Want to learn to play an instrument?

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By Tim Jagielo

Lake Fenton High School Band Director Ryan Gonder leads the Symphonic Band through “Armed Forces on Parade,” for a patriotic performance in Washington, D.C. in the spring. He said he enjoys seeing his students engaged in the music while they perform. This is where music lessons end up for some — performing with others, in front of a crowd.

What do lessons cost?

At A Joyful Noise in Fenton, there are 10 options for private lessons, and many others for small group, and group classes. Instruction costs between $40 and $60 an hour, depending on the instructor.

Classes for children 0 to 6 can be found at blanchardstudio.yourvirtuoso.com, through Kindermusik. Also check out the Flint Institute of Music at thefim.org.

Instruments themselves vary widely in cost — you can buy new or used, electronic or acoustic. Band instruments can be rented or bought locally. Musiciansfriend.com lists a student violin for $159, for example. An electronic drum kit to save family members’ ears can cost $160 as well, to get started.
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Forget "till death do us part" — these celebrities couldn’t even make it a year. Here is a list of some of the shortest celebrity marriages.

**NICOLAS CAGE & LISA MARIE PRESLEY**

Elvis’ daughter, Lisa Marie Presley, married Nic Cage in 2002 and regretted the decision almost immediately. “I’m sad about this,” Presley said in a statement issued by her publicist. “But we shouldn’t have been married in the first place. It was a big mistake.”

**BRITNEY SPEARS & JASON ALEXANDER**

Britney Spears and childhood friend Jason Alexander went all in during a 2004 trip to Las Vegas. The pair said “I Do”... and 55 hours later said “I Don’t.”

**DREW BARRYMORE & TOM GREEN**

The couple enjoyed teasing the public about their impending wedding date — even staging a Saturday Night Live stunt to get the country clanning for the real thing. But in the end, the Hollywood couple enjoyed the thought of marriage much more than the action.

**KIM KARDASHIAN & KRIS HUMPHRIES**

Reality star Kim Kardashian and the basketball player Kris Humphries got married on August 20, 2011 in a $10 million ceremony that was filmed for a two-part special on E! Despite the media blitz, their marriage quickly crumbled and Kardashian filed for divorce after just 72 days.

**JENNIFER LOPEZ & CRIS JUDD**

Jennifer Lopez spent a brief seven months married to professional dancer and choreographer Cris Judd. The two met when Judd was hired to perform in her music video for “Love Don’t Cost a Thing.” Married in September 2001, the couple called it quits by June of the following year.

**AXL ROSE & ERIN EVERLY**

Guns N’ Roses rocker Axl Rose wed Erin Everly, the muse behind his hit song “Sweet Child o’ Mine,” in a quickie wedding in Las Vegas. Unfortunately, their marriage didn’t make it to day 30.

**RENÉE ZELLWEGER & KENNY CHESNEY**

Renée Zellweger once thought Kenny Chesney’s tractor was sexy. The pair, who wed in May 2005, tied the knot on the Caribbean island of St. John, a mere four months after they met at a tsunami-relief event. But like their brief courtship, their marriage quickly ended.
Kathy Hunt

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Ordinance No. 690

Ordinance No. 690, which amends the City of Fenton Human Rights Ordinance No. 679 to renumber said ordinance which shall result in adding Chapter 15.5 Human Rights to the City of Fenton Code, and to repeal all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict therewith, was enacted by the Fenton City Council.

Ordinance No. 690 was adopted at a regular meeting of the Fenton City Council held on February 9, 2015. This Ordinance will take effect upon publication.

The complete text of Ordinance No. 690 is on file in the office of the City Clerk and available for review by the general public during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

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She runs the Kindermusik program out of her home in Fenton, under the umbrella of her business, Blanchard Music Studio.

At Lake Fenton High School, Band Director Ryan Gonder prepared his symphonic band for a show this spring in Washington, D.C., as other local high schools rehearsed for the next event.

There’s music happening at all levels all around the tri-county area, all the time, and experts agree — learning an instrument is good for you. Blanchard said, “It’s a motivator for so many things. It engages children in a way that nothing else can.”

Gonder said music helps connect the brain hemispheres at a young age, and can enhance development. It can become a relaxing hobby at an older age, and a great brain workout for anyone.

Lake Fenton students can take music all the way up from the elementary level. A “true music education” seems to enhance ACT scores, though Gonder can’t say for sure if it’s causal. “It might be that smart kids get involved in music, or music makes you smart.”

