creating the brilliant flashing cracks in the sky and the thunder that follows. While it looks like lightning strikes the ground, the massive charge of electrons is following the path in a zigzag pattern back up to the cloud.

When lightning strikes a person, or near a person, they can suffer memory loss, nerve damage, and personality changes. The heat can vaporize the sweat on your body blowing the clothing off the victim, or causing burns where sweat and metal contact the body.

According to the National Weather Service (NWS), 104 people in Michigan have died from a lightning strike and Michigan is second to Florida in lightning-related injuries.

A NWS press release reported that nine adults and children were injured by a lightning strike in Portage in late April. The last lightning fatalities in Michigan were in 2007, when four people were killed by lightning.

Bodak and the NWS suggest seeking shelter if you hear thunder, the by-product of lightning. “If you hear thunder, it basically puts you in the danger zone, because lightning can strike 10 miles from its source,” Bodak said.

It’s safe to go out 30 minutes after a thunderclap. A vehicle with a metal roof will protect you from a lightning strike as long as you do not have any contact with the metal components of the vehicle.

The majority of strikes occur outside, but lightning can also damage household electronics. Bodak suggests unplugging them, or plugging in a surge protector.

FACTS & MYTHS

MYTH
Lightning never strikes the same place twice.

FACT
Lightning often strikes the same place repeatedly, especially if it’s a tall, pointy, isolated object.

MYTH
If outside in a thunderstorm, you should seek shelter under a tree to stay dry.

FACT
Being underneath a tree is the second leading activity for lightning casualties. Don’t do it.

MYTH
Many lightning casualties occur because people do not seek shelter soon enough.

FACT
No game is worth death or life-long injuries. Seek proper shelter immediately if you hear thunder. Adults are responsible for the safety of children.

MYTH
If trapped outside and lightning is about to strike, I should lie flat on the ground.

FACT
Lying flat increases your chance of being hit by a ground current. If you are caught outside in a thunderstorm, keep moving toward a safe shelter.

NATIONAL NEWS

NC Dog vies for title of world’s ugliest

A 2-year-old pit bull from Durham, N.C. is turning heads in her bid to earn the title of “World’s Ugliest Dog.”

Cuda’s features are such that owners Julie and Brian LeRoy are confident their pooch can win the World’s Ugliest Dog ® Contest at the Sonoma-Marin County Fair in California.

Cuda is genetically deformed yet healthy. Her back legs are shorter than her front legs. She also has a curved spine and a severe under bite. The owners say she got her name because of her resemblance to a barracuda.

Julie LeRoy said she decided to enter Cuda in the contest after seeing last year’s winner and thinking: “We can top that.”
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NEW TAHOE
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Councilman Tim Faricy voted against the request citing tight economic times. He said the purchase sends a message that the city enjoys the more expensive options. He believed the 2003 Chevy Impala that the chief said needed replacing should be repaired instead.

Cairnduff approached the city council at its work session on June 6 about the Impala, which needed to be repaired or replaced. He said the 2003 car, valued at $3,000 has about 90,000 miles on it. Repair costs are estimated at $2,000.

At that work session, Council asked the fire chief to provide more information about leasing or purchasing options.

The Impala, known as Car 5, is used by the department’s weekend duty officers, the daytime duty shift personnel, firefighters attending training classes and for shuttling of staff back and forth from hospitals, accident scenes or the fire hall.

Cairnduff said the Impala does not really fit the needs of the department. The vehicle is driven to Tyrone Township for calls and oftentimes it does not handle well with the snow and many hills.

Cairnduff proposed that the 2003 Chevy Tahoe that he drives be reassigned to the duties of the Impala and that he receive the new Tahoe. He uses the Tahoe for anything within the city and on business related issues outside of the city. He averages about 8,000 miles per year and responds to incidents 24/7 365 days a year.

The current Tahoe should last at least another four years in its role as Car 5.

Cairnduff said he was unable to order a Tahoe through the county until at least August; however, Shaheen has one available.

Most of the emergency equipment on the old Tahoe can be transferred to the new vehicle, but a few items will need to be purchased due to model change. Cairnduff expects to pay about $2,300 to outfit the new vehicle.

The Impala will be put up for sale and Cairnduff told council members he would find the best price for it.

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Dianne North
Councilwoman

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The legendary bulb was manufactured by the Shelby Electric Company of Ohio and has served a number of city fire department facilities since it was first used in 1901. It currently resides at the fire department’s Station 6.

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Happy Father’s Day on June 19, 2011 to all.Dad always, and we never stop thinking about you. We love and miss you as much as Father’s Day celebrates us.Dad, we love you for all the things you did and for all the things you are doing. We love you for your life and for your choices and for you as a person. And we are proud of you. Thank you for being you and being a great parent. Love always, your children.

HOLY SPIRIT, who solves all problems and lights all roads so I may attain my goals. Who gives me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me. In all instances of my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things and to confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you. I wish to be with you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. This person may say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. After the 3 days the favor will be granted, even if it appears difficult. This prayer must be published immediately after the favor is granted, without mentioning the favor. Only your initials should appear at the bottom. SAT.

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FENTON - FENTON Oaks Community yard sale! June 23rd-25th, 8:30-5:30p.m., 16423 Jennings Road, between Owen and Bennett Lake.

HOLLY - HOLLY Hills community yard sale. June 24-25th, 9-5p.m.

HOLLY GARAGE SALE. June 23rd-25th, 3080 AnnSt., off Fish Lake Rd., between Academy and South Holly. 2 person go-kart, dance costumes, formal/teenager dresses, large entertainment center, and many miscellaneous items.

HOLLY MOVING sale. 30 plus years of stuff. 9-5p.m., June 23rd-25th, 1003 Odessa.

HOLLY MULTI-FAMILY 1ST TIME SALE! Some antique furniture, Christmas and home decor. Too much to list, all good quality. June 23rd-25th, 8-5p.m., 208 College St.

