

“The first U.S. death from e-liquid exposure occurred in December 2014, to a New York toddler.”

Jennifer Smith
Public information officer MDCH

Nicotine-free e-cigs can also be dangerous

► Negative health effects prompt governor, MDCH to ask for more regulations

By Yvonne Stegall

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Recently, Gov. Rick Snyder vetoed House Bill 4997, and Senate Bills

667 and 668, which would have kept e-cigarettes and other alternative nicotine products from being regulated as tobacco products under Michigan law.

Gov. Snyder isn't the only one that has been fighting for e-cigs to be treated more like tobacco products under the law.

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Summary

► Health departments and the governor call for e-cigarette regulation because of possible negative health effects.



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Fenton adopts medical marijuana ordinance

► Cannabis

Attorneys of Michigan to challenge decision, urge revisions

By Ryan Tackabury

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Fenton — After weeks of debate covering where medical marijuana should be able to be grown, and who should be able to grow

Summary

► In a 5-2 vote, Fenton City Council adopted a resolution outlining how medical marijuana can be grown within city limits.

it, the city of Fenton has finally ended its five-year long moratorium on medical marijuana, and adopted an ordinance

outlining how it can be grown.

The ordinance allows for those with a medical marijuana license to grow 12 plants in their own home. The ordinance would also allow for growing facilities in the city's industrial park

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Brennan Conly, 15 and Stark Conly, 7 (left), deliver papers along a snowy East Ellen Street in Fenton on Saturday, Jan. 10. It helps when the sidewalks are shoveled, but they're prepared if they aren't. The pair delivers 255 Sunday papers on their route, which are hand-rolled and bagged. For the thousands of papers delivered, there are 32 walking routes in Fenton, and 17 driving routes total, some of which are 200 miles on rural routes.

Local adventure park a 'new idea' in Michigan

► Grant approved for 312 acres in Groveland Township; ATVs, SCUBA part of plan

By Tim Jagielo

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The tri-county area is already home to state parks, beaches, nature trails and skiing. A year from today, four-wheeling and cable wake-boarding may also be a part of the recreational resume of the area.

This is because Oakland County Parks and Recreation (OCPD) has successfully applied through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) for a grant to develop 312 acres in Groveland, and Holly townships.

The application was for \$2.9 million, to acquire 312 acres spread over four parcels. Three parcels are in Groveland Township, and one is in Holly Township. Some properties

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18 days until Obamacare deadline

► Affordable Care Act open enrollment ends February 15

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There is only one deadline that matters in regards to The Affordable Care Act (ACA): Feb. 15, 2015. It's when the marketplace closes until November, and you'll pay a penalty on your

2015 taxes if you don't sign up.

This is when Certified Application Counselors (CAC) like Susan (Donnell) Masak are busy helping people with questions and concerns, as an insurance agent with her own business.

"It's good to have somebody on your side that will help you," said Masak, who has a passion for this sort of thing.

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Measles case confirmed in Oakland County

► Case may be linked to Disneyland outbreak

By Yvonne Stegall

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According to the Oakland County Health Division, there is a confirmed case of measles in the Oakland County area. This information comes to them from the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). See **MEASLES** on 6

Summary

► One measles case has been confirmed in Oakland County. Health departments urge people to get vaccinated.



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“A lot of people I know, found Mr. Nuss's explanation regarding studying Islam in Holly to be a load of BS. An agenda like this is part of

the problem, not the solution. Can you say cover up?”

“Just because Lake Fenton has four teachers on its board means they're biased? I'd say they'd be an asset as they're educated citizens. If we had four administrators, would that be OK? The people elected them. If you want non-teachers then run, campaign and vote candidates who aren't.”



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From Fenton to Haiti

►Two physician assistants from Fenton Medical Center were part of a medical mission team

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Two physician assistants from Fenton Medical Center spent a week last summer as part of a medical mission trip to Haiti, changing not only the lives of the patients they treated, but also their own.

Beth Gentner, PA-C of Holly Township and Heather Mannor, PA-C of Howell were two of a 13-member medical team that spent a week in an outreach mission to two villages through Mission of Hope Haiti, connecting Fenton with Haiti through Venture Church in Hartland. Formerly called the River Community Church, Venture Church is another tie that binds these two women, who have also worked together for 20 years.

Mannor's daughter, Emily, 18, accompanied the group as well, helping provide non-medical assistance, including a kids' Bible school program and other projects in the villages.

While this was Mannor's third mission trip and Gentner's first, it was both women's first trip to Haiti. Five years after a devastating 7.0 magnitude earthquake left Haiti in shambles, killing more than 300,000 people and leaving 1.5 million



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Heather Mannor, (left), and Beth Gentner pose with one of their patients they befriended during their medical mission trip to Haiti last summer.

homeless, some of the country has been re-built, yet extreme poverty and lack of medical care define the daily lives of most Haitians.

"I wasn't prepared for the poverty," said Gentner. "It was a humbling experience."

She also was surprised by the joy of the people, who Gentner said don't focus on what they don't have, but what they do have.

"Even though people had to wait in line for hours, they forced me to eat lunch," said Gentner. "They'd wipe their dusty feet off after walking to get here, just to enter our treatment area. Sometimes it was nothing more than folding chairs outside, or a cement structure church. The kids were always dressed in their Sunday best. There's just so much respect."

The medical team provided treatment for about 400 patients in four days, mostly for common ailments like Chikungunya,

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MARIJUANA

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that would allow a caregiver to grow up to 12 plants, and outlines the restrictions on such facilities, including the requirement that they are subject to regular inspections.

The growing of medical marijuana must take place indoors in an enclosed, locked facility.

A growing facility must be located at least 1,000 feet away from any school, day care, church or religious facility, and is allowed to only grow up to 60 plants — or enough for five patients. According to the ordinance, the owner running the facility must also have the name and address of those patients.

An initial draft of the ordinance allowed for designated caregivers to grow up to 12 plants in their own home for a patient with a medical marijuana license, although this was removed after some council members voiced concern.

The ordinance was passed in a 5-2 vote. The dissenting votes were cast by Mayor Sue Osborn and Councilwoman Cheryl King.

"I can't vote for the ordinance with (growing) being allowed in apartment buildings," Osborn said. "There are too many small children running around there."

King agreed with the Mayor's sentiments.

Councilwoman Pat Lockwood thanked the attorneys and the council for having a

long discussion on the issue. "Everyone had concerns and pros or cons. We really looked into it pretty hard," she said.

For over five years, a moratorium had been placed and extended in lieu of passing an ordinance while the city waited on the results of court cases in the Michigan Supreme Court, which would decide the legality of medical marijuana. While the passing of this ordinance may seem like the end of a very long chapter for the city, it may not be entirely over yet.

The city received a letter from the Cannabis Attorneys of Michigan which read, "While we appreciate the city of Fenton's efforts to provide a framework for cultivating medical marijuana here, the proposed ordinance severely restricts, and therefore directly conflicts with and violates, the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act in

numerous places." The letter argues that the city's violations come from the restrictions regarding how and where medical marijuana can be cultivated, the storage of medical marijuana, the indoors restriction, as well as the restrictions placed on caregivers. The letter continues, "We urge the City to carefully consider revising its proposed ordinance to conform with existing state law, in the hope that it will avoid the vigorous legal challenges that will most certainly follow."

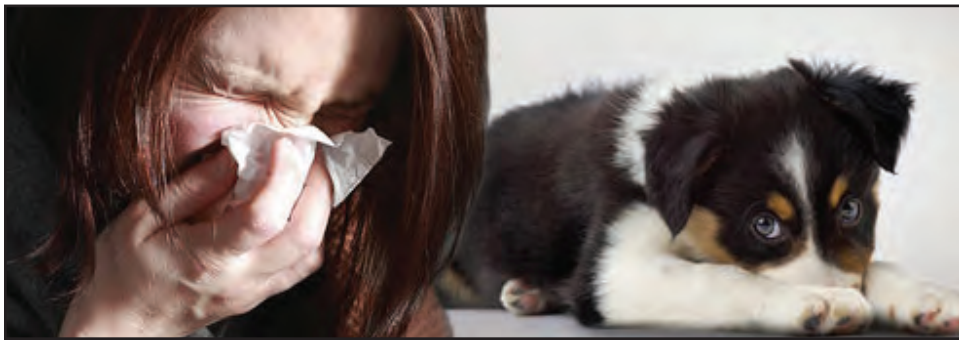
The city council said they would be passing the letter on to the city's attorneys.

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Sue Osborn, Fenton mayor

Times News & Features

Fact: There is no such thing as ALLERGEN-FREE DOGS OR CATS



While there really are no hypoallergenic dogs or cats out there, there are some things allergy sufferers can do in order to be a proud pet owner.

