Yes — there really are 1,264 parking spaces in downtown Fenton

Not all are available to the public

By Sharon Stone
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It’s apparent that the city of Fenton is doing something right as the downtown area continues to attract new businesses, development and events. However, with this expanding landscape come new headaches.

For some, these headaches come from trying to find a parking spot near to where they want to visit. If you are of the “glass is half-full” mindset, this is a good problem to have because it means people want to be in downtown Fenton. If you have the “glass is half-empty” mindset, it means you might have to walk a ways to visit a favorite store or business.

Based on fluctuating city records, people looking for parking spaces in downtown Fenton have

Pick-up and drop-off hectic experience at local schools

By Tim Jagielo
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Lake Fenton — For about 20 minutes each weekday, a school can potentially be the busiest place in a city or township, traffic-wise. Scores of vehicles and at least a dozen buses wait as school lets out at Lake Fenton Middle School (LFMS), on a rainy Wednesday.

See SCHOOLS on 11A

There’s no other place in the city this happens. It’s a thousand people accessing the same place at the same time.

Heidie Ciesielski
AGS Middle School principal

Public hearing on medical marijuana set for October 6

Moratorium extension required to accommodate public hearing

By Ryan Tackabury
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Fenton — Last month was supposed to see the last medical marijuana moratorium for Fenton — though it received one more extra adjustment at last Monday’s city council meeting. However, there was one more adjustment that needed to be made.

See MARIJUANA on 6A

Children’s respiratory virus spreading to Michigan?

By Yvonne Stegall
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Michigan health officials are investigating severe respiratory illnesses in children in Michigan, but haven’t confirmed if they are associated with a national outbreak of enterovirus.

Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) Public Information Officer Angela Minicucci said, “We have seen an increased number of respiratory illnesses coming into Michigan hospitals and doctor offices.”

The Genesee County Health Department is working with MDCH to investigate the cases and determine if there is any association with the nationwide Enterovirus D68 (EV-D68). At this time, there have been
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Volunteers with the Fenton Rotary Club attach planks to the 36-foot ramp going in at this Holly Manor home. The rotary club identifies a family in need once a year, and spends a day and approximately $2,000 to install a ramp to make the residents’ lives less difficult.

"It’s such a blessing"
Rotary Ramp eases family’s struggle with cancer

By Tim Jagielo
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Holly — Angela Simms priced similar ramps to the impressive one materializing Thursday to the clutter of wood planks and drills at her home. For a basic ramp that would accommodate her grandmother’s wheelchair would have cost the family $8,000.

“There is no way we could have done this ourselves,” said Simms. “We are so blessed.” On Thursday, the Fenton Rotary Club with more than a dozen volunteers erected a 36-foot ramp, with landings outside her mother’s mobile home. Simms, a professional caretaker, had been called to help with her grandmother, and as her mother was diagnosed with cancer, suddenly was taking care of both.

After the day’s work, the pay-off is the “maiden voyage” of the ramp that gives new freedom to someone in need. “It’s a feel — good moment, the first time you see someone confined to their home for years are able to traverse the ramp and get the mail on their own,” said Fenton Rotary Club Community Service Chair Brad Alvord.

This mobile home’s door is 36-inches off the ground, meaning the ramp has to be 36-feet long, per American’s with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines. There are two landings to make turns off the ramp to get to sidewalk level. The wood is treated, and weather proofed, and can be painted after a year of sitting.

If you contributed to the Rotary Club’s Rubber Ducky Regatta in July, or any of the other events, this is where some of the money goes. The project will cost about $1,600, taking up most of the $2,000 ramp-project budget, with materials and permits through the village of Holly. The ramp is a community service project, though Alvord said they can usually do one or two per year, so who they choose is significant.

In this case, there are three generations of women living there, a mother, grandmother and adult granddaughter. The grandmother is due to the extreme cold temperatures from last winter, many Michigan peach orchards, including Spicer Orchards, lost a significant number of peach trees.
**TO THE DEMOCRAT**

Thinking Obama won’t be running for President during the elections — mark my word, Obama will take his mighty pen and sign into law by executive order to abolish President Trump and become America’s first dictator.