LINDEN CREEKWOOD Subdivision, off Linden Rd., June 23rd-25th, 9-4p.m.

LINDEN GARAGE sale. 158 Creekwood, 1/2 mile from town, off South Bridge. Thursday, June 23rd, 9-4p.m.

LINDEN GARAGE/MOVING sale. 8-5p.m., June 23rd-25th. Electric stove, microwave, cooktop and other household items. 601 E. Rolston Rd.

LINDEN HIDDEN Ridge Condos garage sales. June 24-25th, 9-4p.m., 5469 Red Oak Ct., 13304 Spruce Ct., 5497 Hidden Valley Rd.

LINDEN HIDDEN River Condos garage sale. June 24-25th, 9-4p.m., 5469 Red Oak Ct., 13304 Spruce Ct., 5497 Hidden Valley Rd.

LINDEN HIDDEN multi-family sale! 14021, 14051 Hogan Rd., between Silver Lake and Lahring. Cookbook, electronics, furniture, craft supplies, girls size 6 clothing, boys size 10-12 clothing, new Linden apparel, new children’s and adult tops, video games, household, holiday, toys. June 23rd-25th, 9-5p.m. NO EARLYBIRDS!
Sunday, June 19, 2011

TRI-COUNTY TIMES

Puzzle Answer Keys

King Crossword and Wednesday Sudoku

Solution: puzzle number, answer number, answer number...

Scrambler Answers

Solution: puzzle number, answer number, answer number...

King Crossword Answers

Solution: puzzle number, answer number, answer number...

Wednesday Sudoku Answers

Sudoku Answers: puzzle number, answer number, answer number...

Super Crossword

Across:
1. I love you
2. Pharaoh
3. Traffic
4. Beer
5. It's nothing
6. From the terrace
7. Fussilage
8. Bear
9. Spoiled, damaged or
10. Asterisk
11. Told
12. Rosennan FELL
13. EN¢RY
14. ASTRIC
15. Sweater
16. Japanese master
17. Klump
18. Bride and groom
19. Duffel bag
20. Rearview mirror
21. Pitch
22. Dump on
23. Can opener
24. Cupp
25. Part of EEC
26. Golden
27. Demons
28. Hot rods
29. Word with letter C
30. And
31. Ass
32. Coper
33. Pitch
34. Down
35. Dancing

Down:
1. Rooster
2. Producer
3. 78 stovetop
4. French
5. Bites
6. Comet
7. Brother
8. Bathroom
9. Room
10. Ate
11. Knob
12. The new building
13. Told
14. Giraffe
15. Cheese
16. Trojan hero
17. Sailor
18. Streetcar
19. Rain
20. Swastika
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Sudoku

BY TRIBUNE MEDIA

Sunday Sudoku

LINDEN PINE LAKE COMMUNITY
AND GARAGE SALE, Thursday, June 23rd, 24th, 25th, 9-7p.m. Lots of stuff: Antiques, tools, household goods, decor, clothes, furniture and so much more. Look for signs. North side of lake access off Whitaker and Linden Rds. South side of lake access off Owen Rd. Streets included are (in Linden) Harp Dr., Whitaker Rd., Scenicview Dr., Pine Lake Forest Dr., Island View Dr., Jacob Rd., (in Fenton) Eleanor St., Pavilin Dr., Pine Bluff Ct., Meredith Ct.

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2010 Water Quality Report for the Village of Holly

Water Quality Data

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2010 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 – December 31, 2010. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All of the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

Terms and abbreviations used below:
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- N/A: Not applicable. ND: Not detectable at testing limit (ppb): parts per billion or micrograms per liter (mg/l).
- Million or milligrams per liter (ppb): parts per billion or micrograms per liter (mg/l).
-обрахуночно-количественные значения.
- Более высокие уровни.
- Умеренно высокие уровни.
- Низкие уровни.
- Существенных значений.
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1642 Polo Heights Circle
Swartz Creek

2/3 Bath Condo located within walking distance of downtown Linden. Large open kitchen, gas fireplace in living room. 1st floor laundry. Master bedroom has gas fireplace, 1/2 Bath. A spacious first floor master bedroom and 2 stall garage. Land Contract available, for $170,000

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724 North Saginaw Street

Formerly the laboratory for Flint Public Schools. The foundation has worked with the University of Michigan, the University of Vermont, and the City of Flint on energy conservation projects. The building is a 2 story brick structure with 24 rooms, a full basement, and a 2 car garage. The property is located on the corner of Saginaw and Water Street, with a parking lot on the side.

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DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP

6205 Bennett Lake Road

Large 4 bedroom 2 Story home

Great family home with 20% down, terms are negotiable. 2 Story home with 3 bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths. 1st floor laundry, central air, full basement, and 2 car garage. 32x80 pole barn currently being used by customers include Cabela's and Pro Bass. This property is located on the corner of Bennett Lake Road and Thomas Road, with a parking lot on the side.

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Call Deb Wargo/Arlene Chumley 810-569-1444

FLOYD TOWNSHIP

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Great for General Office or Retail, 2591 sq. ft., unfinished basement with walkout, 2 car garage. The property is located on the corner of Howell Road and Park Road, with a parking lot on the side.

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BENNINGTON TOWNSHIP

1275 Holiday Road

Large 3 bedroom ranch on a 1.65 acres in a cul-de-sac. Great location for commuters to the Tri-City area. 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Master bedroom has 3 closets and a pleasing color scheme. The property is located on the corner of Holiday Road and Columbia Road, with a parking lot on the side.

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HOLLY

215 S. Saginaw Street

Charming Historic building on a 25x65 lot with 32x80 pole barn currently being used by customers. The property is located on the corner of Saginaw Street and S. St. Mary Street, with a parking lot on the side.

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FENTON

1132 N Leroy Street

For Lease.