Scientists measuring brain activity see a jubilee of fireworks go off in the brain of a musician the moment they pick up their music instrument.

To get started in music as a child in school, it’s easy — engage with the program at school.

For adults, Fleck, who plays string bass, suggests sitting in on an orchestra rehearsal to see which instrument interests you, and see how they work.

Gonder said that it’s difficult to decide which instruments are more challenging to learn. Something that requires careful breath support, like a French horn, would be difficult. Adults might find that learning an instrument is harder for them than it would be for a child.

Blanchard said that although her children can play piano and are taking violin lessons, the violin might be more difficult because of the control and the ear that it takes — although a piano demands all 10 fingers be used in rhythm at once.

A good place to start might be private music lessons, and then jump into working and playing with other musicians at a similar skill level.

“You’re sharing something with other people, with the joy of music,” said Fleck, adding that working in the group can keep you going. When you have to get ready to perform, you work harder at it. “It’s very easy to quit if you’re on your own,” she said.

CITY OF LINDEN – PUBLIC HEARING ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT
The Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., as part of the regular meeting agenda, in the Council Chambers located at 201 N. Main Street, Linden, Michigan, to consider an amendment to Section 9.8.2 of the City of Linden Zoning Ordinance pertaining to the membership of the Sign Review Committee. The text of the proposed amendments is available for review at the city offices during normal business hours. Persons wishing to comment on the matter are encouraged to attend the public hearing or to address written comments to the City Clerk in City Hall at PO. Box 507, 132 E. Broad Street, Linden, Michigan 48451 prior to the date of the public hearing.
What scholarships are you applying for?

Lucy Reigle
Senior
“I am applying for honors scholarships at Ferris State University.”

Nic Knoch
Senior
“I am applying for scholarships from US First Robotics Organization and Michigan Tech.”

Chloe Frey
Senior
“I am mostly applying for academic scholarships.”

Emma Donnelly
Senior
“The Lake Fenton scholarship and academic from Oakland University.”

Justin Boyle
Senior
“I am strictly applying for robotics scholarships.”

Wiley Thomas
Senior
“Robotics scholarships along with a few others I may apply for in the future.”

Happy, snowy trails at Dauner-Martin

Sunday afternoon weather was pleasant for a hike through Dauner-Martin Nature Preserve in Fenton. (Above) Cindy Ross walks Smokey, her 12-year-old Australian cattle dog mix toward Dauner Road. (Below) Brothers Antonio Caballero, 17, and Francisco, 11, build a snowman. Because the preserve is so close to their home, “There’s no point not to go,” said Antonio, who goes at least once per week.

The buck stays here!


Beauty and the Beast
Young People’s Ballet Theatre presents Beauty and the Beast at the University of Michigan-Flint Theatre, Feb. 26-March 1. Join the storybook characters for a tea party at Blackstone’s Grill, March 1 at 12 p.m., includes seating at the Sunday 2 p.m. show and a gift from Belle. Tickets: tututix.com/ypbt, (855) 222-2849.
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Upgrade your home’s interior with easy fixes

Larger updates will take more resources and planning, but will make your home ready for spring.

By Sally Rummel news@tctimes.com, 810-629-8282

The best cure for cabin fever is to keep busy, and there’s no better place to start this time of year than inside your home.

Looking at your four walls during these long winter months makes you see all the home interior possibilities that will freshen your living space for the coming spring.

Some of the projects you may want to tackle include short-term and long-term upgrades. Let’s start with the projects that are easy on the budget and your time, then we’ll tackle those long-term projects that require more planning and resources.

EASY FIXES

• Paint a wall with an accent color that you pick up from a favorite accessory or piece of furniture.
• Paint the ceiling a darker color than the walls to cozy up a room.

Here’s a budget bathroom makeover

6 simple steps to re-finishing the vanity

When you’re changing the flooring in your kitchen or bath, that’s the time to put in the heated flooring. You’ll never regret doing it, but you’ll always be sorry if you don’t.

Scott Tarkleson Fenton Lakes Building & Design

Remove all hardware and cabinet doors.
Prime cabinet door fronts, drawers and frame with oil-based primer. Sand away any brush strokes or drips.
Paint with two coats of either oil-based paint in semi-gloss, or latex paint especially designed for bathrooms.
Reattach doors/drawer fronts and hardware.

If your bathroom contains a typical dated oak vanity, globe lighting with gold fixtures, here’s an affordable, not-too-time-consuming budget fix, according to a blog on Centsational Girl.