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**TO THE DOG haters**

I own three Chow Chows, two black and one white. Chows have the reputation of being ferocious dogs around children. All three of mine are afraid of children. Everyone who greets my blonde Chow fails in love with him. He is so precious.

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**WHY ARE THE** kids living in the Eastview Drive trailer park being dropped off on North Road at East Bay Park?

That’s a long walk on rainy and freezing cold days. According to the schedule, they’re to be picked up and dropped off at Eastview Drive.

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**THINGS ARE BETTER** in America? What planet do you reside on? Literally, our entire world is on fire. Heads being decapitated, Ebola running rampant with no end in sight. Obama is in over his head and hides on the golf course. Pelosi only wags her finger and Feinstein can’t get the ‘boys’ to listen. Only God can possibly help us.

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PELOSI AND FEINSTEIN do not run the country, nice try in attempting to catch a sexist Democrat off guard, to further your agenda.

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I GOTTA QUIT watching Obama on TV. Maybe he’d make a good actor in Hollywood. In his mind, he’s a great talker, but I think you can take the word ‘great’ out of there.

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I VOTED FOR Barack Obama but as time goes by I wonder more and more if he really does understand world politics and how much is at stake.

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**THE PRESIDENT** is doing his best during a time of stress and responsibility never before experienced by our country. How about considering all the great things he has already accomplished?

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I’D LIKE to thank the idiot shopper at Home Depot on Friday for putting his cart in the handicap parking spot. Thanks a lot.

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**TO THE PERSON** complaining about people with handicap stickers, I have them, I have asthma, a hip replacement, and have a knee replaced. I walk all over.

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WE LOVE TROUBLE: left versus right, gay versus straight. People standing in their yards yapping on their cell phones, we get to hear all their dirty laundry. That’s why reality TV is so popular. Enough already, give me a break.

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**YOUR ARTICLE** said to research online to learn how to fix your computer. What if someone only owns one computer? What if that someone is me? Did you ever think of that?

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I DON’T KNOW much, but I know those dog owners must have an axe to grind.

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I CAN ONLY hope the Republicans take over the Senate and the House and then maybe they can impeach Obama for malfeasance of office. If you don’t know what that word means, look it up in the dictionary.

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**GOOD MORNING HOLLWOOD!**

WATCHED ABC NEWS and watched the video of Ray Rice getting suspended for knocking out his so-called fiancé. He then said, ‘she cannot do wrong, she’s an angel!’ So you beat up angels? You should be beat.

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**TWO FENTON RESIDENTS** get a year in prison for lying, yet VA administrators get bonuses, Susan Rice gets a promotion and Lois Lerner gets 3 or 5 months off with pay. Moral of the story: if you’re going to tell a lie, make sure you’re a Federal employee.

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I DO AGREE with the person as far as handicap parking spaces. You have to understand that all symptoms are not always a bad leg. My friend has MS and needs handicapped. Our problem is doctors who give handicap stickers to people who really do not need them.

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**Reward or punish?**

Like most everyone my age I played both organized baseball and football as a kid. The primary lesson I took from these competitive experiences is that if you want to win at whatever group endeavor you are involved in, reward the people who produce, not the ones who don’t.

I learned this in Little League baseball and all the way through high school football. The best runners, hitters, catchers, blockers, tacklers and throwers made at whatever group endeavor.

ences is that if you want to win — reward the producers. It’s a formula that has been the blueprint for success since the beginning of time.

America became the leader of the world by following this principle for 200 years. Now, the liberal politicians, led by President Obama, have de-

stroyed that principle in just six years. They have used our govern-

tment tax dollars — yours and mine — as an incentive to build a constituency that can be counted on to vote for the politicians who can assure them of a life of leisure and idleness — subsidized with a glut of monthly checks in addition to free food, free health care, free rent and even a free cell phone.

To put it another way, our current leaders are rewarding the citizens who don’t produce and punishing those who do.

How would that work if the Detroit Ti-
gers operated that way? Or the Lions? Or the Red Wings? Or MSU or U of M? How successful would any of them be if they were managed by the same fools who rule America today?

We all know the answer to that. They would fail miser-

ably. Oh, they might stumble along for a period of time due to their successful past, but ul-

timately they would be forced to either close their doors or hire a new management team.

