

tradition carries on in Fenton

By Yvonne Stegall

ystegall@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 Once upon a time, you may remember having carolers come to your house to sing the songs of Christmas to you and your family on snowy winter evenings. There would be a knock on the door and upon opening, you were graced with the sweet sounds of carolers.

These days, carolers may seem like a dying breed, but they really aren't. There are still people that go out caroling.

Fenton High School Ambassadors See CAROLING on 5B

It's been so much fun to give back to a very supportive community. 77

FHS Ambassadors director

Brad Wright

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Instead of a traditional 13th birthday party, Reagan Wood of Fenton Township and her 33 friends went on their annual caroling trip in a neighboring subdivision. It's more about energy and enthusiasm, than knowing the exact words, which is contagious to Gavin Bozoian, 3. In this case, carolers returned to sing, "Let it go," from the movie "Frozen," for an encore performance.



'ELF FRENZY' TAKES OVER FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

By Sally Rummel

New York City.

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 This red-clad impish little elf is everywhere — peering up at you from a hiding place in the homes of young families, staring at you from books and on TV as a holiday show, and even as a behemoth balloon bobbing down Sixth Avenue in the 2014 Macy's Parade in

"Elf on the Shelf" is not only one of the holiday's most popular traditions for young families, it's a huge global business success with more than 7 million copies of the book (and accompanying elf) sold since 2005, at \$29.95 each, grossing more than \$16.6 million.

If you haven't heard of it, "Elf on the Shelf: A Christmas Tradition" is a See 'ELF FRENZY' on 4B

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Elfie	Holly
Jingle	Max
Snowflake	Twinkle
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Pennies only weigh about a gram and they tumble as they fall so the air resistance is significant. If it reaches its terminal velocity it would be falling at about 100 miles/ hour. So when it finally hit you on the head with about 1 foot-pound of energy it would hurt a little but you would quickly forget about it.



No it won't. It's true that it doesn't digest but that doesn't mean it lingers in your stomach forever. It will come out with everything else, probably looking a lot like it did when it first went down.



The belief that it takes 5 seconds for bacteria on the floor to hop on a piece of dropped food is misplaced. The truth is, it only takes a second if that.

THE CHANCES OF A **COIN LANDING ON HEADS IS FIFTY-FIFTY**

It isn't. If the coin is heads up to begin with, it's more likely to land on heads. Students at Stanford University recorded thousands of coin tosses with highspeed cameras and discovered the chances are approximately fifty-one to forty-nine.

A TOILET'S FLUSH WILL CHANGE DIRECTION **DEPENDING UPON WHICH HEMISPHERE IT IS IN**

This is one of the most ridiculous yet staunchly defended myths to date. Proponents will attribute this to the Coriolis Effect which is derived from the rotation of the Earth. While this effect does influence air masses or other large environmental structures it has absolutely no effect on the direction your toilet drains.

The direction that the water takes is much more determined by the direction that the bowl's rim jets are pointed.



YOU WON'T BELIEVE AREN'T TRUE

All that stuff you were told when you were a kid? Yeah, it's wrong.

Source: list25.com, askmen.com, huffingtonpost.com, therichest.com

PIGEONS BLOW UP IF YOU FEED THEM UNCOOKED RICE

Wedding guests are often told to refrain from throwing uncooked rice because of the explosive consequences that it can have on birds, especially pigeons. No bird explosions due to rice have ever been documented. The fact is that birds don't drink enough water to cause any significant stomach swelling due to rice.



CRACKING YOUR KNUCKLES LEADS TO ARTHRITIS



latest research this is false. So for all of you crackheads out there, you are lucky, your knuckles will remain crackable.

LIGHTNING NEVER STRIKES **TWICE IN THE SAME PLACE**

The truth is, lightning can hit the same spot numerous times. Lightning is usually concerned with hitting the highest point in any given storm zone. Most major skyscrapers get hit by lightning multiple times a year. So much for that metaphor.

CLOUDS ARE LIGHT, RIGHT?



A popular unit of measurement for cloud-weight seems to be the elephant. According to the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado, an average cumulus cloud weighs about 100 elephants, while a big storm cloud tips the scales at 200,000 elephants.

IF YOU SHAVE YOUR HAIR, **IT RETURNS THICKER**

For one thing, the hair that we touch, see and style isn't alive. Living hair lies under the skin and scalp, so cutting it won't change the texture or speed that it grows. The fact is, you're merely seeing your hair at a different stage. Since the sun naturally lightens hair, new growth looks darker, but it all evens out in the end.



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What's your favorite Christmas movie?



"The Family Stone." The characters are so dysfunctional, it's nice to see other people's problems."

— Crissy Vandengiessen

Byron



"It's a Wonderful Life." It explores the spirit of Christmas."

> — Melissa Gatza Linden



"My favorite is 'Mr. Magoo's Christmas Carol.' I like the animation."