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First, there is no such thing as a hypoallergenic dog, contrary to popular belief. Nor are there any allergen-free cats. However, that doesn't have to discourage allergy sufferers from ever owning a pet, or even a dog or cat.

There are some options out there for cats and dogs, and other pets, which can ease the ache of allergy attacks for those sufferers who really want the companionship of a pet.

Dr. Heidi Kern at Companion Animal Hospital in Linden said via email, "For allergy sufferers, the best dog breeds are poodles and poodle mixes, such as labradoodles and golden doodles." The curly coat of these dogs tends to shed less and the shedding is what generally causes allergies in people, because of the dander. She also suggested Wheaten Terriers. Also, consider the size of the dog. Larger dogs will produce more fur to shed, more saliva and

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Dr. Heidi Kern
Veterinarian at
Companion
Animal
Hospital



Vet recommends best breeds for allergy sufferers

they'll urinate more, which are all allergens.

"Many reference allergies against proteins in the cat's saliva and anal sac secretions, so even a hairless cat has spit," said Kern. Those who are willing to risk it should opt for short hair, or no hair cats, like Sphynx, Devonshire Rex, Ragdolls and Siberian. Longhaired cats will be leaving clumps of hair around the house, making your eyes itch.

The best way to keep down dander from dogs and cats is frequent bathing, according to Dr. Kern. A once-a-week bath with allergen-reducing shampoo can be the answer to preventing, or at least minimizing, allergic reactions. A healthy diet and regular brushing can also keep down shedding.

"Another recommendation may be to keep your pet out of the bedroom, making that a 'safe room,'" said Kern. It also helps to vacuum regularly, using a HEPA filter.

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What you need to know about licensing your dog

► Licenses required by law, costs and fines differ by county

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Many people think of dog licensing as a nuisance, but there are reasons why it is important to get your dog licensed. According to the Genesee County Treasurer's website, not only is licensing your dog the law, it also helps prevent the spread of rabies and allows your dog to make it home more safely if they are lost.

You must have a dog license for every dog aged 4 months or older, and they need to be registered in the county you live in. People living in Genesee County need to register in Genesee County, those in Oakland register in Oakland. While the reasons for licensing are the same from county to county, fees may be different.

In Genesee County, as well as most, "License renewal occurs the month the rabies vaccination is due. Dog owners needing to renew their dog's license will receive a pre-printed application by mail 30 days before the next rabies vaccine expiration month. Pre-printed applications are NOT required to purchase a license. Failure to receive renewal notice does not waive delinquent fee." If you move a lot, you probably will never see a renewal in the mail.

There are one-year licenses and three-year licenses. Three-year licenses are See **LICENSING** on 5



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FROM THE LEFT



Clarence Page

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During her live, nationally televised Republican response to President Barack Obama's State of the Union address, Sen. Joni Ernst inserted a cute story from her childhood that seemed to offer everything a homespun narrative should offer — except a point.

'You see, growing up, I had only one good pair of shoes,' the 44-year-old former Iowa state senator recalled. 'So on rainy school days, my mom would slip plastic bread bags over them to keep them dry.'

Was that embarrassing? No, said Ernst, 'because the school bus would be filled with rows and rows of young Iowans with bread bags slipped over their feet.'

A heartwarming story, I thought, but why was she telling it? If childhood poverty is a qualification for office, I should run for president.

Ernst's bread bag story was intended to illustrate how her parents taught her to 'live simply, not to waste.' That's a softer version of the message in her now-famous 2014 campaign ad in which she strolls through a hog barn to tell us that she grew up castrating hogs on a farm. 'So when I get to Washington,' she says, 'I'll know how to cut pork.'

'Bumpkinizing,' a term attributed to David Wasserman of The Cook Political Report, is the process of deglamorizing a candidate to enhance his or her appeal to ordinary.

There's nothing new about pols dressing down, hiding their advanced degrees and inserting a few more aw-shucks bromides that their granddaddy told 'em into their speeches.

Watch for a new wave of poverty snobbery to rise with the 2016 presidential race. Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee leads the pack. In the past, I have praised Huckabee's peacemaker approach to today's polarized politics. I am disappointed to see him go full virtue-bully in his new book by attacking Jay-Z and Beyonce as examples of a 'culture of crude.' Really?

Really? Obviously Huckabee's trying to score points with his base by attacking stars who President Obama has praised in the past.

It's tricky to play the bumpkin in politics. In today's media age, there aren't as many rubes anymore.

NOT ONLY IS it unsafe but also illegal to plow your snow across the street. I see it happening every time it snows. Also we pay to have the streets plowed, don't blow your snow back out in the street. Use common sense people.

ONCE AGAIN, FENTON High School wrestling is a joke. They need to stop bringing kids up to varsity who are not ready and focus on the JV team. Maybe that way he will have a winning season instead of a 0-X season in a few years.

DID YOU WATCH Obama's interviews after his State of the Union address? On a day when he was supposed to give the American people his views on how America is doing and what the future holds, he mocked America, American citizens and the office of the Presidency. God help us!

MANY OF YOU miss the point about the gay marriage ban law. Our government is based on three branches for checks and balances, that means courts 'ARE' supposed to decide. Otherwise, I am thinking you would vote for the return of slavery also.

OH YEAH, BOEHNER invited Israel's prime minister to speak so Congress can justify giving them billions more. Isn't that what you Obama haters complain about also — foreign aid.

IT WAS NICE to see the big turnout for the girls/boys basketball game at Linden on Friday night. Enjoyed watching each student section chatting/cheering for their team. Kids are awesome! High school sports are fun to watch.

Hot lines

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THE MICHIGAN GAY marriage ban from 2004 is unconstitutional. It doesn't matter if a majority voted in favor of it then because it violates civil rights and equal protection under the law. The tyranny of the majority is no excuse for violating the Constitution, which the ban continues to do.

MACKINAW POLICY CENTER is not a non-partisan group. It is a conservative think-tank with libertarian business leanings like the Chamber of Commerce. They work for increasing the number of for-profit schools and helped push through the anti-union 'Right to Work' law. They have an agenda like all special interest groups.

A REQUIREMENT OF military service to be president? C'mon. We've had good and bad presidents come from a military background. Jefferson and FDR never served and they were all right. Gen. Grant's presidency is ranked fairly low by historians. Having served doesn't automatically make you fit to lead a nation.

THE KORAN IN Holly High? Oh my! Such scandal. This is the kind of stuff that makes people think that Fenton is merely the boring side of Holly.

LIKE MOST DESCRIPTIONS of new things there are many terms to describe them. 'Climate Change' and 'Global Warming' is an example of how one is chosen that best fits the description. People who don't understand this concept were once rubes, simpletons, idiots, challenged, pawns and are now deniers and haters.

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FROM THE RIGHT

Cal Thomas

Nationally syndicated
columnist**A man for all times**

LONDON — It is an old debating point: Do the times make the man, or does the man make the times? In the case of Winston Churchill, it is both. The times in Churchill's case were both World War I, in which he served as a battalion commander, and World War II, which he helped win for Britain and America. By the standard he set, all political leaders since — with the possible exception of Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan — are mere pygmies. Yet, even they pale in his shadow.

No one else can touch Churchill for his vision, leadership and most of all persistence. Like Babe Ruth who struck out a lot, but who also hit many home runs, Churchill 'struck out' more than once, but his successes far outweigh and overwhelm his failures.

London Mayor Boris Johnson has written a wonderful book called 'The Churchill Factor: How One Man Made History.' Not only did Churchill make history, he bent it to his will and still today embodies the classic definition of a leader. He had many contemporary enemies, yet his achievements were so momentous those voices get little attention outside academic circles and left-wing media who have forgotten how to fight and win wars.

Churchill had a far less than ideal upbringing. His father, Randolph, mostly rejected him and gave him, not love, but criticism; his mother pushed him but was often preoccupied with a series of men not her husband; he was small and often the object of bullying, but he overcame it all through the force of his ego, strong will and persistence.

I recall the TV coverage of his 1965 state funeral. Thousands lined London streets. Dockworkers lowered their cranes in tribute as his body was borne down the River Thames on a barge.

Churchill was more than a leader for his time. He was a man for all time; a man for all seasons, as Robert Bolt titled his play about Sir Thomas More.

Johnson concludes his book: 'There has been no one remotely like him before or since.' The world is the worse for it.



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What is your favorite comic book or comic strip?**streettalk**

"My favorite comic book is 'Captain America' because he defines what America should be about."