So, why would anyone consciously perpetuate an agenda that is certain to result in social and fiscal suicide? The only possible explanation is personal gain — the perpetrators are enriching themselves at the expense of our country. Or, to put it more simply, they are com-

mitting treason.

United States Code 18, U.S.C. § 2381 states ‘whoever, owing allegiance to the United States, levies war against them or adheres to their enemies… is guilty of treason and shall suffer death…and shall be incapable of holding any of-

fice under the United States.’

Let me say it again. The elected politicians that rule in America right now are trai-

tors. They have consciously made the choice to betray their country for personal gain and personal power.

On November 4, 2014, we will have a choice — the choice either to reward them for their performance, or to punish them for their performance.

Addresses offered in Oct. Were the author’s views and do not necessarily re-

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Internet users could face slower downloads, more fees with proposed FCC rules

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Wednesday was a day of protest in the war on the Internet. According to a Time.com article, “a coalition of tech companies and Open Internet activists claimed victory Wednesday evening after a day-long campaign, Battle for the Net, succeeded in swamping the federal government with millions of public comments demanding that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) scrap its proposed rules governing net neutrality and write new ones.”

For anyone not privy to what net neutrality is (which likely would only be people not using the Internet on a regular basis), it is “the Internet’s guiding principle: It preserves our right to communicate freely online,” according to savetheinternet.com. It’s free speech on the Internet, and the allowance of open networks. It means that people can watch streaming videos of their favorite TV shows, and more, without someone saying they’ve used too much broadband, or infringed on a television company’s rights. It’s about treating all Internet traffic equally.

A good comparison is the phone company. They don’t say whom you can call, and they don’t have any concern with what you say when you are on the phone. Why should an Internet Service Provider (ISP) care what someone is doing with the Internet service they are paying for?

In January 2014, a court decision destroyed protections that kept the Internet open and allowed users’ privacy and individual choice. ISPs like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon want to take what they’ve done with cable TV and use it to manage the Internet, too.

While the FCC’s 2010 ruling that allowed net neutrality has been struck down by courts, it doesn’t mean that the courts are against net neutrality. According to savetheinternet.com, it means that the court doesn’t believe that the FCC has the ability to properly regulate open Internet.

What the loss of net neutrality means to those who spend time on the Internet is more time waiting for certain sites to load, more dropped emails, and the possibility of paying more for certain services.

ISPs will be charging certain sites, like Netflix, extra to allow for faster services to their customers, and whom will that excess cost be passed onto? The consumer, of course. If the site doesn’t pay the fee, they may be blocked by certain ISPs, leaving the consumer without their favorite website(s).

Netflix public relations spokesperson Anne Marie Squeo said, via email, “Consumers, not broadband gatekeepers, should pick the winners and losers on the Internet. Strong net neutrality rules are needed to stop Internet Service Providers from demanding extra fees or slowing delivery of content to consumers who already have paid for Internet access. Any FCC rules must ensure access to content without ISPs favoring, impeding or charging particular content companies.”

On the day of the battle, members of Congress were receiving an average of 1,000 calls per minute, according to Free Press, a public advocacy organization that underwrote the campaign in support of net neutrality. The FCC reported that its rule on net neutrality, which is open for public comments until Sept. 15, has officially generated more public comments — 1.4 million and counting — than any other rule making in its history.

Companies and websites that participated in the ‘Battle for the Net’

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Greenpeace
Reddit
Dropbox
Meetup

Source: battlefortheinternet.com

Summary
Internet access is under attack, and if the cable companies win, people will be the ones paying for it. The price will be blocked sites, slower loading, and more charges.

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While the issue was addressed at the August planning commission meeting, the board decided to schedule a public hearing to take into consideration the opinions of the public. The hearing is scheduled to take place Oct. 6.

City Manager Lynn Markland said that when the moratorium was extended previously, the possibility of holding a public hearing, as well as the time required to schedule one, was not something factored into the extension’s timeframe.

The moratorium on land uses for marijuana for medical purposes is in place to allow the city to determine how to proceed with the issue. The last extension was made to provide the Planning Commission time to make a recommendation to the City Council on how the city should act upon the issue.