Clean all parts of cabinetry and lightly sand with medium grit sanding wedge to remove any debris.
Tape off walls, countertops and flooring with painter’s tape.

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This project also included disassembling the faucet and painting over the gold with a nickel paint, adding a new light fixture and frame around the mirror.

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Pair it with new colors for an exciting new look at home

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“Fifty Shades of Grey” may be the name of a new movie based on a series of titillating novels, but it also speaks volumes about the continuing popularity of the color gray as a neutral for home décor.

“Gray is still our most popular neutral paint palette,” said Morgan Freeborg of Sherwin Williams Paints in Fenton. “Greys don’t age a home’s decor like beiges do. Be sure to choose a rich gray tone in gold, green or blue to avoid an industrial ‘garage-feel’ in your home.”

A fresh coat of paint is still the best “bang for your buck” in bringing a new look to your home’s interior.

“People are playing with different sheens, like flat on walls and semi-gloss on trim,” said Freeborg, who provides in-store design help for customers who request it. “Popular this year is the matte finish, which is in between a flat and a satin. Gray is still the neutral of choice; it’s a good foundation, which allows you to ease into color. Blues and teals are very pretty with grays.”

If you’re planning to play a bit with color this spring while tackling a paint job, you might want to look at some of the color trends for 2015.

The Pantone Color Institute has once again made its selection of “Color of the Year,” choosing Marsala, named after the full-bodied wine. It’s a rich and welcoming hue in paint, accent pieces and upholstery, especially when the color is applied to textured surfaces, such as rugs and upholstered living room furniture, according to the Pantone website. It’s a natural fit for the kitchen and dining room, providing a unifying element for walls, tabletops and linens. The hue will be especially prominent in striped and floral patterns found in printed placemats, dinnerware, bedding and throws.

Marsala combines dramatically with neutrals, including warmer taupes and grays. Because of its burnished undertones, this sultry hue is highly compatible with amber, amber and golden yellows, greens in both turquoise and teal and blues in the more vibrant range.

Speaking of blues, dark navy is a growing trend because of its versatility with other colors, including pink, cream, gray, coral and sage.

With so many choices, a wise homeowner will take home a sample of custom-mixed paint in the desired hue and try it out on a wall, or at least on a poster board “swatch.” The natural light at home, plus the ability to try out the color with your own home furnishings, will make it more likely that the paint will be the exact color you were looking for.

The right tools for the job

For a consistent, long-lasting finish, you need to apply paint with high quality brushes and rollers for a thicker, more uniform and durable coat of paint. Top quality equipment will also speed up and simplify your work.

“Having the right brushes and rollers is huge, when it comes to the outcome of your paint job,” said Ken McKay, of McKay’s Do-it-Best Hardware in Holly.

Which brush do you need?

Match the size and shape of your brushes to the job at hand — large brushes for
When it comes to organizing your home, one of the hardest spots may just be your closet. Closets serve many purposes, as you likely know. The closet isn’t just home to clothes — it can often become a catchall to many items.

Holly resident Brigitte Todd of Clatter T.O.S.S. said, “They tend to be over filled. The results are no space, wasted time in searching, being late, and the emotional stress one feels as a consequence.”

If your closet is causing you stress, it’s time to get it organized. As an expert at decluttering and organization, Todd has many tips for getting your closet back in shape.

First, she said, “Go through your closet and anything not being worn should go.” Damaged and stained items should be gotten rid of, including items with any bad memory associations. For anyone without time, or motivation, for a closet redo, Todd suggested, “Take all the clothing on hangers and hang the hangers backwards in your closet. As you use items in your closet, hang them correctly.” This will show you what you’ve worn and what you haven’t, making it an easier decision on what to toss.

Don’t just throw all the unwanted stuff in the trash to go to the landfill. Todd said, “Have a container to put clothes that you wish to donate.” When your container is full, drop it off at Goodwill.

Todd also suggested ensuring that you use all of the available space in your closet. “The high shelf, the back of the doors and the walls are all great spaces to use to their fullest potential,” she said. “On the high shelf, place items that you use the least. If they are used rarely but needed, perhaps you can find a place elsewhere in the house,” she added. Use the back of the door too, by hanging a towel bar for scarves or belts, or a pocket organizer for the small items in your closet. She said, “The walls too can be used to hang hooks, bars or small shelves.”

Once your closet has been decluttered, Todd said, “Everything in your closet should — fit well, be worn regularly and project the image you want to project. Any clothing that does not fall into one of these categories should be gone.”