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FLINT

4125 Tuxedo Avenue

Well maintained cozy bungalow with lots of original woodwork. Cozy coed sto in living room, large deck in kitchen, central air, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Master bedroom has a closet and a pleasing color scheme. The property is located on the corner of Tuxedo Avenue and East Saginaw Street, with a parking lot on the side.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

PARENTS, ARE YOU aware that your children are riding their bikes and skateboards in the Alpine parking lot? I will not stop to pick up the pieces if they get run over.

TO KATY’S FAMILY, I have heard of Katy’s passing through others and I want you to know that even though I never met her, I have heard what a blessing she was to those who did know her. I am, along with many others in this community, grieving for your loss. May God comfort you in your time of sorrow. God bless.

WHAT DOES IT take to get the Fenton police to drive through parking lots to verify the person parking in the handicap spots are actually handicapped, and the people that don’t have a handicap plate or placard are given a large fine, so the people that are handicapped can use the spot?

JUST WATCHING THE Stanley Cup finals game 7, and the Conn Smythe Trophy (most valuable player) was awarded to Tim Thomas from Davison. I remember when he played for Davison High School. He is the pinnacle of successful hockey players.

HERE IS SOME liberal logic for you. Liberal is derived from the Greek word ‘liber,’ meaning ‘free’. Liberal logic is freedom for all, tolerance, broad mindedness, humility, teamwork, shared responsibility, promoting the general welfare, and supporting the elderly and needy. Republicans believe in power, hororay for me, too bad for you, promoting the welfare of the already wealthy, arrogance, narrow mindedness, my way or the highway, prejudice, and bigotry. All traits fit Childs and many Hot liners.

PRESIDENT OBAMA INHERITED the worst state of the union since the Great Depression. A patient in intensive care, severely bleeding with many injuries, is an appropriate analogy. Like a good doctor, he has stopped the bleeding and stabilized the patient. There will be a long road to recovery with many ups and downs along the way.

STOP LITTERING IN the lake. The residents living on the lake pay extremely high taxes and have to wake up after the weekends to see the public access dock guests’ garbage in front of our homes. Bring a garbage bag with you. We don’t need to be cleaning up your Coors Light cans and boxes after your party. Have some respect for yourself and for others.

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My father... THE VIOLIN MAKER

By Editor Cheryl Dennison
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One of the fondest memories I have from my childhood is sitting on a stool in my father’s work- shop, watching him make violins. If I was lucky, I could help him, holding a clamp as he molded the shape or putting the horschair on the bow.

James E. Dennison II, 88, was born and raised in Cumberland, Maryland. Growing up during the Great Depression, he said didn’t hurt him any. They didn’t have a lot of money, but when he was 9 years old, his father bought him a violin and 25 lessons for $75. His love of the stringed instrument began after taking the private lessons.

When his violin became in need of repair, my father took it to a violin maker in Cumberland, named Mr. Lockett. He began spending time with Mr. Lockett, watching him make the violins and learning the craft.

A violin maker is called a luthier. “But I’ve never considered myself one,” my dad told me on a recent visit. He never attended school. He was self-taught and learned through trial and error.

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James Dennison violin maker

TRI-COUNTY TIMES
CHRISTOPHER DENNISON
James Dennison, 88, father of Tri-County Times Editor Cheryl Dennison, completed his fifth violin since recovering from an illness in 2009. “It was healing occupational therapy,” he said.

Instruments you can make at home

> Range from kid-friendly to detailed works of art

By Sharon Stone
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It’s well known that music can soothe the soul, mend a broken heart, spark creativity and even invigorate the tired. There are numerous types of musical instruments, each with its own sound and attitude. And many of these can be made at home, either from scratch or from a kit.

Reverie Harp

The Reverie Harp was designed and invented by Music Makers, in Stillwater, Minn., in collaboration with Australian music thanatologist Peter Roberts. Thanatology is the academic, and often scientific, study of death among human beings. This instrument is a must-have tool for music therapists, visitation ministers/chaplains, activity directors and nursing home caregivers. The Reverie Harp can be held any way and the music and vibrations it creates can be soothing to the holder.

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The substance turned out to be baby powder.

Tempting fate — The Titanic II, a 16-foot cabin cruiser owned by Mark Wilkinson of Birmingham, England, sank on its maiden voyage when a hole opened up in its hull. “It’s a bit embarrassing,” said Wilkinson, “and I got pretty fed up with people asking me if I had hit an iceberg.”

Starting early — Matt and Ellie Greene of Whitehouse, Texas, made a Facebook profile for their daughter, Marriah, even though she’s yet to be born. Marriah, who already has 268 friends, spends most of her time “swimming,” the profile said.

American wine consumption surpasses French

Last year, for the first time ever, America’s annual wine consumption surpassed that of France, but it took a U.S. population almost five times as large as France’s to do so. — Chicago Tribune

Airlines reap billions from ad-on fees

Airlines hauled in $21.5 billion last year from charges for add-on fees such as checked baggage, food, and buying a little more legroom. That’s a 38 percent jump in revenue from such fees in a year. — CBSMoneyWatch.com

San Francisco mulls goldfish sales ban

Animal authorities in San Francisco are calling for a pet sale ban that would include goldfish, guppies and tropical fish. The Animal Control and Welfare Commission said the pet sale ban would help to crack down on puppy and kitten mills and discourage “impulse buys” of animals that end up at shelters, the San Francisco Chronicle reported Thursday. Commission member Philip Gerrie said fish would be included because “most fish in aquariums are either mass bred ... or taken from the wild.” He said taking the fish leads to “devastation of tropical fish from places like Southeast Asia.”

Shhh — don’t disturb the babies

With two baby dolphins in the house, Baltimore’s National Aquarium is asking visitors to keep it down and reconfiguring one of its most popular shows. The dolphin show, known for splashing and shrieking, has turned into a quiet zone, with hushed music and fewer visitors.