— Mary Carney Minneapolis, Maryland



"I like 'Miracle on 34th Street.' The daughter didn't believe, and it really was a miracle."

It's a classic."

"Christmas with the Kranks.' It's a funny movie.'

- Dylan Davidson, 12 Fenton





Thank you Muffler & Go

I want to thank Dan at Muffler & Go on North LeRoy Street in Fenton for being such a caring person. I stopped in one day for my regular oil change and he asked me what I was doing with the stationary bike in my vehicle. I use this bike regularly and it recently broke, leaving me wondering what I was going to do for exercise, at 82 years old. Dan said he'd take care of it. When I came back it was fixed, and he did it for free. It is people like Dan, and businesses like this one, that make this city a community. Thank you again, and happy holidays! — Sincerely, Bob Zientek, Sr.



'ELF FRENZY' Continued from Page 1B

rhyming children's book that comes with its own special scout elf reportedly sent from the North Pole to help Santa Claus manage his Naughty and Nice lists. It's based on the family traditions of its co-authors, Carol Aebersold and

When a family adopts a scout elf (remember the Cabbage Patch Dolls?) and gives it a name, the scout elf receives its Christmas magic and can fly to the North Pole each night to tell Santa about all the day's adventures, returning in the

The children in the household wake up and search for the elf each day, perched in a different spot. Kids can't touch the elf or it loses its Christmas flying magic.

"It's the first thing Izzy looks for when she gets up in the morning," said Lisa Helcher, mother of Izzy, 6, and Hank, 4. This is the third Christmas season that Puddin' the Elf has lived with the Helchers during the Christmas season.

Chocolate the Elf has lived at the home of John and Marie Todorovsky of Fenton for the past three years, to the delight of their kids, Jack, 7, and Sophia, 9.

she admits she wasn't very good at keeping up with the daily comings and goings of the elf that first year. "The kids kept telling me their elf wasn't moving around friends' elves. Now, like their friends' elves.

Finding innovative, exciting places for the elf to perch every day is part of the fun, and

the curse, of Elf on the Shelf. The most unique spot at the Todorovsky house was when Chocolate was perched in the





TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO The refrigerator was the most unusual hiding spot for Chocolate the Elf at the Todorovasy household this season.

refrigerator on a gallon of chocolate "elf milk." At the Helcher's house, Puddin'

was hidden on top of the cupboard with Izzy's fishing pole, and she found it right away.

Many moms look for outside inspiration, including Pinterest, their friends on Facebook, or a website like popsugar. com, that shows "66 Places to Put Your Elf on the Shelf."

Ask any harried mom and most will admit they've forgotten to move the elf at some point from Thanksgiving to Christmas. "The kids will ask me why 'Puddin' is in the same spot as

yesterday," said Helcher, who works in Fenton. "I usually just say it's because Puddin' was so comfortable there that he wanted to stay," she said with a smile. While all this elf hoopla can make some people cynical, probably the biggest

response most people have when coming across "Elf on the Shelf" for the first time is, "Why didn't I think of that?"

TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SUBMITTED PHOTO Finding innovative, exciting places for the Elf on the Shelf to perch every day is part of the fun, and the curse, of this new Christmas tradition.

Chanda Bell.

— Tina Jimenez

Fenton

morning.

"The kids love it!" said Marie, although **The kids kept** telling me their elf wasn't moving around like their

Now, I'm right on it." I'm right on it 77 **Mare Todorovsky** Adoptive mom of Chocolate the Elf





TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SUBMITTED PHOTO The holiday-decorated Lake Fenton High School commons area lent a festive air to the inaugural Tin Can Raffle.

'Sweet music' for Lake Fenton schools

▶ Tin Can Raffle raises over \$4,000 for Lake Fenton music programs

By Sally Rummel

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 The Lake Fenton Music Boosters

are rounding out the holiday season on a high note with a successful first-time fundraiser - the Tin Can Raffle, held during Jinglefest weekend of Dec. 6-7.

With prizes like an autographed jersey from the Detroit Red Wings, ski packages from Mt. Holly, this inaugural raffle netted more than \$4,000 to benefit the entire

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went caroling at businesses around town on Monday, Dec. 8. Some of the businesses they went to included The Laundry, Fenton's Open Book, Fenton House Restaurant, Fire Hall, Rough Draught, Fenton Hotel, Fenton Coney Grill, John's Pizzeria and Uncle Ray's.

According to Ambassadors Director Brad Wright, 19 of the 20 Ambassadors participated, and one was home sick. He said, "We went to 15 different businesses and restaurants throughout Fenton. Every place we went we were met with enthusiasm and appreciation." The FHS Ambassadors have been doing this for the past several years. "It's been so much fun to give back to a very supportive community."

This is the third year that Todd and Monica Wood's daughter, Reagan, went caroling for her birthday. Reagan turned 13 this year, and she and 33 friends went caroling in Fenton to celebrate her birthday, Dec. 13.