The new moratorium is set to expire Dec. 1 of this year, or until an ordinance is enacted. “Once the planning commission makes their recommendation, I expect the city council to reach a decision and I expect it will be done actually before then,” Markland said.

Since the law was enacted in 2008, municipalities have struggled to understand the reach and scope of control they have over land use for medical marijuana. Many have chosen to enact moratoriums to avoid legislating on the issue until the framework of dealing with them becomes clearer.

The village of Holly was one of the few local municipalities who have enacted an ordinance regulating medical marijuana dispensaries.

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Lynn Markland
Fenton City manager

Applefest time is here!

The 42nd annual Applefest kicks off this Thursday

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There are two certainties when it comes to food at the annual St. John’s Applefest, debuting this Thursday, Sept. 18 through Sunday, Sept. 21 — apples and chilli.

Both are “stars of the show” at the tri-county’s largest festival, now in its 42nd year.

“Fr. Harvey’s already working on prepping his ‘Padre’s Chili,’” said Mary Gorzenksi, from the office at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton.

It takes all day to make the chili, and involves dozens of volunteers. It’s always a sell-out, even when he has made as much as 150 gallons.

Harvey has been making the chili for more than 25 years, and is even making it again this year, although he retired as Senior Pastor at St. John’s in 2013.

His successor, Fr. Dwight Ezop, and new associate priest Fr. Jim Rolph will not be making any chili, but they plan to greet and visit with as many people as possible during Applefest.

“I’m looking forward to not only a bumper crop of apples, but also a bumper crop of visitors to Applefest,” said Ezop.

“Padre’s Chili” is nearly as popular as the festival’s homemade apple pies. “We’ll be selling over 2,000 apple pies, including 800 donated pies,” said Dave McDermott, general chair of Applefest with his wife, Sara, for the past three years. Volunteers will be picking up apples at Spicer Orchards on Saturday, and then will begin the huge task of making pies on Sunday.

In addition to pies, caramel apples are another festival favorite.

There will be plenty of other food and entertainment, too. The popular Fish Fry, Sausage and Grill Stand, a taco stand, coffee shop and all of the carnival fixins’ will be in plentiful supply.

The Entertainment Tent will feature bands all three nights, including the Great Lakes Premiere Tim McGraw Tribute Band on Thursday, “Looking Back” Bob Seger Tribute Band on Friday and Rook on Saturday, all starting at 8 p.m.

The Midway of carnival rides and all the other festival events opens on Thursday at 3 p.m., and then again on Friday at 3 p.m. The fun continues Saturday and Sunday until 6 p.m., followed by the Grand Prize Raffle Drawing on Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

“We’ll be raffling off the winner’s choice of a three-year lease on a Cadillac CTS, Chrysler 200, Chevy Impala and Buick Regal,” said McDermott.

“The winner also has the option of a Regal Pontoon from White’s Landing or a $10,000 cash prize.”

In anticipation of burning off all those apple pie and chili calories, the Applefest Road Race steps out on Saturday, Sept. 20 offering a 10k run, 5k run/walk, one-mile walk and quarter-mile kids’ run.

FATHER HARVEY’S CHILI RECIPE
Included with this story online

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  - 3120 S. Chippewa Dr., Fenton: $210,000
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- **PENDING IN 11 DAYS!**
  - 1202 W. Wilderness Trail, Fenton: $399,999
  - 3 Beds, 2.5 Baths & 2,060 Sq. Ft.

- **PENDING IN 12 DAYS!**
  - 10267 Parkview Dr., Linden: $220,000
  - 3 Beds, 2.5 Baths & 1,720 Sq. Ft.

- **PENDING IN 13 DAYS!**
  - 11459 Grandview Dr., Fenton: $299,999
  - 3 Beds, 2.5 Baths & 1,716 Sq. Ft.

- **PENDING IN 14 DAYS!**
  - 1105 N. Foxcroft, Fenton: $289,999
  - 3 Beds, 2.5 Baths & 1,970 Sq. Ft.

- **PENDING IN 15 DAYS!**
  - 12607 Wheeler Rd., Fenton: $349,999
  - 3 Beds, 2.5 Baths & 2,060 Sq. Ft.