The survival rate of dolphin calves is less than 1 in 3, and many don’t make it to their first birthday, so the aquarium hopes the shushing will help the calves. The female calf was born April 14 to Spirit, a first-time mother. Spirit’s half-sister, Maya, had a son two weeks later. Since then, mothers and babies have been learning the complicated nursing process. It’s similar to a midair refueling operation. The calf must cup its tongue and latch onto one of its mother’s mammary glands.

The mother squirts milk that the calf must quickly catch — all while the two swim. Maya didn’t get it at first, so an experienced dolphin mom showed her how it’s done.

Australia is considering a novel way of cutting greenhouse gases: killing methane-belching camels in the Outback. The proposal, released last week, would allow sharpshooters to earn carbon credits for killing camels. Industrial polluters could buy the credits to offset their own carbon emissions. Australia has the world’s largest population of wild camels — an estimated 1.2 million — and considers them a growing environmental problem. Each camel belches an estimated 100 pounds of methane a year. That’s roughly one-sixth the amount of CO2 that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says an average car produces annually.

Drunken Vancouver fans riot after Stanley Cup loss

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Angry, drunken revelers ran wild Wednesday night after the Vancouver Canucks’ 4-0 loss to Boston in Game 7 of the Stanley Cup finals, setting cars and garbage cans ablaze, smashing windows, showering giant TV screens with beer bottles and dancing atop overturned vehicles. “It’s terrible,” Canucks captain Henrik Sedin said, shaking his head. “This city and province has a lot to be proud of, the team we have and the guys we have in here. It’s too bad.”

“We’re a great city and have a lot of class. Our team is great and our championship will come soon,” Nash wrote.

Computer thieves better beware!

When Joshua Kaufman of Oakland, Calif., reported his laptop stolen, police told him they lacked the resources to take the case. It turned out he had his own security in the form of a program called Hidden, which he used to track the laptop’s movements and take pictures of the purported thief. Kaufman posted the photos to his new blog, “This Guy Has My MacBook,” which became an Internet sensation and spurred police to identify and arrest limit driver Muthanna Aldebashi. “It was a relief that all my effort paid off,” said Kaufman, who now has his laptop and 5,000 new followers on Twitter.

WIT & WISDOM

“Learning makes the wise wiser and the fool more foolish.” — John Ray, English naturalist

“No one really listens to anyone else, and if you try it for a while you’ll see why.” — Mignon McLaughlin, journalist

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A father’s greatest goal

Knock on our front door and you’ll find yourself staring at a plaque containing the following quote of Joshua (of wall-falling fame): ‘As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.’ An appropriate goal for any father at any time, but an especially fitting one to ponder on Father’s Day.

Who was this committed father whose words expressing his family goal remain familiar to millions after all these years? Joshua had lived an exciting and sometimes dangerous life. He had worked as a spy, served as top assistant to Moses, became the leader of his nation after the death of Moses, was an extremely successful military leader and a possessor of such strong faith that even the walls of mighty Jericho fell before him as he obediently followed the strange orders issued to him from headquarters. But his greatest goal in life was the acceptance of his faith by his family so they could serve the Lord together.

We don’t know how many children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren made up Joshua’s descendants. His life spanned 110 years, so it’s likely his conviction that his entire family would serve the Lord encompassed a large number of people, but his faith was up to the occasion, so he included them all in his now famous declaration.

Does this mean that Joshua’s entire family immediately embraced his faith, never rebelled and always walked with God? Probably not. Human nature and God’s respect for our individuality prevent cookie-cutter conversion experiences. Nevertheless, complete family commitment was his goal and he expected his prayer to ultimately be answered, so he declared his confidence it would happen in concise terms that have endured the test of time.

Joshua’s powerful position may have been an obstacle to members of his family following his advice or desiring his reputation as a man who walked with God. Barriers to his direction by his children may have seemed higher and more difficult to scale than the walls of Jericho, but those solid walls had been broken down by faith, so why not these emotional ones?

Some of Joshua’s family may have been wayward as year 110 approached and this determined conqueror on his deathbed may have said through gritted teeth: ‘We will serve the Lord,’ even if it meant some would come to faith and be involved in the service of God after he was gone.

Mothers have gained the respect of the world for their powerful praying. Most can name mothers whose prayers have made a difference. Susannah Wesley, the mother of John and Charles Wesley, the mother of John Newton whose son went from being a slave trader to a minister of the gospel and wrote ‘Amazing Grace,’ and others.

But fathers pray, too. And we ought to honor them for their faith and faithfulness.

Jesus told His hearers about the prodigal son whose journey to the far country moved his father to pray for and expect his return. This would be a good day to tell your father how much you appreciate him. And, if you’re a prodigal, it’s time to answer your father’s prayers by respecting his faith and heading home.

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INSTRUMENTS
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the Renaissance Guitar or a Cumberland Banjo.

Before one spends money to build a musical instrument, advantages and disadvantages should be considered. Pride in one’s craftsmanship is on the plus side. However, some might become frustrated with the time involved. Having made the instrument, the maker will also have complete knowledge of how the instrument works.

It is highly unlikely that the first attempt will lead to a perfect instrument. People with experience know it could be a very good instrument, but not perfect.

Portative Organ
Not only are stringed instruments available in kits, the Renaissance Workshop Company, Ltd. produces two Portative Organs, as well as many others. Their 2-foot Portative Organ is a small organ of traditional construction. The instrument is played in a seated position and the bellows are blown with one hand leaving the other free for the keyboard.

Kid-friendly instruments
Rhythm sticks
For those looking for more kid-friendly instruments, there are several in magazines and on websites to choose from. Rhythm sticks are easily made by stringing barrel beads onto wooden skewers. Children can bang them together to keep the beat or rub them together to make cricket sounds.

Finger Cymbals
Finger Cymbals are another fun way for children to add rhythm to music. These can be made by attaching small foam strips to the underside of two baby food jar lids. Children slip the cymbals onto their finger and thumb and click away.

Maracas
Who wouldn’t like the sounds of maracas? After buying inexpensive plastic maracas, kids can cover them with plaster gauze. Once dried, the maracas will sound like traditional ones. Kids can paint and decorate them as they wish.