"The kids love it," said Monica. "One lady cried and said she was having a bad day and we just made her day."

The adults that the kids sing to aren't the only ones who enjoy the carolers. Monica said, "One little boy was dancing and singing with them. After we left, he told his mom he wanted to go to ... so a few houses later he and his mom showed up to go with us."

As a wonderful yearly tradition, Monicasaid, "They will remember this forever. I don't know how many houses, we just go to ones with lights on and knock and when they come the kids start singing."

Originally, singing carols started out as a celebration of the winter solstice. It was then adopted as part of the Christian celebration of Christ. Caroling received a

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | ALYSSA BRANOFF Rebecca Roberts and Samuel Strickhouser sing Christmas carols

Top 5 Christmas Carols Joy to the World Silent Night O Holy Night The First Noel Hark the Herald Angels Sing Source: songandpraise.org

bad rap sometime in the 1600s when they were believed to be inappropriate since they didn't completely revolve around scripture. It was in the late 1500s, during the Great Reformation, that an interest in caroling was born again.



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LF school board very satisfied with superintendent's performance

The Lake Fenton Board of Education voted Monday on Superintendent Wayne Wright's performance evaluation. In a unanimous vote, Wright received an overall rating of "effective" in his performance evaluation for the 2013-2014 school year. "Superintendent Wright was rated effective or highly effective in areas such as district finances, district operations, promoting academic excellence, planning and evaluation of curriculum and instruction, and board, staff and community relations,' said Kristi Ocenasek, school board president. "The board has been very satisfied with Superintendent Wright's management of the district. We are pleased that Lake Fenton continues to grow in a positive direction."

Last-minute tips to save cash on holiday shopping

► Giving thoughtful gifts doesn't have to break the bank

By Ryan Tackabury

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 The holidays are supposed to be a time to enjoy with friends and family. While you might want to shower your loved ones with gifts, you don't want to go broke in the process. Here are some tips that could help keep your



MELANIEINTHEMIDDLE.COM Homemade baked goods show how much you care while also saving you money. spending down. **Make a budget**

Before you set out on your shopping adventure, make a list of everyone you need to buy presents for, and decide then how much you intend to spend. The important part — stick to that list. In today's world, you have no shortage of gift options, and all it takes is a little bit of extra time to find the perfect gift for the perfect price.

No really, stick to the list!

Everyone wants to be Santa Claus and hand out gift after gift — it really does feel good to give. There is no need to give Saint Nicholas a run for his money. However, people will appreciate your gifts even if you do not spend a small fortune on them. Once you have purchased the number of gifts you intended to, stick to your guns no matter how great your next gift find is.

Bake a present

You may already have all of the ingredients for a great present in your



Using already-read issues of the Tri-County Times is a great way to save money on gift-wrapping.

kitchen cupboards. Baked goods are loved by many, and many will find it hard to resist a basket of freshly made cookies. Homemade baked goods also offer something you cannot find in any stores — the homemade part.

Skip the cards

Adding a card to your gift can be pricier than you expect — with some greeting cards costing several dollars. Multiply that by all of the people you are buying gifts for and it starts to add up to an even more substantial amount. If you really insist on having a card, try making your own. On top of saving you some money, it will make for a more memorable experience.

The season of giving

Remember the reason you are out shopping — you are looking to find great gifts to share with your friends and loved ones. It may be difficult to resist the temptations to pick up a copy of that cool new gadget or that nice looking shirt for yourself, but stick to the plan. According to the National Retail Federation, 59 percent of Americans reported buying gifts for themselves while out conducting their holiday shopping.

Remember you will hopefully be receiving your own gifts from your friends as well, it is called a gift exchange, after all. Do yourself a favor by not buying yourself a gift, you will appreciate it later, and have one less name to worry about on your list.

Gift cards, not cash

Everyone can use cash, which is what makes it a welcomed gift, even if it can be a little boring. Consider purchasing gift cards — not only will it allow you to personalize your gift, it is often possible to find special deals around the holidays from stores and restaurants that let you get a little extra bang for your buck.

Check out the website www.giftcardgranny.com where you can buy gift cards from people who are looking to convert their own gift cards they own into cash.

Alternatives to wrapping paper

Once you are done reading this issue of the Tri-County Times, use it to wrap up your gifts, and consider it an early gift from us to you. Wrapping paper is just one more addition to your list of holiday gift expenses — don't be afraid about cutting it out entirely. No one has ever been disappointed that the gift he or she always wanted was not wrapped in the right kind of wrapping paper.







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Selfishness: the 'UnChristmas' attitude

Dr. Gary Chapman, author of the bestselling book, 'The Five Love Languages,' was once asked to name the number one challenge facing married couples. He answered, 'The greatest challenge facing marriage today is the same as it's been for hundreds of years: learning to live a life of love rather than selfishness.'