— Chris Quigley
Fenton Township



"I like the comic strip 'Dilbert,' because he is funny."

— John Pearson
Fenton



"'Batman' was my favorite comic book because he was always fighting for justice."

— David Wujciak
Fenton



"I liked 'Archie,' because it was funny."

— Maxine Root
Fenton Township



"It was one with the tiger cat and a silly dog. I liked it because it was funny."

— Richard Savage
Linden



"I liked 'Nancy' because there was a dominant female character."

— Donna Seay
Flint

Do tech screens keep you awake?

►Light from electronic devices could be the culprit

By Yvonne Stegall

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Are you finding it harder to sleep at night in this day and age of technological wonders such as tablets, iPads and smartphones? If you are, there may be an answer to your problems.

According to researchers from Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts, people who read a book on a lighted device before bedtime take a longer time to fall asleep. Not only that, but they also felt less alert the next morning. This study compared people reading their books on bright screens to those reading a traditional printed book.

What they found was that reading on the lighted screen suppressed melatonin, which is a hormone that helps us get to sleep. It also shifted the body's natural sleep-wake cycle.

We live much busier lives these days, part of that due to the increased connection time because of laptops, tablets and smartphones. Because of this, there have been many studies being done on the affects of these tech devices on our sleep.

The Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences is a work of published research on this subject, and suggests that devices with backlit screens that emit blue light, like tablets, have real effects on sleep.

If you find your sleep is being disrupted, try putting your devices down an hour or two before you go to bed. In addition, read printed books or read them on a device that is not backlit. If your only option is to read on your backlit device, try turning the screen brightness down some and don't read with it too close to your face.

Just to put the problem in perspective, a recent poll by the National Sleep Foundation showed that nearly 90 percent of adults and 75 percent of children reported having at least one electronic device in their bedrooms, and many reporting having multiple devices, such as televisions, laptops and tablets.

According to mercola.com, adults aren't the only ones being affected. Children who use electronic media at night go to bed later, get fewer hours of sleep per week, and report more daytime sleepiness. Adolescents with a television in their bedroom go to bed later, have more difficulty falling asleep, and have a shorter total sleep time.



Studies have shown that the bright backlit light of phones and tablets affects people's sleep patterns.

Tips to a better night's sleep

- **Avoid watching TV** or using your computer/smartphone or tablet in the evening, at least an hour or so before going to bed.

- **Make sure you get BRIGHT sun** exposure regularly. Your pineal gland produces melatonin roughly in approximation to the contrast of bright sun exposure in the day and complete darkness at night. If you are in darkness all day long, it can't appreciate the difference and will not optimize your melatonin production.

- **Get some sun** in the morning. Your circadian system needs bright light to reset itself. Ten to 15 minutes of morning sunlight will send a strong message to your internal clock that day has arrived, making it less likely to be confused by weaker light signals during the night.

- **Sleep in complete darkness**, or as close to it as possible. Even the tiniest glow from your clock radio could be interfering with your sleep.

- **Install a low-wattage yellow, orange, or red light bulb** if you need a source of light for navigation at night. Light in these bandwidths does not shut down melatonin production in the way that white and blue bandwidth light does.

Source: mercola.com

E-CIGS

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According to Jennifer Smith, public information officer at Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), "MDCH is committed to protecting the health and wellness of our residents, and as such we would like to see e-cigarettes regulated as tobacco products and subject to any restrictions applied to tobacco products, including the minimum age law."

In his press release, Gov. Snyder said, "We need to make sure that e-cigarettes and other nicotine-containing devices are regulated in the best interest of public health." He also said, "It's important that these devices be treated like tobacco products and help people become aware of the dangers e-cigarettes pose."

Had this legislation passed, it would have gone against the position taken by 40 state attorneys general, including Michigan's Bill Schuette.

According to Smith, it isn't just the nicotine in the e-cigs that is dangerous. Studies have shown that e-cigarettes increase inflammation and airway constriction in users. It has also been found that infections may be harder to kill, since the aerosol in e-cigarettes protects antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

The nicotine in these smokeless cigarettes, which is derived from tobacco, is a stimulant and can be poisonous in the quantities found in e-liquid if the user is exposed to the liquid through skin contact or ingestion. Smith said, "The first U.S. death from e-liquid exposure occurred in December 2014, to a New York toddler."

As well as nicotine, propylene glycol and glycerin, the most common ingredients in e-liquid, are known to be eye

and respiratory irritants, and convert to carcinogens when heated. Smith added, "The heat and higher voltage in batteries in e-cigarettes can cause the metals in the device to break down and expose users to nickel, cadmium, formaldehyde, acetaldehyde and other carcinogens."

This could be why there are rumors out there that e-cigarettes are even worse for your health than regular cigarettes.



Possible effects of e-cigs

The FDA regularly receives reports of adverse events involving e-cigarettes from consumers, health professionals and concerned members of the public. The adverse events described in these reports have included hospitalization for illnesses such as

- pneumonia,
- congestive heart failure,
- disorientation,
- seizure,
- hypotension, and
- other health problems.

Whether e-cigarettes caused these reported adverse events is unknown. Some of the adverse events could be related to a pre-existing medical condition or to other causes that were not reported to FDA.

Source: fda.gov

LICENSING

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only available for dogs that have recently received their three-year rabies vaccine.

The Treasurer's Office is the place that takes care of the funds from dog licenses, but they aren't the only place you can go to get your dog's license. Many veterinary clinics are available to issue them, as well as municipalities. The county's website, gc4me.com states that you can mail or bring a form to Genesee County Treasurer's Office, Animal Control Department or call ahead to see if these local municipalities and veterinarian offices have them available. Check are to be made payable to Genesee County Treasurer along the current rabies certificate.

In Genesee County, dog licenses are \$10

for one year or \$35 for three years for a spayed/neutered dog. If your dog is intact, it is \$30 for one year or \$80 for three. If you are delinquent getting your dog license, the fee goes up to \$50 for one year and \$100 for three.

In Livingston County, the fees are \$10 for a one-year or \$25 for a three-year for spayed or neutered dogs. Intact male and female dogs are \$25 for one year and \$60 for three. There is a late fee of \$20 added to the charges no matter what category they fit in.

Oakland County only offers one-year licenses. It is \$7.50 for a spayed/neutered dog. There is a senior citizen price on licensing, which is \$6.75. For intact males and females, the cost is \$15 or \$13.50 for seniors. Delinquent, which is after June 1, for Oakland County residents, is \$30.

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BREEDS

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MEASLES

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Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The person is an adult Oakland County resident. It is believed this case may be associated with the recent Disneyland outbreak in California, but an exact connection has not yet been determined.

According to Jennifer Smith, MDCH public information officer, "The best line of defense against measles is vaccination. Measles is highly contagious, so in order to ensure success in prevention, we must promote and sustain high vaccination rates and levels of immunity our communities."

Measles can be transmitted five days before and four days after the rash appears. Measles is a vaccine preventable, respiratory infection and is spread through the air by sneezing and coughing. The measles virus can live for up to two hours on a surface or in the air, where the infected person coughed or sneezed.

Anyone concerned should contact their own doctor for information on the vaccine and the disease.



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Volunteer Ryan Johnson of Burton assists with a winch during the second weekend of the test event, which successfully sold the idea of the park, for a \$2.9 million grant.

ADVENTURE

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are privately owned, others are owned by the townships.

Through the grant, the land would be owned by the MDNR, and leased to the OCPR

In 2014, there were two test events to serve as evidence that an interest existed in the area for such a park. The Dixie Gully Run was held in August and November, through invitation and registration of off-road vehicles (ORVs) to attend.

Hundred of off-roaders tackled entry-level obstacles along with advanced technical gully courses, with no injury and a lot of accolades from attendees. OCPR spent \$70,000 professionally developing 35 acres for the test events. But now, those obstacles and trails will become part of a full-fledged park.

Those events worked — the grant was approved by the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund board in December. They selected the Michigan DNR acquisition grant application on behalf of Oakland County Parks. This means they've recommended funding for the project, which could lead to more than 400 acres south of Mt. Holly being developed for recreational use.

What will take shape is an "Adventure Recreation Complex," which could draw 200,000 registered ORV users in Michigan. The park could include off-road trucks like Jeeps, ATVs and dirt bikes, mountain biking, hiking and even wake boarding and SCUBA diving.

OCPR Executive Officer Dan Stencil is looking toward approval this spring by the legislature, with appraisal and acquisition of properties six to 12 months after that. In the mean time they'll work on the master plan with a possible spring 2016 opening.