Drums
Drums can be made with an empty coffee can that has been covered with construction paper, vinyl or some other material. Stretch the material over the top and seal by wrapping tape tightly around the can. Kids can use different kinds of drumsticks to make an assortment of sounds.

Many companies that make guitars also make kits. Kits typically come with all the necessary parts and instructions. Assembling a guitar from a kit can help the beginning guitarist understand and appreciate how it functions.
Garrett Beaudry
My earliest memory is: falling off the bed, breaking my wrist pulling my pants on. That was second grade.

Is there an event in your life you would like a ‘do-over’ for?: probably the time I fell off the bed.

If you could have one superpower, what would it be?: X-ray vision, to find concealed weapons.

I always: do work. I do work.

I never: fail.

If you could make one rule everyone has to follow, what would it be?: No skinny jeans for guys.

If you could travel back in time to witness one event, what would it be?: The holocaust, it’s very historic, and an important period in time.

If you were the high school principal, what’s the first change you’d make?: Have three lines at the cafeteria, more food variety, and a pool.

What physical or mental attribute would you change about yourself?: Less acne.

What is an upcoming event you are looking forward to?: Homecoming next year. It was a really fun night.

Front row seats and backstage passes. Whom are you seeing?: ‘Kid Cudi,’ I like his music and the lyrics to it.

What has been the best day in your life so far?: Winning a fishing tournament up North when I was in the fourth grade.

If you could ask the president one question, what would it be?: Why haven’t the troops come home yet, from Iraq.

What is your most valued possession?: My very first fishing lure from Uncle Gary. It was very precious, I don’t want to use it, and get it snapped off a line.

What did you do?: It’s confidential.

My parting advice for a better world is: Don’t let anything in life slow you down from what you are trying to achieve.
Smoking, obesity slash American life expectancy

CNN — You may have read that many counties in the United States lag behind some of the top nations of the world in terms of life expectancy, and, especially for women, it doesn’t appear to be substantially increasing over time. The United States consistently falls behind other industrialized countries in this department, despite spending more on health care than any other nation.

Experts point to smoking and obesity as possible explanations. In fact, Columbia University’s Frank Lichtenberg told CNN in 2009 that Americans would be living six months longer today than they currently are if obesity had not increased as much as it has since 1991.

The worst countries for men had similar or lower life expectancies than countries such as Guatemala, Fiji, El Salvador, Lithuania and Pakistan.

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First ‘Fenton Art Walk’ kicks off on Friday

Celebrates art and community

By Sally Rummel

Former Fenton artist Susan Guy won’t be able to attend Fenton’s first Art Walk this Friday, June 24, but her artwork will honor her, while it is exhibited at Superior Travel in downtown Fenton.

Summary

The first-ever Fenton Art Walk will debut this Friday, June 24 with 60 artists exhibiting their work at 31 local businesses.

Anationally acclaimed Western artist, Susan moved from Fenton to Wyoming in 1999 to pursue her interest in this new art niche. “A lot of local people will remember Susan, as she had her own dog grooming business in Fenton, was lead in several Fenton Village Players productions, sang in a ladies’ chorale and was a member of the Fenton Artist Guild,” said her husband, Wes.

Sadly, her art career ended two years ago, when at 59, she was diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer’s disease.

She is under hospice care in an East Tawas nursing home, where she can be close to Michigan family members, said Wes. The family’s youngest son, Steve, is supervisor of the Fenton Water Plant.

Wes will be displaying nine of his wife’s art prints on Friday evening at the Superior Travel office at 115 S. River St. in Fenton.

The Fenton Art Walk will begin in downtown Fenton, where visitors can pick up their Art Walk Passports at a tent downtown Fenton, where visitors can view the art and win prizes.

“Our goal is to bring people into Fenton for an enjoyable evening, give them an opportunity to visit businesses and rediscover their hometown,” said Natalie Burg, event organizer through New Moon Art featured at the Fenton Art Walk. An artist who works with mixed media, watercolors, pen and ink and more, Rodgers enjoys country settings and nature as subjects for his paintings and drawings.

The Fenton Art Walk is the expansion of an event currently being accomplished by 12 members of the Lake Area Visual Artists (LAVA), a committee of the Lakes Area Arts Club. These 12 local artists exhibit their paintings at Fenton Winery & Brewery, where they hold an Artists’ Reception on the first Tuesday of each month.

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Fenton resident Bill Rodgers is one of three local artists who will be at The Edge Gallery for Friday’s Fenton Art Walk. An artist who works with mixed media, watercolors, pen and ink and more, Rodgers enjoys country settings and nature as subjects for his paintings and drawings.

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Art featured at the Fenton Art Walk will range from watercolors, sketches and oils to photography, cinematic arts and sculptures. Pottery, prints, glasswork, authors and illustrators, jewelry, metals and mixed media will also be among the art that visitors will find at each business location.

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VIOLIN MAKER

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When my father returned from the war (World War II) he attended the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) in Baltimore on the GI Bill, and his interest in making violins was renewed. But his life got on another track, marrying my mother, Mary Louise Hann, raising four children and working at his paint contracting business, J.E. Dennison & Son in Cumberland. He pursued other interests, such as raising horses and making pottery. He played the violin in the Cumberland Symphony Orchestra until it disbanded. He also repaired violins and bows for the Allegany County Orchestra until it disbanded. He also repaired violins and bows for the Allegany County Orchestra until it disbanded.

During my growing-up years, my father also made guitars, dulcimers and a lute, which is the grandfather of the guitar. At times, when I would be practicing a classical piece of music on the piano, my father would join along on his violin.

Building a violin can be tedious work. Dennison spends hours shaping and gluing parts of a violin. It takes six coats of varnish and each piece is sanded and polished by hand. It takes about three months for him to complete one.

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The sound of each violin is different.

“You don’t know what you’ve got until you string it up,” my father said. The sound of his most recently completed stringed instrument has a good tone and is rich and clear.