Explaining his conclusion, Chapman said, 'Most marital problems are rooted



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'Two selfish people will never create a successful marriage. But two people who choose to love each other and look out for each other's well-being will learn how to build a good marriage.'

A woman once told me I had changed her marriage of 15 years with one statement. 'What did I say that caused this change?' I asked. She replied that I had said, 'You may be asking if you are getting all you deserve out of your marriage when that is not the question. You should be asking if your husband or wife is getting all he or she deserves out of your marriage.' That simple line in my sermon moved her and her husband to trade selfishness for love and changed the focus of their relationship. diminished by selfishness. Upon entering a bookstore, I asked the gracious clerk if she was having a good day. Suddenly, tears were near as she shared with me how many customers had said mean things to her that very day.

What causes irritability in most of us? Selfishness. We're more interested in our own agendas than in the needs of those around us.

Sadly, this 'me-first' attitude can even be found in churches, showing itself in caustic comments about ministers and other members who don't cater to the carnal desires of those who are more interested in their own welfare than the needs of others.

Christmas ought to be the most selfless season of the year, the ideal time to give and forgive. Songs and sermons now center on a baby born in Bethlehem's stable manger who later spent his life reaching out to hurting people, often being criticized for taking time to show his love to the outcasts of society. He was characterized by compassion, frequently weeping over the sorrows and needs of others.

Looking back, Chapman recalled that he and his wife struggled during the early years of their marriage, saying they were both selfish, but neither of them realized it. He says they spent a great deal of their time hurt, angry and disappointed. Then, in answer to their prayers, God enabled them to exchange their selfishness for giving love.

The same miracle attitude change awaits all who desire and ask for it. So ask! And in your asking and receiving you will give your family, your church and others the gift of love, the greatest Christmas gift of all.

Roger Campbell is an author, a broadcaster and columnist who was a pastor for 22 years. He can be reached at rcministry@ameritech.net











sophomores' birthdays are Dec. 21. Their parents are Mike Glynn and Kelly Lasco-Glynn.



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House Bill 5230: Expand government's power to seize and sell property deemed a "nuisance"

To expand the power of government to seize and sell an owner's property, so that it applies to the contents of a building deemed a "nuisance" because it is connected with unlawful gun violence or human trafficking in addition to other crimes specified in current law. Under this power the property owner does not need to be charged or convicted of a crime, and most of the proceeds from the taking go to the law enforcement agencies involved. Passed 34 to 2 in the Senate

State Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County) 🗙 YES 🗆 ŃO State Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County) X YES 🗆 NO

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on "applied behavioral analysis"

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Senate Bill 655: Impose licensure

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County) X YES

 \square NO Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County) 🗙 YES 🗆 NO

House Bill 4454: Ban counting religious holiday absences in student's record

To prohibit public schools from counting religious holiday absences against a student's attendance record if the school provides any kind of recognition for an excellent attendance record. Passed 95 to 14 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township) X YES 🗆 NO

House Bill 4186: Revise criminal record expungement rules

To allow a person convicted of only one felony offense and not more than two misdemeanors, to apply to have the felony "set aside," or expunged from the person's public record. A person convicted of not more than two misdemeanors could apply to have one of them set aside. This would not apply to convictions for very serious crimes, sex crimes or domestic violence. Passed 109 to 0 in the House Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

XYES 🗆 NO

House Bill 5409: Authorize pedal-powered beer bars

To establish in statute that a "commercial quadricycle," which is a pedal-powered mobile beer bar, is not considered a "motor vehicle" even if it has auxiliary power, and instead would be subject to the less onerous regulations imposed on "low-speed vehicles." Passengers would be allowed to have open beer or wine containers, but the driver would be required to have a blood alcohol level of zero. The bill would also mandate certain insurance coverage levels. Passed 97 to 12 in the House *Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)*

X YES

House Bill 4927: Let adoption agencies refuse adoptions that violate moral convictions

To prohibit the relevant state agencies from discriminating against a faith-based private adoption agency for refusing to assist or participate in an adoption that violates its written religious or moral convictions, including adoptions of a child by a homosexual.

Passed 60 to 49 in the House Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township) 🔀 YES 🗆 NO

House Bill 5205: Facilitate

"advanced waste energy recovery" To streamline state regulations so as to facilitate the use of "advanced waste energy recovery" methods, and define fuel manufactured from municipal, industrial or agricultural solid waste and other sources as "renewable" for purposes of a 2008 law mandating that 10 percent of the electricity sold by utilities must come from "renewable" sources.

Passed 63 to 46 in the House Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township) 🗆 NO X YES

House Bill 6074: Exempt college athletes from unionization

To establish that college students who participate in intercollegiate athletics on behalf of a state university are not considered "public employees" subject to unionization under the law that mandates schools and local governments must engage in collective bargaining with government employee unions.