- **PENDING IN 16 DAYS!**
  - 13051 Torrey Rd., Fenton: $425,000
  - 4 Beds, 3.5 Baths & 2,060 Sq. Ft.

- **PENDING IN 17 DAYS!**
  - 1103 W. Wilderness Trail, Fenton: $399,999
  - 3 Beds, 2.5 Baths & 2,060 Sq. Ft.
Best and worst ‘As Seen On TV’ items

Some are ingenious — others ridiculous

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You’ve seen the infomercials and you’ve seen the racks at your favorite pharmacy and big box stores, but have you tried any of the products yourself? If you have, you already know that while some “As Seen On TV” items are wonderful, there are plenty that don’t live up to their miraculous TV spots. While the only “As Seen On TV” item I ever bought directly through the television was my first Magic Bullet, I have bought plenty of them from the store, including the “As Seen On TV” store at Great Lakes Crossing Outlets in Auburn Hills. Imake it a point to stroll through that store once every chance I get. Some of the items are comical, like Robocut and Cami Secret. While I haven’t tried either of these, I did fall for the StufZ stuffed burger maker and the Perfect Tortilla, both of which were a waste of money. The StufZ seemed great until I started to actually cook my burgers, which then started to fall apart and lose all of the stuff I stuffed in them. The Perfect Tortilla made tortilla bowls that tasted perfectly stale, even though they were fresh before going in the oven. These duds don’t stop me from trying out new items though. The Magic Bullet has been one of my favorite kitchen gadgets for years. When the first one I bought from a TV infomercial finally died, I tried a cheaper fake and found that the real thing is the only way to go. I’m not the only person who loves kitchen gadgets and great TV products. Stacy Mielcarek at Yesterday’s Treasures in Fenton said, “I paid I think $80 for a fry pan that was supposed to thaw and cook everything at once. It was a thin, cheap, China product that had the Teflon wear off within months...Over priced and over hyped!”

Not all “As Seen On TV” items are for the kitchen, or even for adults. Kids love Pillow Pets, and other kid-centered items that were made popular by infomercials. At 19, my step-daughter still “collects” Pillow Pets. While there really is no way to know if an item you’ve seen on TV is a good deal, it doesn’t hurt to check with other people first. Maybe you’ll find a friend who has already tried that item you’ve been dying to get. If they had bad luck with it, then you can save your money. It reminds me of the Orgreanic fry pan. I thought it would be amazing to have such a miraculous non-stick pan, until I spoke to someone who tried it. Worked perfect the first time, and then after that it stuck every time!

Summary

From Pillow Pets to SluZ, we’ve all seen the commercials that make us shake our heads. Here are some of the best and worst of “As Seen On TV” products.

You won’t believe these items!

The Comfort Wipe for those who have an issue reaching their bum in the bathroom

Tiddy Bear for those who hate the pressure from the seat belt in their vehicle

Slobstopper protection for those who like to eat and drink while they drive down the road

Better Marriage Blanket absorbs fart odors, so husbands and wives can breathe fresh air at night

PooTrap for those dog owners who are too lazy to pick up poop while walking their dogs, instead the dog walks around with a bag attached to his or her butt

Many stores dedicate entire sections to “As Seen On TV” products, like this one at Kmart.
**Fenton man indicted for filing false tax returns**

Accountant’s business clients unaware of false reporting

Klepp Houston of Fenton was arraigned Tuesday on an indictment charging him with five counts of filing false tax returns, according to United States Attorney Barbara L. McCuade.

McCuade made the announcement with Jarod Koopman, acting special agent in charge of the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division.

According to the indictment, Houston, owner of Co-HR, LLC, a human resource management firm in Pontiac, prepared and filed false tax returns for businesses. The firm provided payroll services to Health Management Systems of America, Binson’s Hearing Aid Services and Northwood Provider Network Services.

Houston prepared and filed five Employers’ Quarterly Federal Tax Returns for these employers, falsely reporting that more than $393,381 in payroll taxes had been remitted with each return was substantially less than reported, according to the indictment.

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Those picking up students are only allowed to turn right out of the lot onto North Long Lake Road, otherwise a choke-point can form. “The parents police themselves,” said Principal Dan Ferguson. On Wednesday, parents “honked” at anyone who held up traffic as they made their way in.