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And perhaps my grandson will follow in my father’s footsteps.

My father, the violin maker.

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Powers soccer team headed to state title game

By David Troppens
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Williamston — With just three
minutes left in regulation of a tied
game, Brittany Tenis knew there
wouldn’t be many more chances in
regulation to break the Division 3
State Semifinal contest between Pow-
ers and Detroit Country Day.

So the playmaker ripped a shot.
And it was the shot that put the
Powers Catholic Chargers, a squad
made up of many tri-county ath-
letes, into Saturday’s Division 2
State Championship game.

Tennis dribbled for about 15 yards,
found an ally and ripped a shot from
about 15 yards out, resulting in the
game-winning goal with 2:51 re-
main in Powers’ 2-1 victory.

“I knew we had to get a goal and
we were running out of time,”
Tenis said. “There was two min-
utes left. I saw space and took it. I
just tucked it in as fast as I can. I
took the initiative because I knew
we needed a goal.”

The win put the Chargers in Saturday’s championship game at Michigan State University against six-time defending champions Hud-
sdoville Unity Christian. The victo-
ry also puts Powers in the state title
game for the first time since 2009,
when the Chargers lost to Unity
Christian 1-0.

Powers lost to Coun-
ty Day earlier this season, making

this win a little bit sweeter.

“This means a lot,” Powers’
first goal-scorer, Addison Carno,
said. “All season we’ve been wait-

ing for this game.

It is great to beat them and to be-
moving on to the state finals.”

“Words can’t even ex-
plain how amazing it is,” said
four-year player and senior

Scott posts
fine rookie
year at CMU

By David Troppens
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Parker Scott knew he was
entering his Central Michigan
University track career pretty
career.

The Lake Fenton 2010
graduate certainly had talent. He
proved that as a prep per-
former by placing fifth as a ju-
ior and fourth as a senior in the
400 hurdles at the Division 3
State Track and Field champi-

ionships.

But he still knew he had a
lot to learn.

Those lessons may have
been hard, but Scott still ex-
perienced his share of success
during his freshman season at
Central Michigan University,
capping the season by winning
two medals at the Mid-Ameri-

can Conference Outdoor Track
and Field Championships in
DeKalb, Ill. Scott placed third
in the 400 hurdles with a time
of 54.76 seconds, and also was
a member of the second-place
1,600 relay team, which posted
a time of 3:16.74 at the event.

“This year made me feel
great,” Scott said. “I was third
overall in the 400 hurdles and
the other two guys that took

Six people, one team inducted into Fenton HOF

Pushman family
honored for work
with Cobra Club

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school’s hall of fame inductees,
who were honored Wednesday
night at Fenton’s A.GS Middle
School.

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**SCOTT**

Scott learned a ton this year as well. In fact, the first thing that was done when he came to Central was a breakdown of his hurdles.

“I had to slow it down, and work on single hurdles,” Scott said. “It was just terrible because I was one of the worst out there. In high school, they didn’t want you to slow down. They just told me to go as fast as I can go. But coach had me slow everything down, work on my form and then worry about my speed later. During the year I slowly corrected my form and it paid off.”

For Scott, running comes honestly. His mom, Jill (Thibault) Scott still holds the 100 hurdle record at Fen-ton.

Scott’s next big event will be June 23 through 26 at the 2011 USA Ju-nior Outdoor Track & Field Champi-onships, being held in Eugene, Ore. Scott’s times in the 400 hurdles have qualified him for the meet.

Scott said he’s excited about his future at Central. He has every right to be excited. He was the only freshman to reach the medal stand in two events for Central.

“Seeing what I was able to do as a freshman starting off really opened my eyes,” Scott said. “I can bring a freshman starting off really opened my eyes, work hard enough. I want to be a home a medal in every event, if I can.”

POWERS

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Capt. Jessica Rolls. “And I’m going to win it (the state title) with my sister (keep-er Heather Rolls) and best friends after four years of hard work and practices. This is it.”

“We went to the state finals when I was a freshman but I didn’t play that much,” defensive player Emma Philippotts said. “But now to be there with this game being so intense, it’s awesome. Getting a second chance is amazing.”

The Chargers opened the contest the stronger side, and it resulted in the game’s first lead. With 19:31 left in the opening half, Morgan McKerchio sent a crossed ball to Carino, who scored the goal.

“I was playing outside forward, making my runs like my coaches told me,” Carino said. “I saw Mo coming in with the cross and it was right side. For sure (it was the biggest goal of my career).”

While the Chargers held more posses-sion during the opening half, the Yellow Jackets were able to tie it before intermis-sion. Off a direct kick, Maggie Kieffer sent a straight pass to Michelle Manning, who capitalized.

“I honestly thought our goal was going to be the only goal of the day,” Powers coach Art Moody said. “I thought it would be a 1-0 game. But we knew their set plays were magnificent, and that was a set play.”

The teams played a balanced second half. And while both teams had balls in dangerous positions, few shots were fired. The contest’s third goal was nearly one of the fluky variety. With about 15 min-utes left, a ball routinely headed toward the Powers net. However, keeper Heather Rolls, who made four saves in the con-test, struggled with the wet grass and the ball snuck past her. The ball continued to trickle slowly to the net, before rolling just inches wide of one of the posts. Coun-try Day also had a cross off a corner that bounced off the crossbar.

Powers finally seized the game with Ten-is’ goal. It was set up by a corner kick. And while the initial attempt didn’t result in a shot, Country Day never cleared the ball. A deflection sent the ball to Tenis, who then dribbled for about 15 yards before taking the game-winning shot.

“She definitely had a lot of confidence on that day,” Moody said. “She has the ability to do that. She doesn’t do that often for me, but it was nice to see her step up when we needed her the most.”

Country Day never got another scor-ing chance, resulting in Powers’ victory. The team celebrated and then ran across the field together, connected hand to hand. But as amazing as Wednesday’s experi-ence was, at least one player is expecting another celebration on Saturday.