Passed 59 to 50 in the House Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

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COLORING CONTEST ENTRANTS

AGE 3

WINNER - Matthew Waters (Fenton) Jonas Overholser (Fenton) Madeline Morrill (Buffalo NY, Gparents in Fenton)

AGE 4

WINNER - Logan Romeo Thibodeau (Fenton) Drew Mogford (Linden) Davis Metcalfe (Fenton) Aquina Collins (Flint) Macallan Cumming (Tecumseh) Rylee Turner (Holly)

William Mikolajczyk (Fenton) Cooper Hill (Linden) Alyssa Carol (Flint)

AGE 5 WINNER - Danielle Janeen Ramsey (Holly)

Mariana "Emme" Williams (Fenton) Samantha Yant (Fenton) Sidney Shepard (Fenton) William Waters (Fenton) Connor Godlewski (Linden) Riley Wright (Swartz Creek) Kenna Slavens (Swartz Creek) Jillian Bowles (Fenton) Kaitlyn Bowles (Fenton) Drew Gomez (Fenton) Alex Stancato (South Lyon) Katie Dunfield (Fenton) Brandon Perantoni (Rose Township) Mason Russo (Fenton)

AGE 6 WINNER - Titan Tremaine (Fenton) Elle Brody (Clarkston)

Dalton Chavis (Holly) Addie Quinn (Fenton) Dakota Chavis (Holly) Jonah Lange (Howell) Samantha Mogford (Linden) Evie Metcalfe (Fenton) Grace Groves (Fenton) Mara McLennan (Linden) Shane Snyder (Fenton) Madison Good (Holly) Alice Smith (Linden) Luke Wright (Swartz Creek) Alekzin Glover (Fenton) Aiden Welch (Holly) Lilly Miller (Fenton) James Church (Fenton) Owen Raymond (Fenton) Jocelyn Martinez (Holly) Brady Flaishans (Fenton)

AGE 7 WINNER - Kendra Kuch (Linden)

Brooke Waters (Fenton) Noah Sapelak (Holly) Graham Groves (Fenton) Levi Hudson (Fenton) Aubrey Wymore (Linden) Reyna Fox (Fenton) Carson Kuch (Linden) Dylan Pampreen (Fenton) Vincent Loria (Fenton) Carson LaVanway (Fenton) Sebastian McAlindon (Holly) Nolan Emmons (Holly) Reese Russo (Fenton)

AGE 8 WINNER - Sydnee Terryah (Linden)

Alida Smith (Gaines) Clarissa Bidleman (Holly) Kayla Hulswitt (Fenton) Blair Ungvarsky (Holly) Grant Tremaine (Fenton) Harry Hunt (Fenton) Ethan Fancher (Holly) Jared Romanack (Linden) Brock Litogot (Fenton) Haley Wasilewski (Linden) Maria Gavulic (Fenton) Donovan Miller (Fenton) Ava Tata (Linden) Evan Pampreen (Fenton) Sophia Markley (Fenton)

AGE 9 WINNER - Mary Grace McAninch (Holly)

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AGE 10 WINNER - Amelia Farley (Linden) Nolan Frick (Holly) Lillian Wright (Swartz Creek)

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NOTICE OF POSITION OPENING **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON** ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

The Charter Township of Fenton is accepting applications for the position of Ordinance Enforcement Officer. Fenton Township is primarily a residential community with a population of 15,500 and a total SEV of \$759 million. The position will work directly with the Township Supervisor and Operations Manager in the enforcement of township ordinances. Applicants must be currently or previously licensed as a law enforcement officer in the State of Michigan. Previous experience as a detective and previous experience in ordinance enforcement preferred. Fenton Township offers a very competitive wage and benefit package and is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Applicants should submit a letter of interest and résumé to: Charter Township of Fenton, Attn: Thomas Broecker, Operations Manager, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430. Deadline for submission is 3:00 p.m. Friday January 9, 2015.

NOTICE OF HEARING **REQUEST FOR VARIANCE** CITY OF LINDEN – ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The City of Linden's Zoning Board of Appeals will be conducting a public hearing as part of their regular meeting agenda on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers on the lower level of the Mill Building at 201 N. Main Street, Linden, Michigan. The purpose of the hearing is to hear citizens' comments on a request for the following:

J&J Property LLC, 106 West Rolston Road, Linden, MI is re-Petitioner: questing a variance to the City of Linden Zoning Ordinance - Section 4.5.1 (Schedule of Area, Height, Width, and Setback Regulations) - Petitioner requests variance to construct a new building located 5 feet from the west (rear) property line and 10 feet from the north (rear) property line in lieu of the required 20 foot rear setback.