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- Give a room an updated look with an accent wall of wallpaper in a geometric print or texture.
- Use indigo blue or deep navy as an accent color, as the perfect complement to Marsala, the 2015 Pan tone Color of the Year, according to Zillow Digs home design expert Kerrie Kelly.
- Change out knobs or handles in cabinetry, dressers and vanities for an easy, updated look. “Be sure to measure carefully where the holes are, so you don’t have to fill in holes later,” said Scott Tarkleson of Fenton Lakes Building & Design.
- Re-facing or re-painting cabinets for a fresh new look. Try a vanity in your bathroom first (see sidebar).
- Update your kitchen or bath countertops with granite or quartz. “I’ve sold more quartz countertops than ever before,” said Tarkleson.
- **Learn how to design and install your own backsplash for an easy and affordable new look in your kitchen.** Check out do-it-yourself workshops at home retailers or youtube.com videos to get started.
- **Install chair rails and moldings on walls, around ceilings and doors to add a touch of class and texture to any room.**

**Larger Upgrades**

Kitchens and baths are always a good place to start, according to Tarkleson. “To create an open concept floor plan, you can gain space by removing the walls from a small formal dining room and small kitchen.”

Here are a few other large upgrades:

**KITCHEN**

- Add a second sink for food preparation. “People want to have room for two cooks in the kitchen,” said Tarkleson.
- Add a second oven.
- **The newest cabinetry style is painted cabinets.** Custom painted cabinets allow homeowners to match, accent and customize their new cabinets. “People are mixing up cabinet colors, using whites and tans on cabinetry and an accent color on an island, for example,” said Tarkleson.
- Engineered wood-look laminates are becoming more and more popular. “Many of our clients are requesting heated floors in their kitchens, for cozy comfort for early morning coffee and late-night snacking,” said Tarkleson.

**BATH**

- Big showers with multiple showerheads and Euro-style glass shower doors continue to be the most popular bath renovations, according to Tarkleson.
- Oversized deep soaking tubs are more popular than hot tubs or air tubs for the bath, but most homeowners are replacing tubs with large showers.
- **Electric heated floors under tile are becoming an affordable luxury,** said Tarkleson. For 50 square feet of heated flooring, you can expect to pay about $400 for the heating units, plus $300 to $400 to wire and install, adding the cost of tile. “When you’re changing the flooring in your kitchen or bath, that’s the time to put in the heated flooring,” said Tarkleson. “You’ll never regret doing it, but you’ll always be sorry if you don’t.”

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large surfaces and small brushes for small areas. For interior walls and ceilings, use brushes between 3 inches and 4 inches wide. To cut in corners of walls, use a 2-inch wide brush with tapered edges. When applying any type of latex paint, use only brushes with synthetic bristles. With oil-based paints, you can use either natural or synthetic bristle brushes.

Selecting paint rollers
You’ll need several different sizes, depending on whether you’re painting large surfaces or a small area. When using latex paint, use roller covers with a synthetic nap. When applying alkyd or oil-based paints, you can use either synthetic or natural fiber covers. In general, you should paint smooth surfaces with short-nap rollers and rough surfaces with long-nap rollers.

Source: BobVila.com

What home improvement project would you like to tackle first this year?

“We’re finishing up painting a beach scene in our bedroom.”
Megan Worley
Fenton

“We’re re-doing our kitchen, starting with the cabinets and countertop.”
Darren Warford
Fenton Township

“We just remodeled our entire home and are putting it up for sale.”
Shannon Spencer
Linden

“We’re going to have our 15-year-old roof re-done.”
Cheryl Ryarson
Fenton Township

“I’m going try to re-do the electrical job that a drunken electrician did in 1996.”
Terry Paul
Holly Township

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Warm grays, tailored accents, texture are trending in 2015

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If you want to have windows that make your friends jealous, it helps to look into the trends and designs that are being predicted for the year. The New Year is well under way, and folks are busy talking about beautiful Victorian patterns that will be adorning many a window.

Actually, Victorian and art deco are the looks to watch for according to HGTV. They both add whimsy and texture to your home’s overall look.

When visiting the store to purchase your window treatments, you can expect to see more subtle color palettes, with relaxing grays and pale blues. These tones will match up well with other natural tones that are popular right now.

Pale isn’t the only way to go, though. There will be some more loud colors from nature out there too. The bright floral colors of the Brazilian rainforest are also looking to be in style this year.