In the morning and afternoon drop-off times, practically everyone is in a hurry, which is a concern and an issue at most tri-county area schools.

Maybe busiest of all is Andrew G. Schmidt Middle School (AGS). Principal Heidie Ciesielski wanted to remind drivers that student safety is their primary concern — and safety may not equate to convenience for parents dropping off students.

With 1,200 students at the high school, and 800 at AGS, there is overlap in pick-up and drop-off times along Donaldson Drive, culminating into a perfect storm of congestion. “There’s no other place in the city this happens,” she said. “It’s a thousand people accessing the same place at the same time.”

Ciesielski has seen parents cut each other off, or enter the drop-off area in the wrong place, usually in the name of being in a hurry.

At both AGS and LFMS, parents and buses are required to enter, drop off and exit in a certain way to keep the flow of traffic moving, which is normally covered in a parent orientation. At AGS, Ciesielski recommends following the signs — enter and exit at the right spot.

At LFMS, parents must exit and turn right as they leave. There’s even a designated grade 6, and grades 7 and 8 lane.

Ferguson said that without a doubt, the most congested times are five minutes before they let out of school until five minutes after school. He said the addition of 100 Schools of Choice students per building, who must transport their own children, also adds to the challenge.

In either case, arriving a little early can alleviate some of the congestion, and get in and out quicker. “Avoid the five-minute window before or after school,” said Ferguson. “Certainly before school, the lot fills up the closer we get to 7:20 so if a drop-off at 7:10 is possible it will alleviate much of the problem.”

Superintendent Wayne Wright cautioned against arriving as early as 45 minutes ahead of time, though. “Coming too early has caused a huge problem,” he said via email.

One thing those dropping off students can do to speed things up, is being prepared with school supplies and instruments at the curb. “Being as intentional as having the items in the backseat on the curb side may help,” he said.
Beacon flasher to be installed

Unusual history of crashes causing safety concerns at Thompson and Jennings roads

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Fenton Township has approved a proposed installation of a beacon flasher at the stop sign for Jennings Road traffic at the Thompson Road intersection. The Genesee County Road Commission, due to a history of accidents at this intersection, identified an unusual crash experience. In response, the road commission asked that the township participate in a plan to make the intersection safer for motorists.

According to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), local townships must participate in road improvements. A unanimous vote by the Fenton Township Board of Trustees on Monday means that the application for the 2016 Federal Aid Safety Funds to help pay for the construction of this flasher will be submitted to MDOT.

The safety fund will pay for 80 percent of the total cost of installation, which is $21,000. In a break-down, the safety fund will cover $16,000, while the township will pay $4,000 and the road commission will pay $1,000.

“This flasher is needed to improve safety in the township,” said Supervisor Bonnie Mathis.

Ken Johnson with the road commission said, “It’s proposed to put up flashing lights on the stop sign.” He added that they have already started to attach reflective strips to the signposts.

The application will be submitted, but the funds are for 2016, so it will still be some time before any work begins if the application is accepted.

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“Our tax system depends on the honest cooperation and integrity of every citizen and business owner,” said Koopman. “Employers that engage payroll service companies, and their employees whose wages have amounts withheld for payroll tax purposes, have every right to expect that those funds will be used for the payment of their taxes.

The government has the same expectation.”

The case was investigated by special agents of the IRS Criminal Investigation Division.

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prices were up substantially because of high demand and low supply. “Normally, a bushel of peaches would be about $48 and this year, we had to sell a bushel for $72.95,” said Schneider.

Overall, in Michigan, the state’s crop is down about 50 percent from last year. In 2013, Michigan harvested 41 million pounds of the fruit, ranking fourth in the nation for peach production. This year, the harvested crop was about 20 million pounds, dropping Michigan to number eight in U.S. peach production.

Thankfully, it’s a much happier story in Michigan’s apple production this fall than in U.S. peach production.

In 2013, Michigan harvested 68 million pounds, ranking fourth in the nation for apple production. This year, the harvested crop was about 20 million pounds, dropping Michigan to number 13 for apple production.