Tax Description: Tax ID# 61-20-506-002

Legal Description: Lots 2 & 3 Block 1 except a parcel of land beginning at the SW corner of Lot 3 Block 1 thence N 29 degrees 21 minutes E 9 feet thence S 69 degrees 08 minutes E 96.34 feet thence S 89 degrees 44 minutes 26 seconds W 43.47 feet thence N 62 degrees 20 minutes W 57.50 feet to the place of beginning and a parcel of land beginning at the NE corner of Lot 2 Block 1 thence S 62 degrees 06 minutes 22 seconds E 100.04 feet thence N 0 degrees 27 minutes 23 seconds E 291.7 feet thence S 27 degrees 53 minutes 38 seconds W 73.85 feet thence S 62 degrees 06 minutes 22 seconds W 230 feet to the place of beginning owned and occupied as one parcel (93/03) Map of Part of Village of North Linden FR 6100023005.

Applications and supporting documentation are available for public review at the City Offices. Persons wishing to comment may do so at the hearing or written comments should be addressed to Lynn M. Henry, City Clerk, at P.O. Box 507, 132 E. Broad Street, Linden, MI 48451.

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TYRONE TOWNSHIP **REGULAR BOARD MEETING &** PUBLIC HEARING SYNOPSIS HELD DECEMBER 16, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.

- 1. Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Clerk Keith Kremer, Treasurer Marna Bunting- Smith, Trustees Cam Gonzalez, David Walker and Soren Pedersen. Absent: Trustee Chuck Schultz.
- 2. Opened the public hearing to receive comments about the proposed zip code change at 7:00 pm. All attendees were against the zip code change. Closed the public hearing at 7:34 pm.
- 3. Approved the agenda as amended; approved the consent agenda as presented.
- 4. Received and placed on file Communications #1-2.
- 5. Approved the Public Education Grant (PEG) request for funding school equipment updates.
- 6. Approved the Public Education Grant (PEG) request for funding of the Channel 191 hub equipment upgrades.
- 7. Resolved to opt-out of the Senate Bill #7 health insurance provision for 2015.
- Renewed the attorney contract for traffic prosecution services.
- 9. Approved the 2015 sewer O&M rates as presented.
- 10. Approved implementing an employee flexible spending plan as outlined. 11. Discussed whether to regulate outdoor wood burning furnaces. It will be
- discussed further at the next meeting.
- 12. Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The minutes of all regular and special Tyrone Township Board Meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Tyrone Township Clerk's office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and online at www.tyronetownship.us. The next regular meeting of the Tyrone Township Board will be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED AND ADOPTED ORDINANCES

At their meeting of December 15, 2014 the Fenton Township Board took the following actions regarding proposed ordinances:

Adopted Ordinance No. 774, an amendment to Articles 2 & 3 of Zoning Ordinance No. 594 to revise the definition for Wholesale and warehousing, and add this use as a permitted principal use in the C-3 and M-1 zoning districts.

Conducted the first reading of a proposed Zoning Ordinance amend-2. ment to rezone parcel 06-13-556-015 from R-3 to C-2, with conditions.

The second reading of the proposed ordinance will be conducted at the January 5, 2015 Fenton Township Board meeting.

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

ROBERT E. KRUG FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

PUBLIC NOTICE **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON** BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS **DECEMBER 15, 2014**

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday December 15, 2014 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

- 1. Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer.
- 2. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
- 3. Approved the agenda as amended.
- 4. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of \$469,924.54
- 5. Adopted Ordinance No. 774, a Zoning Ordinance amendment to revise the definition of Wholesale and Warehousing, and to add this use as a principal permitted use in the C-3 and M-1 zoning districts.
- Conducted the first reading of a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to rezone parcel 06-13-556-015 from R-3 to C-2, with conditions.
- 7. Postponed action on the request from the Lake Fenton Property Owners Association for a resolution of support for the DNR Canada Geese Roundup program
- 8. Approved a Cleaning & Janitorial Services Agreement with JW Carpet Cleaning.
- 9. Approved a Lawn, Landscape & Beach Maintenance Services Agreement with Michigan DPW LLC.
- 10. Approve a 3-month extension of the 2011-2014 Solid Waste Collection Agreement with Republic Services.
- 11. Approved a \$10 per meeting pay increase for the Fenton Township Planning Commission, ZBA, CCBA and FCBA, effective 1/1/15.
- 12. Adopted Resolution No. 2014-41, authorizing expenditures in excess of the statutory limit in order to complete the necessary repairs and/or maintenance for the Jennings Road branch of the Indian Creek Drain.
- 13. Adopted the 2015 Fenton Township Property Tax Financial Hardship Exemption Policy
- 14. Approved 2015 summer tax collection agreements with Linden Community Schools, Fenton Area Public Schools and Genesee Intermediate School District
- 15. Re-appointed Beverly J. McKenna, Beth A. Ryan and John A. Brancheau to the Fenton Township Board of Review for the term ending 12/31/16.
- 16. Approved up to \$13,000 in PEG funding for equipment upgrades for the public access television channel.
- 17. Approved a lot depth-to-width ratio variance to permit the requested division of parcel 06-24-200-022.
- 18. Adopted Resolution No. 2014-42, honoring Alberta Martin for her years of public service on the occasion of her retirement from the Lake Fenton Board of Education.
- 19. Appointed Trustee Kesler as primary representative, Andrew Marko as citizen representative and Clerk Krug as alternate on the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.
- 20. Adopted amendments to the 2014 Fenton Township Budget.
- 21. Adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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

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Ruth Ball - age 94, died December 19, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



William Dietz II,

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Martha Warfield, Martha Warfield - age 83, died December 11, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Jerry Liversedge, Jerry Liversedge - age 54 died December 15, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Leonard Scherbovich, Leonard Scherbovich - age 64, died December 18, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.