Groveland Township Supervisor Robert DePalma said they've been supportive of the project, and have also been careful of things like noise levels for residents. They even invited a group of ATVs and dirt bikes on the property for a ride in one of the gravel bowls, and paid contractors the measure for the noise. Surprisingly, there wasn't much inside the deep bowls of gravel.

Right now, that recommendation for grant funding is in the hands of the Michigan legislature. Stencil didn't want to use the term "rubber stamp," but normally these recommendations are approved, which can take six months. "The bigger hurdle is getting appraisals for the property, and negotiating a purchase price," he said.

With these situations, Stencil said things happen slowly, and that will be a year before things are in operation. Right now, the staff at OCPR is coming up with a vision and master plan for the park.

Today the developed portion will be unused, but mining will continue, which can help with digging out sites for cable wake boarding and SCUBA diving, which itself will be a new location, and a new idea, in Michigan, right in the tri-county area.



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The final test event in November drew 300 to the developed course, which ran smoothly with the help of volunteers.



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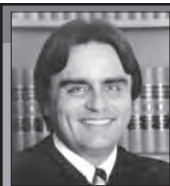
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The other crimes, wrongs or acts rule of evidence

Over time, our justice system has developed a number of substantive and procedural rules which are meant to ensure that when litigants are using the courts the process is both fair and efficient.

A prime example of this is seen in the development and implementation of both the Federal and Michigan Rules of Evidence in the 1970s.

These rules only came into existence after years of hard work by their respective authors and have proven to be an invaluable aid in determining the admissibility of evidence in a court of law. Much has been written and litigated concerning these rules and today I will talk briefly about a part of one rule that over the years has been the subject of much discussion and interest.

The subrule I'm referring to is Michigan Rule of Evidence 404(b)(1) which states as follows:

(b) Other crimes, wrongs, or acts.

(1) Evidence of other crimes, wrongs, or acts is not admissible to prove the character of a person in order to show action in conformity therewith. It may, however, be admissible for other purposes, such as proof of notice, opportunity, intent, preparation, scheme, plan, or system in doing an act, knowledge, identity, or absence of mistake or accident when the same is material, whether such other crimes, wrongs, or acts are contemporaneous with, or prior or subsequent to the conduct at issue in the case.

In criminal cases, the courts have addressed the issue of the defendant's right to the presumption of innocence and this rule by requiring a careful evidentiary balancing test to determine admissibility involving an analysis of a proper purpose, relevancy and probative value to make sure that there isn't unfair prejudice to a criminal defendant. An example of when prior "bad acts" evidence could be admitted is seen in cases where evidence of a defendant using marijuana when committing another crime can be admissible even though the defendant wasn't charged with or convicted of marijuana use. This is a subrule which is frequently the topic of discussion in Michigan Court of Appeals and Supreme Court Decisions as the improper admission of such evidence can result in the reversal of a conviction.

For those interested, all of the Michigan Rules of Evidence are readily available on the Internet

OBAMACARE

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To be in-line with the ACA, the insurance must cover 10 essential benefits, which include preventative checkups and prescriptions (see sidebar below).

Comprehensive coverage is good news. So is pre-existing conditions no longer being a factor. "(The ACA) kind of puts everybody on more of an even playing field," she said. Now, the main considerations are dependents, income, and whether you smoke. Smoking can ding you 10-percent. "The bad news is it's not inexpensive," she said.

The ACA or, Obamacare is just the name of the law that was put into place with the regulations, stating that all plans have to cover the same 10 essential benefits. If you don't have insurance that covers these benefits, you'll have to pay 1-percent of your income, on your tax return this year, unless you successfully apply for an exemption. Masak said that the penalty could rise to 2.5 percent if you don't have insurance in 2015.

The deadline to apply for healthcare for 2015 is Feb. 15. Insurance will take effect on March 1, unless you have a qualifying, life-changing event.

If you already have health insurance through the marketplace, Feb. 15 is just your deadline to make any changes for the year. If you're offered insurance already at work, you may not need to go to the marketplace, but Healthcare.gov is the only way to get a subsidy.

After that, you'll either be penalized 2.5 percent when you file your taxes in 2016, or you have to get an exemption. This only applies to people whose monthly bill would be higher than 8-percent of their income per month.

This is the rub for residents like Amber Naganashe of Fenton. She's frustrated by the individual mandate, and the monthly rate for her insurance. "It's not like a fairy tale," she said. She doesn't apply for the exemption because her monthly bill is just under the required amount. Naganashe is paid \$33,000 before taxes, and supports a child as a single parent.

Masak said the cut-off is in place to compel people to get health care before they get sick. She said it helps cover the whole system. If you miss the Feb. 15 date, your next window is November 2015.

To get started, go to healthcare.gov. If you'd rather speak with a person off the bat, get a hold of a CAC, which can be found at insurance offices, or even several tax prep businesses. CACs will assist for free, but if you sign up through an insurance company and not directly, you may be paying a commission. Go to enrollamerica.org to find a CAC near you. Masak spends a lot of time counseling clients on their options. "You have to really

be willing to spend the time with people," she said. "People are still a little afraid of it. They think it's really new, and really complicated."

She said compared to last year, the marketplace website is far better, without the bugs of the initial roll out. Masak added that there are imposter websites that will sell you insurance, but are not the real government website. It should say "official site," on the web page.

An ACA navigator has more in-depth knowledge of the law, and health care options. Navigator Tim McCarron said enrolling people has been far more relaxed this year, with less panic and issues with the website.

When looking for a quote, you'll need a few things. You'll need your zip code, Social Security Number, and an educated guess on your annual income, and the income of any dependents in the household. This information will give you a quote, and also let you know if you qualify for a subsidy. McCarron said that most people will qualify for some kind of subsidy, up to 400-percent of the poverty line, for \$45,000 for an individual.

Small businesses and those over age 45 may feel the pinch of insurance costs, because rates increase with age.

At this point on the website, you'll also have to OK the access to your IRS files to check on last year's income. If you get a subsidy, it also has to be based on current, accurate income information. If your income rises through the year, and you don't report it, you will owe subsidy money back at the end of the year.

“It's good to have somebody on your side that will help you.”

Susan Masak, insurance agent

Also, you'll have to file income taxes, if you hadn't already planned on it.

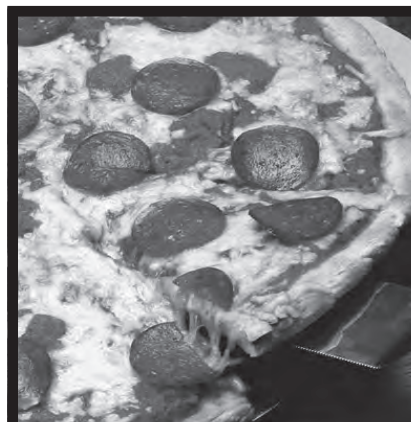
The marketplace itself gives access to six companies and several policies. They all cover the same things. The variable is the doctors in what network, and how much your deductible is. The highest deductible for an individual is \$6,658, which would be a "Bronze" plan. The plans run from bronze, silver, gold and platinum.

In order to encourage preventative services, things like check-ups, mammograms and colonoscopies are part of the plan, and don't include co-pays.

Masak said that insurance rates go up by 7-12 percent each year. Adults over 45 will see higher rates, and she admits that often small businesses are hurt by the ACA. So are families still keeping adult children in their 20s.

If you run into problems, and even your CAC can't help, the next step up is a navigator, like McCarron, who has the most in-depth knowledge of the ACA. Even though he's based out of Flint, he does help residents of southern Genesee County. He can help you with questions, and direct you to a local CAC, if you were looking for one. The helpline for Genesee County is (810) 787-5097. You can also email Masak, at susanmasak@gmail.com.

Despite navigators and counselors and a better website, it still doesn't always make it affordable to residents between the high end, and low end of the income spectrum. Naganashe will just be taking the penalty, as the rate for her insurance is slightly too low for a subsidy, but too high for her income. "Would I love to have health insurance? Of course, who wouldn't," she said.



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- Laboratory services
- Preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management
- Pediatric services

Source:healthcare.gov



Fun finger food is king on game day. Read on for recipes for your 2015 Super Bowl party.

Sunday's Super Bowl actually kicks-off in America's kitchens

By Sally Rummel
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It's hard to say which part of Sunday's Super Bowl event is the most exciting — the NFL's most spectacular sporting event, the \$4.5 million commercials (each), the glitzy half-time show, the party or the food.

For the millions of people who will be watching the game from the sidelines of their sofa, the snacks and "game grub" will certainly be a highlight, no matter who wins the game.