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2014 Golf Outing Scramble is October 4th at 1:30 p.m.
at Coyote Preserve Golf Club

Questions: 810-735-9140
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no confirmed cases of EV-D68 in Michigan. MDCH will be forwarding samples for testing to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Enteroviruses are common viruses, with more than 100 types. It is estimated that 10 to 15 million enterovirus infections occur in the U.S. each year, according to an information sheet released by the Oakland County Health Department. Enteroviruses are the second most frequent cause of “the common cold,” and usually occur during the summer and fall.

Most enteroviruses are known to cause a variety of symptoms, but this strain, the EV-D68, has been associated almost exclusively with respiratory disease. It causes mild to unusually severe respiratory illness.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has confirmed that the virus is in Missouri and Illinois, while confirmed that the virus is in Missouri and Illinois, while

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Ways to prevent EV-D68
• Wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds
• Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
• Avoid kissing, hugging, shaking hands, and sharing cups or eating utensils with people who are sick
• Disinfect frequently touched surfaces, such as toys and doorknobs, especially if someone is sick
• Stay home when feeling sick, and talk with a doctor
• Cover mouth when coughing

Source: cdc.gov

Noted Health

What can I do for Red Itchy Eyes?

Eyes that become irritated, red, and predominantly itchy are usually suffering from allergic conjunctivitis. The conjunctiva is the clear membrane over the white part of the eye or sclera. Mildly itchy eyes may be helped with just using cold compresses and/or over the counter products such as Visine or Vasocon.

If these do not relieve the symptoms, it is best to see an ophthalmologist. When I see a patient with a red eye, I first take a case history, this will often tell us what is causing the red eye. Then I examine the eyes with a slit lamp. A slit lamp is like a microscope to examine the eyes. This instrument enables me to determine if a red eye is from infection, such as bacterial, viral, toxic, or allergic.

Spring and the fall seasons are the most common for allergy. There are very effective allergy eye drops your ophthalmologist can prescribe that are usually much more effective than the over the counter drops. So, the next time you get a red irritated eye, call for an appointment and we will find the cause and prescribe the appropriate drops to clear the redness and make you more comfortable.

For an Appointment call Fenton Vision Center 810-629-3070

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HOT LINE CONTINUED
HEARING AIDS COST
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IN JULY 1981, Ronald Reagan instituted measures to restore Social Security. He sent measures to congress to get rid of the abuses and fraud that occurred underneath the Carter administration. In December 1981, he signed new legislation that allowed the taxation of Social Security in order to save the system.

WHETHER THE ISSUE is Putin and Russian aggression, ISIS, our economy, or immigration, president Obama has proved himself to be a weak president. He has the lowest approval rating of any president in the last 70 years.

A NEW POLL shows that 57 percent of Americans oppose the Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare. People in the medical field say it is not working and is running health care for the future.

MY NEWSPAPER DOWN south finally got a picture of Obama on the front page where he looks like he’s talking to adults instead of a first-grade class.

I’M THE GUY on crutches. I don’t park those spaces because I don’t need it. This isn’t permanent. I walk half way across the parking lot and leave those spaces for someone else.

Source: oakgov.com
RUTTERS CELEBRATE 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Thomas (Al) and Lois Rutter of Linden will be celebrating their 75th wedding anniversary on September 12, 1944, and the former Lois Erickson of Flint, were married on September 12, 1939. They have five daughters: Jean Schoeppeach (Jack) of Linden; Carol Vie of Phoenix, Arizona; Lynda Hutings (Bob) of Linden; Jill Weitshans of Linden and Cheri Smith (Cns) of Fenton. They also have 13 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren. A celebration was held for their anniversary on July 19, 2014 at the Shiawassee Shores Clubhouse in Linden. All have 13 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren. A celebration was held for their anniversary on September 12. Rutter, a World War II veteran, and the former Lois Rutter, a World War II veteran, and the former Lois were among the survivors.

Bricks Tune-Up event.