William Joseph Chouinard 1922-2014

William Joseph Chouinard - age 92, of Fenton, died on December 16, 2014. No services will be held. Arrangements entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Mr. Chouinard was born December 12, 1922 in Detroit. He is survived by his wife, Adella. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Leora Szuch, Leora Szuch - age 87, died December 12, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Jeffrey Verhelle, Jeffrey Verhelle - age 53, died December 13, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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bach. Surviving are her children, Ann (Dan) Barker, Mary Miller, Jane (Thomas) Metz; grandchildren, Kelly Barker, Lindsey Barker, and Kenneth Dreisbach; and her loving cat, "Abbey". She was preceded in death by her son, Kurt Dreisbach. A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 17, 2015, at 11 AM at the Transfiguration Lutheran Church in Fenton, 14176 N. Fenton Rd, Fenton, MI. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the church. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Homer McCollum, Homer McCollum - age 59, died December 17, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.



Agnes Torok, Agnes Torok - age 95, died December 16, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Darlene Graves, Darlene Graves - age 78,

died December 16, 2014. Share memories at www. temrowskifuneralhome.com. Lemrowski



Brandon "Corey" Lutrell, Brandon "Corey" Lutrell age 36 died December 11, 2014. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Elizabeth Bowen, Elizabeth Bowen - age 52 died December 16, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes, www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Michael Patrick Murphy tinue to be in business - age 78, of Linden, today. He was a lifetime member of St. John



N. Adelaide St. Fenton. Fr. Dwight Ezop and Fr. David Harvey concelebrating. Interment following in Fairview Cemetery, Linden. Visitation will be held at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden Sunday from 1-8 PM and at church Monday from 1 PM until the time of Mass. A vigil service will be held at the funeral home Sunday at 7 PM. Those desiring may make contributions to St. John G.I.F.T. Campaign or a charity of one's choice. Michael was born December 28, 1935 in Flint the son of Paul and Kathleen (Wines) Murphy. He was a 1953 graduate of Linden High School and a 1957 graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in Accounting. He married Lorraine White of Gaines on June 22, 1957 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton. Michael was a long time business man in Linden. He started Murphy's Department Store in 1958 and operated it for 33 years. He partnered with Blythe Selden to own and



the Evangelist Catholic Church. He was a member of the Linden Kiwanis for 54 years and treasurer for 35 years. Member of the Even

Dozen Investment Club for 43 years. He also was elected and served as a Linden School Board member for seven years during the late 1970's. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Lorraine; six sons, Timothy of Linden, Steven (Dalynn) of Fenton, Christopher of Linden, Dennis (Jacqueline) of Fenton, Michael Scott (Jacquelyn) of Fenton, Matthew (Annette) of Linden; grandchildren, Amber (Jim) Polselli, Ashley Murphy, Heather (Jeremy) Josephson, Shannon Murphy, Callie Murphy, Courtney Ev-ans, Sean Murphy, Danielle Murphy, Nathan Hallmark, Kayla Murphy, Mallory Murphy, Emily Murphy, Wyatt Murphy, Jack Murphy, Sam Murphy, and Joe Murphy; great-grand-children, Chloe and Addison Josephson, Eva, Skylar, and Bree Polselli, Celena Antonio, Jahdey King, Abbey Link, Jamon Link, and Carson Evans. He was preceded in death by his parents and son, Patrick Murphy. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com



William Chouinard,

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Laundromat in 1969 and the Village Hub in

1970, which both con-



James Pate,

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Ronald Skarzynski,

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Wife drunk texts, then claims 'foul'

DEAR AMY:

My wife and I have been married for 35 years, I don't think she has ever been

physically unfaithful. But she has been a drunk texter. She received a text one night after she was asleep. I tried to ignore it, but her phone kept beeping every five minutes. So I finally got her phone and pushed the OK button to make it stop. I didn't read the message or anything. The next day she yelled at me, accusing me of reading her texts. When I explained what really happened, she called me a liar. That's when I began

wondering what was in there that she was so worried I would see. Fortunately

BY AMY DICKINSON AMY DICKINSON

that day. What do you think? Hurt and Confused

we have mostly gotten past it, but I can't

DEAR HURT:

Her choice to 'drunk text' is juvenile and disrespectful. When this became a problem between the two of you, your wife should have readily offered to show you her phone. You are wise to understand that you cannot control your wife's actions, but it would be nice if she would. You say you are mostly past this, but in my

healthier, satisfying and more transparent partnership, you two have some work to do.