According to Dawn Volz, at Interiors by Bonnie in Fenton, “We are still seeing a lot of browns, but now they are merging into a gray/brown.” She said the gray is staying a warm tone, such as cement colors.

One of the biggest judges of the popular color palette each year is Pantone, an X-Rite company and the global color

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Common mistakes made on home renovation projects

Home improvement projects can turn a house into a home. Homeowners plan scores of renovations to transform living spaces into rooms that reflect their personal tastes and comforts.

Homeowners going it alone may find things do not always go as planned. In fact, a Harris Interactive study found that 85 percent of homeowners say remodeling is a more stressful undertaking than buying a home. But homeowners about to embark on home improvement projects can make the process go more smoothly by avoiding these common pitfalls.

**Failing to understand the scope of the project**
Some homeowners don’t realize just how big a commitment they have made until they get their hands dirty. But understanding the scope of the project, including how much demolition and reconstruction is involved and how much time a project will take can help homeowners avoid some of the stress that comes with renovation projects. For example, a bathroom renovation may require the removal of drywall, reinforcement of flooring to accommodate a new bathtub or shower enclosure and the installation of new plumbing and wiring behind walls. So such a renovation is far more detailed than simply replacing faucets.

**Not establishing a budget**
Homeowners must develop a project budget to ensure their projects do not drain their finances. If your budget is so inflexible that you can’t afford the materials you prefer, you may want to postpone the project and save more money so you can eventually afford to do it right.

Without a budget in place, it is easy to overspend, and that can put you in financial peril down the line. Worrying about coming up with money to pay for materials and labor also can induce stress. Avoid the anxiety by setting a firm budget.

**Making trendy or overpersonal improvements**
Homeowners who plan to stay in their homes for the long run have more free reign when it comes to renovating their homes. Such homeowners can create a bilateral system where they can do things their way and also make it easier to sell if they so prefer. However, if the goal is to make improvements in order to sell a property, overly personal touches may create a proprio less appealing to prospective buyers. Trends come and go, and improvements can be expensive. If your ultimate goal is to sell your home, opt for renovations that will look beautiful through the ages and avoid bold choices that may only appeal to a select few buyers.

**Expecting everything to go smoothly**
Optimism is great, but you also should be realistic. Knowing what could go wrong puts you in a better position to handle any problems should they arise. The project might go off without a hitch, but plan for a few hiccups along the way.

**Overestimating DIY abilities**
Overzealous homeowners may see a renovation project in a magazine or on television and immediately think they can do the work themselves. In the long run, leaving the work to a professional may save you money.

**How thermostats save money and energy**
Homeowners who have not yet upgraded to a programmable thermostat could be doing themselves a significant disservice. Not only are programmable thermostats key to saving energy, they also save money.

The Alliance for Environmental Sustainability notes that for every degree they adjust their thermostats, homeowners save between 1 and 3 percent on their heating and cooling bills. Setting the thermostat slightly warmer in the summer and a notch or two cooler in the winter can save a considerable amount of energy and money. The United States Department of Energy says homeowners who make slight seasonal adjustments to their thermostats can save as much as 10 percent a year on heating and cooling costs.

But such adjustments are only truly effective when homeowners commit to them on a daily basis. The best way to stay on top of temperature settings is to purchase a programmable thermostat, which allows homeowners to predetermine when heat or air conditioning will turn on and off. Many programmable thermostats can store multiple daily settings, allowing homeowners to further customize their heating and cooling schedules based on the time of day as well as the day of the week.

According to Energy.gov, a common misconception associated with thermostats is that a furnace or an air conditioning system works harder than normal to get the space back to a comfortable temperature after the thermostat has been set back, and that this hard work means the overall savings are negligible. However, when a home’s interior temperature is similar to the temperature outside, the home will lose energy to the surrounding environment more slowly. The lower the interior temperature, the slower the heat loss in cold weather, and a higher interior temperature will slow the flow of heat into your house in hot weather.

Programmable thermostats are available in a variety of models. Some are as much as $250 more expensive than others. Certain thermostats can be linked to a home’s wireless system so that adjustments to the thermostat can even be made when you are not at home. Consult with an HVAC expert to see if a particular thermostat works best with your system. Some homes may benefit from a dual- or multi-zoned system, which allows homeowners to adjust the temperature independently from other floors or wings of a home.

The location of the thermostat also is important. The thermostat should be placed where it can get the most accurate reading of the house. It should be on an interior wall away from direct sunlight, doorways, drafts, and windows. It should not be directly facing an air vent. Avoid placing furniture above or below the thermostat, as such furnishings can impede proper air flow.