This situation of lost public parking spaces (see sidebar), not all of these spaces are now unavailable. This situation of lost public parking spaces is expected to continue. The current recipient actually met Al and Lois were driven to the anniversary party in a 1930 Model T, the same that There is a growing shortage of parking spots. The current recipient actually met Al and Lois were driven to the anniversary party in a 1930 Model T, the same that There is a growing shortage of parking spots. The current recipient actually met Al and Lois were driven to the anniversary party in a 1930 Model T, the same that There is a growing shortage of parking spots. The current recipient actually met Al and Lois were driven to the anniversary party in a 1930 Model T, the same that There is a growing shortage of parking spots. The current recipient actually met Al and Lois were driven to the anniversary party in a 1930 Model T, the same that There is a growing shortage of parking spots. The current recipient actually met Al and Lois were driven to the anniversary party in a 1930 Model T, the same that

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more than 1,200 spots from which to choose. The city's most recent report from 2011 listed 1,273 public/private spots. While there are several hundred public parking spaces available, there are also hundreds of spaces dedicated to private businesses and residences. Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said the police department and city are in the process of generating a map and a list showing where all of the current parking spaces are located. With the construction of the Cornerstone building and subsequent construction traffic and equipment, several spots are now unavailable. This situation of lost public parking spaces occurred at the new Fire Hall restaurant.

Of the city's list of public and private spaces (see sidebar), not all of these spaces are for the general public. Aro advised guests to the downtown area for events use the parking lot behind the police department and city hall, the parking lots adjacent to the community center on any of the nearby side streets. Customers or clients of a specific business should use available spots for that particular business.

There are approximately 150 spots by the community center and close to 200 behind the police department. Aro advised though to be conscious of the parking spots in that area because some are marked for the residents of Millpond Manor.

When seeking a parking spot in any business parking lot, Aro advises all motorists to make sure there is no sign indicating that the lot is private. Recently, the cars of about a dozen angry people were towed from a privately owned business parking lot during the Back to the Bricks Tune-Up event.

In August, the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) briefly discussed the parking issues, looking at possible ideas such as utilizing a parking structure, and turning an empty parcel of land that is owned by the city near the grain elevator building.

After consulting with the city's engineers, it was suggested that the parcel of land could be turned into a parking lot containing approximately 50 parking spaces, at a cost that would ultimately come out to an estimated $5,000 per space, or a quarter of a million dollars for the entire project.

DDA Director Michael Burns said previously that financially, a parking garage may not be feasible at this time, and would be likely to cost more in upkeep and maintenance than the amount of revenue it could bring in.

While the DDA believes it has enough parking spaces for the downtown as it currently exists, it was agreed that as downtown development expands, parking will have to expand as well.

A discussion relating to the land parcel is expected to take place at the next city council work session in September, with more discussion amongst the DDA, taking place at next month's DDA meeting.

Public and Private parking spaces in downtown Fenton

The State Bank ..................90
West Caroline Street ............22
River Park Center/ Community Center ..........49
River Street parking lot .........149
River Street .....................13
South LeRoy Street ...............77
Mill Street .......................8
Post Office ......................11
FARR parking lot .............25
Fenton Museum ................15
Shiawassee Avenue ..........9
Police Department
lot and Mill Pond ..........199
Ellen Street ....................11
Fire Hall Restaurant ..........43
United Methodist Church ......48
Walnut Street ..................10
E. Caroline Street ..............16
Citizens Bank ..................64
Quest Diagnostics parking lot ..41
Roberts Street .................19
Café Aroma lot .................17
Fenton Medical Center lot ....108
Cornerstone building (when complete) ..89
Fenton Hotel parking lot ....52
Elizabeth Street ...............51
Old depot, east of Fenton Fire Dept. ...22

Total ............................1,264

Source: Fenton Police Department

Q: When I drive my ‘92 Dodge Dakota it sounds like I got a flat tire, but isn’t that. There’s a knocking sound. However, when I turn left it quits. I think it has something to do with the steering. I'm not sure. Please help me!

A: Chris, this sounds most like a wheel bearing making noise to me. You can sometimes check this by jacking up the wheel in question. Try moving the tire in and out from top to bottom. If this does not show any movement then you may need a stethoscope and a partner to rotate the wheel while you listen for the noise. If you do not find the cause, most repair shops have specialty equipment like a chassis ear to find these types of noises while driving. You may need it diagnosed by them. I hope this helps.

Chris Wilkinson, Certified Mechanic

ASK THE MECHANIC

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