Coumadin vs. Pradaxa

DR. ROACH:

I was put on Coumadin several years ago for atrial fibrillation. It was a perpetual pain in the butt, all those tests and never knowing from day to day how much the blood had been changed from meal to meal. Both extremes were dangerous. I had two friends on Coumadin who were in remote areas when they fell, both hitting their head. Both died from brain hemorrhage before they could be treated at a hospital. My doctor suggested Pradaxa, a more expensive product, but no testing required. From what I read, there is no more danger of internal bleeding from one than from the other, and apparently Coumadin can be reversed medically in an emergency room while Pradaxa cannot (true or false?). It would be helpful for you to explain the chemical/medical differences between the two drugs; how they work and why they work differently; and an opinion as to which is the safer to use, and why. - C.L.

ANSWER:

Atrial fibrillation, the chaotic beating of the upper part of the heart, puts people at higher risk for blood clots, and is one of the most common reasons to prescribe warfarin (Coumadin). Warfarin really did start off as rat poison, but, like many drugs, it's useful as a medicine in small doses even if it is potentially deadly in high doses. It has been in use for 60 years. Unfortunately, it is



ineffective if you don't give enough and can cause serious bleeding if too much is given, as happened to your friends. The INR blood test (international normalized ratio) is used to determine the correct dose, and the usual desired range is 2-3, although people with mechanical heart valves need a slightly higher dose, 2.5-3.5. Blood testing needs to be done at least every few weeks, and much more often when just starting and in people whose levels go up and down. Since warfarin works by blocking vitamin K, people on warfarin need to have a consistent vitamin K intake, which is mostly found in green, leafy vegetables. Vitamin K will reverse the effects of warfarin in half a day or so, but blood products can be used to immediately reverse the effect. Dabigatran (Pradaxa) is a new medication that works by directly blocking thrombin, a key protein in making clots. Dabigatran should not be given to people with poor kidney function or disease of heart valves. There is no way to reverse its effects. Studies comparing warfarin and dabigatran have shown similar rates of effectiveness and a slightly lower risk of brain hemorrhage

> with dabigatran. Some studies show a slightly higher risk of heart attack in people taking dabigatran. In my opinion, both are reasonable choices. Pradaxa may be more convenient since it doesn't require testing and appears to be about as However, there is no taken twice daily.

MARYLAND-STYLE CRAB CAKES

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 I. butter 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 16 saltine crackers, crushed, plus more for coating crab cakes (or panko)
- 1 t. dry mustard
- 1/2 t. Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 C. mayonnaise
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 1/4 t. salt
- black pepper, to taste
- 1 lb. lump crabmeat
- canola oil, for frying

Recipe from acookbookobsession.com

effective, and with a lower risk of brain hemorrhage. antidote, and it needs to be

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Heat butter in a skillet or sauté pan over medium heat. Add onion, reduce heat to medium-low and cook 8-10 minutes or until soft and light golden (do not brown). Transfer to a large bowl to cool. 2. Stir in crushed crackers, dry mustard,
- Worcestershire, mayonnaise, egg, salt and black pepper and mix well. Fold in crabmeat.
- 3. Form into 10-12 even cakes. Chill in refrigerator for 30 minutes.
- 4. Coat cakes with cracker crumbs or panko. Heat canola oil in a skillet or sauté pan over medium-high heat. Working in batches, brown cakes 2-3 minutes per side or until nicely browned, adjusting heat as necessary to prevent over-browning or burning. Drain on a wire rack. Repeat with remaining cakes.

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TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES The city needs

Clan have an iron grip on everything from the police to the politicians. The future is arim until four unlikely outcast brothers rise from the sewers and discover their destiny as Teenage Mutant Ninia Turtles. The Turtles must work with fearless reporter April O'Neil (Megan Fox) and her wise-cracking cameraman Vern Fenwick (Will Arnett) to save the city and unravel Shredder's diabolical plan. Based on the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Characters Created by Peter Laird and Kevin Eastman with a Screenplay by Josh Appelbaum & André Nemec and Evan Daugherty, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles is produced by Michael Bay (director and

executive producer of the blockbuster Transformers franchise), Andrew Form, Brad Fuller, Galen Walker, Scott Mednick and Ian Bryce, and directed by Jonathan Liebesman (Wrath of the Titans). PG-13, 1 hr. 41 min





THE MAZE RUNNER

When Thomas wakes up trapped in a massive maze with a group of

other boys, he has no memory of the outside world other than strange dreams about a mysterious organization known as W.C.K.D. Only by piecing together fragments of his past with clues he discovers in the maze can Thomas hope to uncover his true purpose and a way to escape. Based upon the best-selling novel by James Dashner. PG-13, 1 hr. 54 min

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SUNDAY SCRAMBLER

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Answer key located in this edition

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