“This is amazing,” Jessica Rolls said. “It is even going to be better with a ring on my finger (alluding to a potential state title win).”

**CITY OF LINDEN SUMMER TAXES**

2011 SUMMER TAX - The Summer 2011 tax statements will be mailed the first of July. If you receive your tax bill and it is paid by your bank or financial institution, please forward the bill to them for payment. Summer taxes are payable without penalty and interest through September 15, 2011 at Linden City Hall, 132 E. Broad Street. A penalty of 4% plus interest at 1% per month or part of month will be added after September 15, 2011. Beginning March 1, 2012, the 2011 real property taxes become payable only at the office of the Genesee County Treasurer at which time an additional 4% plus 1% interest per month will be added. Contact City of Linden Treasurer for delinquent amount due for personal and qualified real property taxes.

A drop box is available behind City Hall to enable you to make payments after hours. PLEASE PAY BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER. For a fee you may also pay on line at www.lindenmi.us

Taxpayers eligible to claim a deferral of summer property taxes may file an application for deferral until September 15, 2011. Taxes deferred are not subject to penalty and interest until February 15, 2012. You may claim deferral of your homestead if your household income for the preceding calendar year did not exceed $40,000 and you qualify for one of the following classifications:

- 62 years of age or older, including the unmarried surviving spouse of a per-son who is 62 years of age or older at the time of death
- Paraplegic, Quadriplegic
- Eligible serviceperson, veteran, widow or widower
- Blind person
- Totally and permanently disabled

Deferral forms are available at Linden City Hall, 132 E. Broad St. Gloria Kirshman City Treasurer
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ior season, forcing her to miss the end of the volleyball season and the entire track season. That didn’t keep her from being one of the greatest female three-sport athletes in Fenton history, and one of the greatest CMU women athletes as well.

“My mom’s friend Violet said I was spared because God had purpose for my life,” Decker said about surviving her medical issues. “Part of my purpose was to marry my high school sweetheart, Darby Decker, and, to raise two fantastic kids.”

The night’s induction was Hajec. Hajec is among the elite athletes and coach-es Fenton has ever had. He played football, basketball, baseball and track, but also returned to coach Fenton’s golf, football, baseball, football, freshman basketball and softball. Hajec is also a member of the Michigan High School Golf Coaches Hall of Fame and a member of the Greater Flint Area Athletic Hall of Fame. Hajec prides himself for being remembered as a Fenton student and coach.

“When ex-Flint Journal writer) Len Hoyes used to write articles about me when I was playing he would refer to me as Bill Hajec, Fenton High School. And then when I was coaching he’d say Bill Hajec, coach at Fenton High School,” Hajec said. “To me, that was very special because I’m very proud of this school, and what it stands for.”

Bruder also was a great athlete and coach. He was a standout basketball player as well as a football runner and track performer, but then came back to Fenton to coach varsity basketball for 21 years, earning 370 wins. He won seven league titles and nine district titles, making it to the state championship game. It is the only time that a boys varsity basketball team at Fenton has gone to the state title game.

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I can’t forget to mention my greatest joy in coaching, was being able to coach my three sons — Todd, Chad and Mike — who may or may not thank me,” Bruder said. “The best part of my career was making life-long friends who I still communicate with and enjoy seeing. These fine athletes have grown into responsible men in all areas of the working world and are great husbands and dads.”

Members of the 1946 Fenton varsity basketball team were represented at Thursday’s Fenton Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet. They were (from left) Vince Harrison, John Howe, Don Orthner, Carla Jaggi-Juarez and Ken Wegner Jr. Jaggi-Juarez represented Ned Jaggi, while Wegner represented Ken Wegner Sr.

The squad played in the Class B state title game in front of 10,971 spectators at Michigan State’s Jenison Fieldhouse.

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What’s On Television?

SATURDAY

AUTO RACING
(ESPN) Nationwide series qualifying........11 a.m.
(SPEED) Sprint Cup series qualifying........1 p.m.
(ABC) Nationwide series racing...........3:30 p.m.

BASEBALL
(ESPN) NCAA World Series Game #1........2 p.m.
(FOX) New York Yankees at Chicago Cubs......4 p.m.
(ESPN) NCAA World Series Game #2........7 p.m.
(FSD) Detroit at Colorado..................8 p.m.

GOLF
(NBC) U.S. Open..........................2 p.m.

SUNDAY

AUTO RACING
(TNT) Sprint Cup series racing............1 p.m.
(ABC) IndyCar series racing..............3:30 p.m.

BASEBALL
(WSB) Milwaukee at Boston..................1:30 p.m.
(ESPN) NCAA World Series Game #3........2 p.m.
(FSD) Detroit at Colorado..................3 p.m.
(ESPN) NCAA World Series Game #4........7 p.m.
(ESPN) New York Yankees at Chicago Cubs......8 p.m.

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Mary Houghtaling, Mary Houghtaling - age 83, died June 15, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Joyce Burton, Joyce Burton - age 70, died June 10, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

Mildred Gillies, Mildred Gillies - age 82, died June 15, 2011. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes.

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Michael Woehlert, Michael Woehlert - age 42, of Ortonville, died on August 24, 2011. Burial will be held at Sunset Hills Memorial Cemetery. Tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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Airline passengers decline to recline

DEARAMY: I just returned from an overseas flight on which the person seated behind me did not allow me to recline my seat. This problem seems to come up every time I fly. On these flights I have tried asking permission of the person behind me (sometimes they say “no”) and I have also tried just easing the seat back. Some-times the person in back of me is hitting my seat back. I always wait until the meal trays have been picked up, but people have their computers set up on their tray tables and don’t like the seat in front of them reclined. Help! I have another flight coming up and am already worrying about this issue. If the chairs shouldn’t be reclined, why do the airplanes have them?

— Sleepless in Chicago

DEAR SLEEPLESS: I shared your letter with Corey Caldwell, spokeswoman for the Association of Flight Attendants, who responded.