If you're planning a Super Bowl party at your house, here are a few tailgate recipes you may want to try:



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Game Day 'Guac'

By Budgetbytes.com

- INGREDIENTS:**
- 3 medium ripe avocados
 - 3 large roma tomatoes
 - ¼ red onion
 - 1 clove garlic
 - 1 small lime
 - ¼ bunch cilantro
 - 1 whole (or less) jalapeno
 - ¼ tsp salt
 - about 10 cranks fresh ground black pepper
 - 1 Tbsp olive oil

DIRECTIONS:

Dice the tomatoes, jalapeno, onion, garlic and cilantro and place them in a bowl. Dice the jalapeno, onion, garlic and cilantro very finely while leaving the tomato in larger chunks (approximately ½ inch square). Dice the avocado about the same size as the tomatoes. Save the avocado for last to minimize the time that it is exposed to oxygen and reducing the likely hood of it turning brown. Once the dressing is mixed in, the acid from the tomatoes and lime will keep the avocado from turning brown during storage.

In a small bowl combine the olive oil, juice and zest from the lime, salt and pepper. Pour the mixture over the diced vegetables and stir to combine.



Buckeye Brownie Cups

Recipe courtesy of Oxmoor House

- INGREDIENTS:**
- 32 miniature paper baking cups
 - 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips, divided
 - ½ cup butter
 - 1 ½ t. vanilla extract
 - ¼ cup firmly packed brown sugar
 - 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
 - ½ cup all purpose flour
 - ¼ t. baking powder
 - ½ cup powdered sugar
 - ½ cup creamy peanut butter
 - 2 T. butter, softened
 - ¼ cup heavy cream

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place baking cups in miniature muffin pans. Microwave ½ cup chocolate chips and ½ cup butter in a microwave-safe bowl on HIGH 1-2 minutes or until butter melts, stirring after 1 minute. Stir until chocolate melts. Whisk in ½ t. vanilla and next 3 ingredients.

Combine flour and baking powder; gradually stir into chocolate mixture. Using a small scoop, place 1 level T. batter in each baking cup. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes. Let cool in pans 5 minutes. Remove from pans and cool completely.

Meanwhile, combine powdered sugar, peanut butter, 2 T. softened butter and remaining 1 t. vanilla in a medium bowl; beat at medium speed with an electric mixer until smooth.

Roll peanut butter mixture by teaspoon-fuls into 32 balls. Press 1 ball into top of each brownie, flattening slightly.

Place remaining ½ cup chocolate chips in a medium bowl. Microwave cream in a 1-cup glass measuring cup on high for 1 minute. Pour cream over chocolate chips; stir until smooth. Let cool until slightly thickened. Spread 1-2 t. chocolate mixture over peanut butter and brownie, spreading almost to edges of baking cup. Let cool 1 hour or until set.



Game Day Chili (spicy)

By Times Editor Sharon Stone

- INGREDIENTS:**
- 3 pounds lean ground beef, or ground turkey OR 3-pound combination of beef, turkey and hot Italian sausage
 - 2 Vidalia or sweet onions - chopped
 - 2 medium cans hot chili beans
 - 2 large cans peeled, diced tomatoes
 - 2 large cans tomato sauce
 - ½ cup of A1 sauce
 - ¼ cup of Worcestershire sauce
 - 1 jar of Heinz chili sauce
 - ½ can of chili powder, about ¼ cup
 - 5 stalks celery - chopped
 - 2-3 green peppers - chopped
 - 4-5 fresh jalapenos - chopped

- TOPPINGS:**
- Shredded cheddar cheese
 - Sour cream
 - Tabasco sauce or Frank's Hot Sauce
 - Corn chips
 - Chopped onions

DIRECTIONS:

Cook meat with onions in large pot, drain excess fat. Pour in remaining ingredients and bring to a low boil. Cook for several hours until veggies are softened. Serve, topped with any of your favorite toppings.



Cuban Sandwich Sliders

Recipe courtesy of Beantown Baker

- INGREDIENTS:**
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter
 - 1 ½ T. poppy seeds
 - 1 ½ T. grated dried onions
 - 1 ½ T. Worcestershire sauce
 - 2 T. honey mustard
 - 2 (12 oz.) packages Hawaiian rolls
 - 24 oz. leftover pulled pork (3 cups)
 - 1 lb. cooked ham slices
 - 12 oz. sliced Swiss cheese
 - 5-6 T. yellow mustard
 - 2 cups dill pickles

DIRECTIONS:

In saucepan, mix butter, poppy seeds, onion, Worcestershire sauce and mustard; stir until blended and melted. Pour half of mixture into bottom of baking dish.

If rolls are not pre-cut, cut them length-wise. Place the bottom half of the rolls in the baking dish and spread around to soak up the sauce.

Layer the pork, ham, cheese and pickles on top of the buns. Spread mustard on top of buns. Place tops of buns on sandwiches. Using a shared knife, cut through the sandwiches at the bun seams to cut the meat and the cheese. Pour rest of sauce over tops of sandwiches, cover dish and refrigerate up to 24 hours for sauce to soak in.

Preheat oven to 325. Place another baking sheet on top of the rolls to press the sandwiches as they bake (this step can be optional). Bake rolls for 20-25 minutes until rolls are lightly browned and cheese is melted.

MICHIGAN VOTES

WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS RECENTLY INTRODUCED

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. In four regular sessions so far, members of the new 98th Legislature have introduced 88 bills. It will be several weeks before any substantive non-procedural votes are taken, so this Friday, Jan. 23 report describes some new bills of interest.

House Bill 4032: Regulate Uber, Lyft, etc.; preempt local bans

Introduced by Rep. Tim Kelly (R), to establish a regulatory framework that would enable "transportation network companies" like Uber and Lyft to operate in this state, including a preemption on local government regulations or bans. This would include permit, insurance, driver background check and vehicle inspection and customer disclosure mandates, and prohibit street hailing and the use of cab stands by the vehicles. A version of this bill was advanced to the point of a House vote in December but the vote was then postponed. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4041: Ban welfare and remove children from home for truancy

Introduced by Rep. Al Pscholka (R), to prohibit giving welfare benefits to a household with children who are truants or not being educated, and remove the children from the household. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4042: Authorize tax on horse-drawn vehicles

Introduced by Rep. Joel Johnson (R), to empower counties to impose a registration fee (tax) of up to \$50 on horse-drawn vehicles. A vote of the people would be required. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4052: Ban local "community benefit" mandate as condition of developing property

Introduced by Rep. Earl Poleski (R), to prohibit local governments from adopting a "community benefits" ordinance that imposes mandatory wage, benefit, or leave time requirements on developers or contractors as a condition of developing a piece of property. This would also prohibit locals from imposing a "prevailing wage" mandate requiring these employers to pay "union scale" wages, to the extent this is not already required by state or federal law. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4053: Increase penalty for paying a person to run for office

Introduced by Rep. Earl Poleski (R), to authorize up to one year in prison and \$500 fine for promising, providing, or accepting valuable consideration to run (or not run) for a political office. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

HAITI

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a virus passed on to humans by two species of mosquitos, and for high blood pressure, skin rashes, wounds and burns. "They're always wearing shorts and riding motorcycles," said Mannor.

Both women said that their Haitian experience changed their perspective on medicine in America. "It refocused me and gave me back the perspective of treating the patient — not insurance and all the other constraints we have in medical care in the U.S.," said Gentner.

The trip to Haiti gave Mannor a thankfulness for everything here in the U.S., from groceries to schools. "We have so many privileges here that they don't have in Haiti. I consider it a privilege to practice medicine here and be a part of peoples' lives and families."

Haiti at a glance

Where is Haiti?

It is located between Cuba and Puerto Rico, and south of the Turks and Caicos. It shares the Island of Hispaniola with the Dominican Republic.

Population:

9,896,000

Religion:

The state religion is Roman Catholicism, about 80 to 85 percent. Fifteen to 20 percent are Protestant. About half of the population practices Vodou, mostly along with another religion.



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Beth Gentner (left) gets ready to examine a patient during one of the village outreaches in Haiti.

“I wasn’t prepared for the poverty. It was a humbling experience.”

Beth Gentner

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TRIVIA BASKETBALL

Q Who is considered the shortest player in NBA history?

A At 5-foot-3 Tyrone "Mugsy" Bogues, who played from 1987 until 2001, is the answer. Bogues blocked 39 shots during his career.

First-year gymnastics team off to good start

►Squad consistently posting regional qualifying scores

By David Troppens
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It's the team's first year in existence.

But with their performances, one would never know. The Linden/Fenton/Lake

Fenton girls gymnastics team has been posting high team scoring and has had plenty of performances earning competitors a spot in regionals.

It's been a pretty strong first half for the team.

On Monday, the squad faced some adversity when two members of the six-person team were out sick, but the co-op program still put together

a strong team score of 131.925 in a loss to the Haslett/Williamston/Bath co-op. The home victors posted a score of 136.725.

Just four days earlier, the squad captured a victory at a tri-meet against Vassar and Cass City, posting a team score of 132.125.

"The gymnastics season has gotten off to a great start," coach Nancy Holden said. "The first-year team made up of mostly freshmen has made a great debut. They have quali-

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NICOLE HABERKAMP

Freshman on the Linden/Fenton/Lake Fenton gymnastics team

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SUPER BOWL ODDS & ENDS

Everyone knows the Super Bowl is this weekend. And for those who care, they can find a ton of ways to break down the New England Patriots and the Seattle Seahawks. So instead of trying to scout the players, we decided to add some Super Bowl information of a bit off-beat nature.

Betting on the coin toss

If one wants to, you can bet on who will win the coin toss and what side of the coin appears. If you believe in historical data about such things, you may want to bet on 'heads' and the NFC. Heads has been tossed each of the last five years. Meanwhile, the NFC has won the coin flip 15 of the last 17 years.

No favorite for the game?

There is a chance this could become the first Super Bowl without a betting favorite. The Seahawks opened as 2.5-point favorites but the line quickly dropped to pick 'em status, which means there is no line. There has never been a Super Bowl without a favorite. Of course, that could, and probably will, change by the time the game starts.

If there is a favorite, should you pick them?

That depends. In the short term, underdogs have won the game four of the last five seasons. However, through the Super Bowl's history, favorites have a 33-15 record straight up, and a 26-18-2 record against the spread. New England has been the favorite in their last four Super Bowls, going 2-2 in those contests. Seattle has never been favored when they've participated in the Super Bowl.

Fenton holds off pesky Eagles, 45-40

►Tigers hold off Linden's late surge to earn Metro victory

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Linden — Rivalry games can become sloppy but yet energy-driven contests frequently.

Quite often those types of games can become downright entertaining down the stretch as well.

Both comments held true for the first edition of the Fenton-Linden boys basketball rivalry of the school year.

In a game that saw the two teams combine for 40 turnovers and combine for just 29-of-84 shooting from the field (34 percent), the Tigers were able to hold off the host Eagles to capture a 45-40 victory on Friday night.

"It's always a big game. It's an important game," Fenton senior Beau LePage said. "I thought Linden played well, but we found a way to pull it off in the end.

"They played very hard. They

forced some turnovers at some key times when we should've taken care of the ball. Like I said, we found a way to pull it out at the end. We hit some key free throws and hit at a key layup at the end."

It didn't look like it would be a thriller down the stretch for a long time as Fenton held a double-digit lead for a good chunk of the contest. They earned the double-digit lead for the first time at 12-2 on a driving layup by Dillon Gardner with 1:52 left in the first quarter. That lead seemingly bounced in between 11 and 14 points most of the night, so the Eagles remained in the contest. Fenton led 37-23 after a steal and a breaking layup by Ben Hajciar, but a converted free throw by Linden's Kyle Korman cut the gap back to 37-24 entering the fourth quarter.

For the most part, the fourth quarter was owned by the Eagles as they clawed back into the contest. It was specifically owned by Logan Steiert. With Linden trailing 40-26, Steiert hit his first of three three-pointers in

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Linden's Logan Steiert (left) is grabbed by Fenton's Alec Thomas during the Tigers' 45-40 win on Friday.



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Linden's Madison Maxheimer (right) tries to find some room against Fenton's Carly Granger in the Eagles' 39-37 victory.

Eagles pull off upset vs. Lady Tigers, 39-37

By David Troppens
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Linden — Games can be a challenge when a basketball squad has just eight players.

That's the challenge the Linden varsity girls basketball team has faced all year this season.

But when a good moment comes, the positive is, chances are, everyone had a say in why the team earns it. That was the case on Friday night.

All eight Linden players put out a strong effort, helping lead the Eagles to a 39-37 upset victory against their biggest rivals, the Fenton Ti-

gers, at Linden High School.

"It is definitely hard (having just eight players) and it pays off with our hard work at practice and with all the sprints we do," senior Megan Kenney said. "It feels good to win a game like this. Everyone contributed to our win tonight."

"I think it was pretty cool," junior Taylor Smith said. "I don't know if everybody scored, but everybody did something to help us win."

The Eagles (3-4, 5-7) led most of the contest. Fenton's final lead came at 6-4 on a nice dish from Emma Evo to Carly Granger for a la-

yup with 2:21 left in the first quarter. However, Linden responded by scoring the quarter's final six points. The first two came on a Smith in-bound assist to Kenney for a hoop. The final two buckets were provided by Smith. One was a putback jumper with 21.3 seconds left in the period. The final one came on a steal she made resulting in a breaking layup right at the buzzer. Linden led 10-6 and never trailed again.

The Tigers (5-2, 5-5) may have never led again, but they were always in the ball game, closing the Linden

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Short-handed Bronchos win anyway, 50-31

By David Troppens
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The Holly boys varsity basketball team assured themselves of an undefeated record the first go-around in the Metro League on Friday.

They had to finish the task without their two top scorers.

With Kyle Woodruff and Jake Daniels out of the lineup, the Bronchos found other scoring options to earn a 50-31 road victory at Brandon High.

That other scoring option was Carman-Ainsworth transfer Ian Hodges, who was playing his first varsity game for the Holly program. He scored 17 points, leading the Bronchos (7-0, 8-2) to the victory.

"It was a great game, one of the best team efforts I've seen in my 10 years," Holly coach Lance Baylis said. "We were missing our two best players. But the guys came out with intensity we haven't seen."

Hodges scored seven of his 17 points during the first quarter, leading the Bronchos to a 19-3 lead after the end of the period. From there, Brandon played the Bronchos tough, but were unable to make a dent in the Holly lead.

"Hodges is a real basketball player through and through," Baylis said. "He can shoot, is a great passer and has great

vision. ... One of the things I know about Ian is he's a real gamer. When the lights come on, Ian shines. He's a great kid and a great student. It was his first varsity game and he came through."

Woodruff will be out indefinitely with a broken collarbone suffered during a recent practice going for a loose ball that also involved Daniels. Baylis said it was a coach's decision to sit Daniels for the contest.

Holly's defense was strong. Brandon scored 16 points in the second quarter, but the Blackhawks managed just 12 second-half points. Holly did help promote some of that in the second half, holding the ball for the last two minutes of the third quarter.

After Hodges' 17 points, Adam Tooley added 14 points and three steals.

**Goodrich 68,
Lake Fenton 55**

Leading 39-37 entering the fourth quarter, the Blue Devils were unable to hold on. Goodrich scored 31 fourth-quarter points, earning the Martians the road GAC Red Division victory.

Lake Fenton led 16-10 after one quarter, but never were able to increase the gap at any of the quarter breaks.

Jalen Miller and Jake Zielin-



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Holly's Adam Tooley scored 14 points in the Bronchos' 50-31 victory against the Brandon Blackhawks on Friday.

ski led the Blue Devils with 14 points each, while Isaac Golson netted 11 points. Andrew Foerster and Tyler Browning netted seven points each. Jaylin Fordham led Goodrich with 27 points.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL
Holly 45, Brandon 37**

Holly outscored Brandon 15-4 in the third quarter, leading the Bronchos to the victory.

Holly trailed 20-19 at the

half, but led 34-24 entering the fourth quarter.

Paige Reid had a big game for Holly, scoring a game-high 21 points. Kaitlyn Smith netted 18 points, while Brooke Jackman had five.

Goodrich 61, Lake Fenton 9

Lake Fenton scored three second-half points in the loss. Autumn Beardsley led the Blue Devils with five points, while Sydney Sheyachich netted two points.

TEAM

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fied as a team to compete at the regional meet, exceeding the team qualifying score of 120.00 at every competition thus far. The team has been averaging about 132.00 at each meet. With four meets left to go in the season we have had almost everyone hit their qualify score on each event to be able to compete on every event at the regional meet. I am confident at this point that we can make that happen."

On Monday, Miranda Stephens placed second in the all-around, earning a first on the beam and the bar. Jessica Richert was third in the all-around, earning third on the floor and fourth on the bars.

Stephens earned first in the all-around in the Thursday tri-meet against Vassar and Cass City. She also earned the top spot on the bar, the beam and the floor. She ended second on the vault. Richert placed second in the all-around, earning second on the beam, bars and floor. Jordan Dawson, Nicole Haberkamp and Macy Mitchell also earned finishes in some events in the top five at the event.