“Easing the seat back is not a natural response to the discomfort of sitting upright for long periods of time. Some passengers may find it more comfortable. But others prefer to sit with their back upright to maintain the natural curve of the spine, reducing neck and back strain. As it is, there is not a lot of leg room on most flights already, so if everyone reclined, there would be even less leg room.”

 pregunta: I've been struggling with bed-wetting. How can I help him? (He's 15. He still wets the bed. His parents have done everything from pills to alarms, but nothing helps. Sometimes he gets depressed, and that scares us. He says he will never be able to have a relationship with a girl. Sometimes we worry that he will hurt himself. Is there anything that can help this situation? — W.M.

ANSWER: I feel deeply for your grandson. No one can understand the isolation and hopelessness he has to grapple with. He could stand professional counseling. Perhaps a few facts will help him.

Between the ages of 5 and 6, 15 percent to 20 percent of children are still wetting the bed. Of that number, every following year, 15 percent will stay dry during the night. By age 13, only 1 percent to 2 percent of these youngsters are still battling the problem. Your grandson has three years in which his chances of gaining control are good.

The problem of bed-wetting appears to stem from a brain that doesn’t respond to a full night’s sleep with the rapid eye movements that help the brain store memories and the muscle relaxation that allows you to stay awake.

The problem may be that these children have too much water in their body, or too little output of the hormone vasopressin, which controls urine output. They may also have poor bladder capacity to hold nighttime urine production. Or it might be that these children produce too little antidiuretic hormone, which delay in developing that response. Or it might be a delay in the attainment of a large enough bladder capacity to hold nighttime urine production. Or it might be that these children produce too little of the hormone vasopressin, which suppresses nighttime urine formation.

Your grandson can once more try things he has tried before. He may need a professional counselor. If the problem is he is going to have to make a decision to do the right thing simply because it is right — for you and for others. You don’t sound ready to make that change, but a professional therapist could help you to figure out what your values lie behind your actions — and help you choose to change.

Paw’s corner

Affordable pet care for all animals

Recently, I spoke with Dr. Karen “Doc” Halligan, a veterinarian and author who has appeared on shows like “The Today Show” and “Animal Rescue 911.” She is the author of “What Every Pet Owner Should Know: Prescriptions for Happy, Healthy Pets and Kids.”

Foremost on my mind was on how pet owners who are financially challenged – whether seniors on a fixed income, unemployed or otherwise having difficulties – could continue to keep their pets healthy. In addition to stressing the importance of preventive care, Halligan urges owners to tell their vet if they are having financial problems.

“I tell owners, be up front with your vet,” says Halligan. “Say (that) money is a factor. Don’t come in there and think that we’re going to change the way we treat your pet because you tell us you can’t afford it. That’s not the case. We need to know if you’re on a fixed income — to come up with a game plan to keep your pet as healthy as possible and try to save you money.”

Here are a few tips from Halligan on affordably keeping pets healthy:

• Flea and tick prevention in the summer is paramount. Look for the first generic drug for pets, www.petarmor.com/PetArmor Plus, a topical solution that costs half as much as Frontline. It’s available from vets as well as at Wal-Mart and Sam’s Club.

• Keep vaccinations up to date: diseases like parvo can be fatal to pets, but are completely preventable.

• Pets and annual checkups: “Animals age 7 years in 1 year,” says Doc. “If you only take them every three years, that’s like 21 years between checkups.”

Notice

Annual meeting of Argentine township

The Annual Meeting of the Argentine Township residents will be held on Monday, June 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the Argentine Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden. The 2011/2012 fiscal budget will be reviewed as well as other matters the residents may vote upon.

Denise Graves, Clerk
Argentine Township

Notice

Budget hearing of Argentine township residents

The Argentine Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2011/2012 at the Argentine Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden on June 27, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. during the Township Annual Meeting.

The property tax millage rate of 0.7021 is proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the Township Hall.

Denise Graves, Clerk
Argentine Township

Perfect Paella

Ingredients

• 3 t. extra-virgin olive oil, 2 tums of the pan, 1/2 onion, 1/2 clove garlic, 1/2 cup red pepper flakes

• 2 c. enriched white rice

• 1/4 t. safiyr threads

• 1/2 pound chicken tenders, cut into thirds

• Salt and freshly ground black pepper

• 1 red bell pepper, seeded and chopped

• 1 medium onion, chopped

• 3/4 t. chorizo, casing removed and sliced on an angle

• 1 lb. peeled and deveined large shrimp, 24 shrimp

• 18 green tipped mushrooms, cleaned

• 1 c. fresh peas

• 2 lemons zested

Garlic

• 1/4 c. chopped flat-leaf parsley

• 4 scallions, chopped

• Lemon wedges

• Crustly bread for passing

Directions

In a very wide pan or paella pan, preheat over medium heat. Add 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, 2 tums of the pan, crushed garlic, red pepper flakes, add rice and sauté 2 or 3 minutes. Add saffron threads, bay leaf, broth, and thyme and bring liquids to a boil over high heat. Cover the pan wid lid and reduce heat to simmer. In a separate nonstick skillet, over medium high heat brown chicken on both sides with 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive Oil, 1 cup of the pan. Season chicken with salt and pepper. Add peppers and onions to the pan and cook 3 minutes longer. Add chorizo to the pan and cook 2 minutes more. Remove pan from heat. After about 13 minutes, add shellfish to the rice pan, resting them in cooking rice. Peel and halve lemons and add them over the rice and seafood, then cover the pan again. After 5 minutes, remove cover or foil from the paella and discard any unopened mussel shells. Stir rice and seafood mixture and lift out bay and thyme stems, now bare of their leaves. Arrange cooked chicken and peppers, onions and chorizo around the pan. Top with parsley and scallions. Serve with wedges of lemon and warm bread.

30 Minute Meals

To your good health

Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

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Sunday, June 19, 2011

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