The Linden/Fenton/Lake Fenton gymnastics team returns to action on Saturday at the Tecumseh Invitational.

FENTON

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the fourth quarter, cutting the Fenton lead to 40-29. About a minute later, he hit two more treys within 30 seconds of each other, narrowing the Fenton margin to just 40-36 with 5:14 left. Linden cut the gap as close as 40-38 after a converted free throw by Steiert with 4:12 remaining.

A nice assist from LePage to Evan Welch upped the Fenton lead to 42-38, and a converted free throw by LePage, upped it to 43-38 with 1:41 remaining. Running out of time, the Eagles turned the ball over on their next possession and LePage pretty much iced the game with two converted free throws. Korman was able to hit a layup with 41.4 seconds left, but it was a case of too little, too late.

It was another tough loss for Linden (0-6, 1-9) who has had several competitive games only to fall short. On Friday, 22 turnovers and netting just 6-of-17 free throws ended up being the Eagles' ultimate downfall.

"These guys are so close and they are sick and tired of being in this position every single game," Linden varsity boys basketball coach Anthony Wright said. "They are playing hard and they are getting better. I hope we are able to win a few more down the stretch."

For Fenton (5-2, 5-4), the lead was established within the first 30 seconds when Austin Bossenberger and Alec Thomas hit consecutive three-pointers. What allowed Linden to hang within range was Fenton's 28 turnovers and 10-for-21 free-throw shooting.

"The last 45 seconds is what I'd like to focus on," Fenton varsity coach Tim Olszewski said. "We executed like we are



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Fenton's Evan Welch (left) is swarmed by Linden's Kyle Korman (right) and Johnny Campbell (center).

supposed to be executing during the final 45 seconds, like we should've been executing starting with 3:30 remaining. We didn't play our best. We panicked, but we gained our composure. The next time we are up by 10 (in the fourth quarter) hopefully we can learn from this and execute effectively. Time will tell if we got better tonight."

The contest featured only one double-digit scorer. That was Steiert with his game-high 15 points. Only Tyler Hoerberling scored as many as six points after Steiert for Linden. Fenton was paced by LePage's eight points. All of his points were scored at the charity stripe. Hajciar, Bossenberger and Evan Welch finished with five points. Fenton played without senior captain Ross Ebert, who scored 23 points against Davison on Tuesday. He suffered an ankle injury on Wednesday and could miss a couple of weeks.

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Fenton swimmers open Metro season with easy victory

By David Troppens

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The Fenton varsity boys swim team opened the Metro League season in style.

The squad earned the top time or score in all but three events, cruising to a 95-73 victory against the Kearsley/Clio co-op team.

Kyle Banner and Austin Landis took part in three of the firsts. The pair teamed with Joey Perrara and Brennan Henson to take the top spot in the 200 freestyle relay (1:40.76) and both captured two individual firsts. Landis won the 200 freestyle (1:56.48) and the 100 butterfly (1:01.20), while Banner took the top spot in the 200 individual medley (2:19.28) and the 100 backstroke (1:06.42).

Zac Miceli also had a big day, earning two individual firsts. He won the 50 freestyle (23.40) and the 500 freestyle (5:15.13). The

Tigers' final individual first was posted by Michael Fabatz in the 100 freestyle (54.40). Finally, the 400 freestyle relay team of Dan Kramer, Austin Jacob, Andrew Gabler and Hunter Smith ended the day with the top time in their event with a 3:59.94.

Ian MacPhail-Fausey earned two seconds for the Tigers, taking them in the 200 freestyle (2:02.42) and the 500 freestyle (5:32.22). Other individual second-place finishers were Fabatz in the 200 individual medley (2:25.81), Justin Beemer in the 100 freestyle (58.56), Perrera in the 50 freestyle (26.42), Hunter Smith in the 100 backstroke (1:12.48), Noah Sizemore in the 100 breaststroke (1:13.41) and Adam Kildow in diving (179.10).

Fenton travels to Holly for another Metro League meet on Thursday.



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Fenton's Michael Fabatz won the 100 freestyle (54.40) against Kearsley/Clio and also took second place in the individual medley (2:25.81). The Tigers won the dual meet 95-73.

PREP REPORT

HOCKEY

► **Mid-Michigan Storm 6, Metro League Griffins 5:** The Storm scored the game-winning goal with just three seconds remaining. With about two minutes left, Brendan Buerkel scored his third goal of the contest, tying it up at 5-all. Brandon Deiner and Connor Phillips scored goals for the Fenton/Linden co-op squad. Each scored a power-play goal.

BOYS BASKETBALL

► **Linden Freshmen 41, Fenton 36:** The Eagles (7-2) were paced by Blake Knox with 13 points, while Nick Koan netted 10 points. Fenton's Peter Kennings led all scorers with 20 points, while Nolan Lawrence chipped in 11 points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

► **Lake Fenton JV 42, Goodrich 15:** The Blue Devils' Taylor Cooper scored 11 points, leading Lake Fenton (5-1) to the win.

COMPETITIVE CHEER

► **Linden at Whitmore Lake Invitational:** The Eagles placed second with a three-round total team score of 651.90, about 15 points behind first-place Saline. Linden opened with a 202.0 first round and followed it with a 186.90 second round, the best in the squad's division. They finished with a 263.0 third round.

Linden's middle school team also competed and posted a third-place performance. They scored a 330.10 with their two rounds.

EAGLES

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edge to just one point three times in the second quarter. A Katie Conroy three-pointer with 26.1 seconds left in the half, cut the gap to 19-18, but once again Smith scored right before a buzzer, raising the gap to 21-18 entering halftime.

Linden had its foul issues in the second half, seeing Smith and Taylor DeGayner get whistled for their fourth fouls. Smith's fourth foul appeared to be the more damaging because it came with 5:04 left in the third quarter. However, the Eagles were able to keep grasp of a slim lead.

It wasn't until the fourth quarter that Linden actually created some distance. Fenton cut the gap to 32-28 on a Granger layup, but seconds later Smith entered the game for the first time since getting her fourth foul. When she did, she hit four consecutive free throws and dished an assist on a layup by Jordan Holscher, putting the Eagles up 38-28 with just under five minutes left.

The Tigers answered back with their own run, a nine-point run that ended with a putback hoop from Madeline

Carr. The Tigers trailed just 38-37 with 56.9 seconds left. Fenton had two possessions to either tie it or take the lead, but one possession ended in a missed shot and the other ended with a turnover. Then with 2.6 seconds left, DeGayner hit a free throw, raising the gap to 39-37. Fenton had a desperation 2/3rds-court shot by Granger to end the contest, but it wasn't converted.

"Being senior year, it feels great," Kinney said about the win. "It's the last time we'll play them on our home court. And I think this is a game we finally played all four quarters instead of just a half."

"I wanted this win so bad," Smith said. "I think we all did and it was exciting. It means a lot to our program because they are big rivals for us."

Smith led all scorers with 17 points. She also had five assists and three steals. DeGayner scored eight points, while Kinney had six points and 17 rebounds and two blocked shots.

Fenton was paced by Emma Evo's 11 points, 10 rebounds and three assists. Granger finished with eight points and four rebounds and three steals.

SYNOPSIS OF ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING JANUARY 26, 2015

Call to order @ 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Cole

Present: Ciesielski, Hallman, Cole, Schmidt and Graves. Absent: none.

Observed: Moment of silence in memory of David K. Allen, Virginia Stuart, Laura Leff and Joe Rodgerson.

Approved: Minutes as printed of December 22, 2014.

Approved: Payment of bills as presented.

Resolved: Adoption of 2012 edition of the International Fire Code.

Approved: Additional Police Officer scheduled to ensure safety of public for a large private event.

Approved: Funds from leased property to be dedicated to future park in next fiscal year.

Convened: Public Hearing for Park & Recreation Plan.

Closed: Public Hearing for Park & Recreation Plan.

Adopted: resolution 2015-1 5-year newly revised Parks and Recreation Plan with Linden Schools.

Approved: Treasurer to refund Lovejoy Rd. assessment received in error.

Authorized: Chief Allen to negotiate trade of old vehicle in lieu of payment for work on police vehicle.

Entered: Closed Board Session @ 7:30 p.m.

Reconvened: Regular Session @ 8:15 p.m.

Adjourned @ 8:16 p.m.

Submitted by Denise Graves
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JANUARY 21, 2015

REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Supervisor Smith, Clerk Winchester, Treasurer Freeman, Trustee Cornwell and Trustee Ruth.

Approved: Consent Agenda as Corrected.

Postponed: Hazardous Waste Disposal.

Approved: Planning Commission Appointment.

Approved: 2014 – 2017 Plumbing Inspector Contract.

Approved: 2014-2017 Building Inspector Contract.

Approved: 2014-2017 Electrical Inspector Contract.

Approved: 2014-2017 Mechanical Inspector Contract.

Approved: 2014-2017 Zoning Compliance for Building.

No Action: 2015 Winter Webinars.

Approved: Holly Academy 5 K Race – Proposed Resolution 2015-01.

Postponed: Personnel Policies and Procedures – Proposed Resolution 2015-02.

Approved: Response to Oakland County Commission Miscellaneous Resolution #14285 – Proposed Resolution 2015-03.

Approved: Censure Oakland County Commissioner Hoffman – Proposed Resolution 2015-04.

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Judy Kay Nelson - age 57, of Fenton, died Sunday, January 25, 2015. Funeral



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Thomas G. Willey

1944-2015

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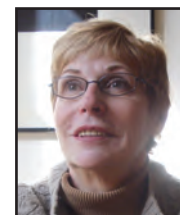
Tom was born in Flint, Michigan on September 10, 1944. He attended

Michigan State University. He worked as a partner in an accounting firm in Burton, Michigan for 30 years. He then moved with his wife Stephanie to Port Charlotte, Florida, where they soon opened a Play It Again Sports retail store. He enjoyed golf and collecting LGB model trains. He was a long time member of Spring Meadows Country Club in Linden and was a founding member of Riverwood Golf and Country Club in Port Charlotte, FL. In Tom's younger years he enjoyed competing in downhill, slalom skiing. In his later years, Tom would love family vacations in Colorado. In Michigan Tom loved to iceboat on Lake Fenton and when residing in Florida, he would run the gulf waters with friends and family. Tom is survived by his wife, Stephanie; brothers, Dick and Jim; sons, Scott, Craig and Don Hedrich; daughter, Denise; grandchildren, Marisa, Lauren, CJ, Reagan and Baily Yates and Connor and Carly Hedrich. The family wishes to extend their gratitude to TideWell Hospice in Englewood for their support in his final days. They also want to recognize Angel Flight Services for their contributions to the success of Tom's transplant. Celebration of Life will be held at the Willey Residence on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 from 3- 6 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests the memorial gifts be given to Organ Transplant Department at Mayo Clinic of Florida. Memorials can be made online at www.mayoclinic.org/development or mailed to Department of Development, Mayo Clinic, 200 First St. SW, Rochester, MN 55905.

Sharon Kay (Bush) Dawson

December 5, 1946 - December 31, 2014

Sharon Kay (Bush) Dawson - Sharon, daughter

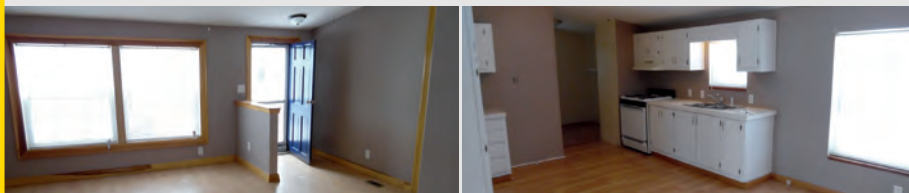


of Harry Cletus Bush and Doris Elizabeth (Beebe) Bush of Fenton,

died in the early morning on the final day of 2014. Her body was donated to the Humanity Gifts Registry, January 5, 2015. The Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine gratefully accepted this gift to science. Sharon excelled as a Neurological Medical Surgical Registered Nurse. She earned her degree from the St. Joseph School of Nursing in Flint, Michigan. It is fitting for her to continue to serve the cause of medical knowledge and scientific advancement even after her death. Sharon is survived by her husband, Graham Dawson, formerly of Fenton; her son, Frank V. Wolverton III of Marshall, Michigan; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; her two sisters, Alice Chrenko of Northville, Michigan, and Lyn (Marilyn) Virgin of Sun City, Arizona; two brothers, Ron Bush of Youngstown, Arizona and Fred Bush of Woodhaven, Michigan. For too brief an instant, Sharon was a loving stepmother to Eli, Sam and Ben Dawson. In the manner of Friends (Quakers,) a memorial service will be held at 2 PM, January 31, 2015 at Valley Friends Meeting, 1121 Old Eagle School Road, Wayne, PA 19087. Those unable to attend are encouraged to have their own memorial locally. In lieu of flowers or cards, tax-deductible donations can be made to honor the memory of Sharon to: Daemion Counseling Center, Attn: Donations, 95 Howellville Road, Berwyn PA 19312. http://www.daemioncounseling.org/donations/.

May she rest in peace

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
Mixed signals could create problems. Make sure your views are presented clearly, and insist others do the same. Don't let an unanswered question go by without a full explanation.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
Financial pressures ease, allowing for more budget flexibility. But as the money-wise Bovine will appreciate, thrift still beats out splurging. Expect news from someone special.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Getting things done is what you do so well. But be careful not to overtax your energy reserves. Take time out to relax or to do something different to help keep them at optimum levels.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
This is a good time to satisfy the Moon Child's growing sense of wanderlust. Choose a really special place to go to, with a very special person to share it all with you.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
You love being in the spotlight. But be careful it doesn't blind you to the truth behind a seemingly wonderful opportunity. Look closer and you might be sadly surprised at what you find.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Isn't it time to take a break from your hectic schedule? Sure it is. And the sooner you do, the sooner you can return fresh and more than ready to take on all those new projects.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
A recent family incident can help bring everyone closer, and there's no one who's better at making that happen than you. Accept (indeed, insist on!) help from others to get things off and running.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Long-held habits are often difficult to break. But the change from how you always did things to how you can do them now can be liberating.

So, be flexible and give it a try.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
Someone you met in your professional world last year and thought you would never hear from again could make a sudden reappearance in your life, along with an interesting job offer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Once again, you delight everyone by coming up with a solution for a problem that actually works. On another note, it's not too early to get started on those travel plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Before you go ahead with finalizing your plans for your new project, check them over to see if you can make some improvements or if you can find ways to cut costs.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)
The Fabulous Fish might have been out of the social swim for too long, and it's time you plunge back in. Reinforce your old friendships and be open to starting new ones.

WEDNESDAY JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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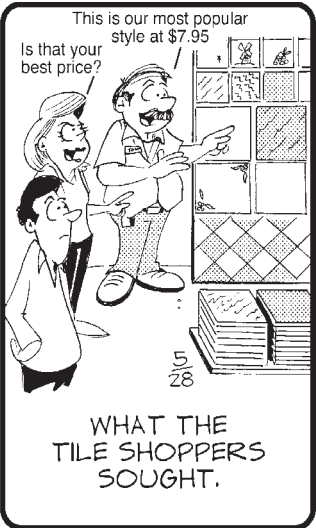
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

KING FEATURES

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- 1 Intelligent
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 - 12 Kid's injury
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 - 17 Haber-dasher's rackful
 - 19 "— Believer"
 - 20 Porno-graphy
 - 22 Perched
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 - 29 "Galloping dominoes"
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 - 35 "Ice Loves —"
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- 25 Faraway transport?
- 26 "Certainly"
- 28 Marc Mezvinsky, to Bill and Hillary
- 30 — -Magnon
- 31 Sixth sense
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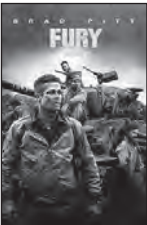
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DVD RELEASES



THE JUDGE
In "The Judge," Robert Downey Jr. stars as big city lawyer Hank Palmer, who returns to his childhood home

where his estranged father, the town's judge (Robert Duvall), is suspected of murder. He sets out to discover the truth and along the way reconnects with the family he walked away from years before. **R, 2 hr. 22 min**



FURY
April, 1945. As the Allies make their final push in the European Theatre, a battle-hardened army sergeant named War-

daddy (Brad Pitt) commands a Sherman tank and her five-man crew on a deadly mission behind enemy lines. Outnumbered and outgunned, and with a rookie soldier thrust into their platoon, Wardaddy and his men face overwhelming odds in their heroic attempts to strike at the heart of Nazi Germany. **R, 2 hr. 15 min**

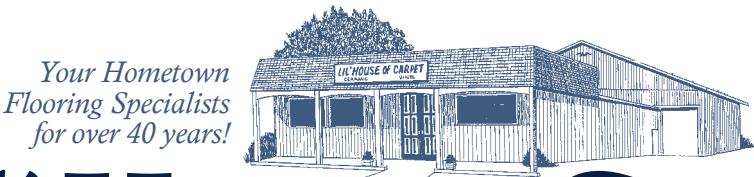




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