If you feel like your HVAC system is cycling on and off even after programming, you may need to call a technician who can determine if there are any obstructions to the thermostat or if the unit is the appropriate size for your home.
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NOTICE OF SIDE-YARD SETBACK VARIANCE, REAR-YARD SETBACK VARIANCE AND MINIMUM LOT AREA VARIANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with Articles 16, 17 and 25 of the Village of Holly Zoning Ordinance, the Village of Holly Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing for a request for a reduced front yard setback variance on March 2, 2015 at 7:00 PM (or as soon thereafter as possible) in the Holly Area Schools Board of Education Meeting Room located at 920 E. Baird Street, Holly, MI 48442.

An application has been received for reduced side-yard setbacks, reduced rear-yard setbacks, and reduced minimum lot area requirements filed by John Abro – Abro Design Group on behalf of Ray Anton for a portion of the property located at 15191 N. Holly Road, which bears tax identification number 17-01-27-151-016. The applicant is applying for side-yard setback variances and rear-yard setback variances to allow the building to be located not closer than 11 feet from the lot line and locate 20 one-bedroom and 8 two-bedroom dwelling units on a lot 43,500 sq. ft., all of which are less than required under Article 16-A, Schedule of Regulations for Principal Buildings, Residential District.

Written comments may be submitted to the Village Clerk-Treasurer, 300 East Street, Holly, Michigan 48442 prior to the meeting and may also be submitted at the meeting. All documents pertinent to the application are available for inspection in the Village Offices at the above address during regular business hours.

Interested persons are encouraged to attend the meeting. Handicapped persons needing assistance to attend are asked to contact the village offices at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at (248) 634-9571 during regular business hours.

Cathlene Behrens
Clerk-Treasurer, Village of Holly

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**CITY OF FENTON ORDINANCE NO. 689**

Ordinance No. 689, which amends Article 22, Signs, of the City of Fenton Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 36 of the City of Fenton Code) was enacted by the Fenton City Council.

The following sections of Article 22 were amended:

Section 22.04(c) - General Standards for Permitted Signs: wording requiring that new box sign panels with a white or tan background be blackened internally so only the letters show when illuminated.

Section 22.05 – add the words ‘or approved private street’ to footnote (a) of Section 22.05.

Section 22.05 – Specific Sign Standards, footnote (c), Changeable message signs: These amendments will eliminate changeable message wall signs in any commercial or industrial district and all changeable message signs in the CBD, Central Business District, while allowing them for institutional uses in residential districts with Planning Commission approval.

Section 22.05(c) – Specific Sign Standards, Projecting and Canopy Signs: Word- ing clarification and a reduction in the size of projecting signs from 32 to 16 square feet in area.

Section 22.05 (g) – Vehicle Signs – eliminate language in Section 22.05(g)(1)(a)

Section 22.08 – Changes to Permitted Signs. This is an added Section that requires a new sign permit for physical, structural and electrical changes to an existing permitted sign.

Section 22.09 – Former section 22.08 – Administration and Appeals of Sign Ordinance Standards has been renumbered as Section 22.09.

Ordinance No. 689 was adopted at a regular meeting of the Fenton City Council held on February 9, 2015. This Ordinance will take effect seven (7) days following publication.

The complete text of Ordinance No. 689 is on file in the office of the City Clerk and available for review by the general public during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

ADOPTED: February 9, 2015

EFFECTIVE: February 22, 2015

PUBLISHED: February 15, 2015

Renée Wilson
City Clerk

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**NOTICE TO THE TAXPayers AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF GROVELAND TOWNSHIP 2015 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING**

The Board of Review of the Township of Groveland will meet at the GROVELAND TOWNSHIP HALL, 4695 Grange Hall Road, Holly, Michigan, Upper Level, for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll and hearing any objections thereof, at the following dates and time:

- **Tuesday, March 5, 2015**
  - 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

- **Monday, March 9, 2015**
  - 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM
  - 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

- **Wednesday, March 11, 2015**
  - 1:00 PM to 4:30PM
  - 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Additional days will be scheduled, if necessary, to give everyone an opportunity to appeal their assessment.

Property owners may file their protests by letter provided they are received at the Township Hall by Monday March 2, 2015.

For those wishing to protest in person, please schedule an appointment by calling:

**OAKLAND COUNTY EQUALIZATION DIVISION**

248-975-9611

If you have any questions regarding the above notice, please feel free to call GROVELAND TOWNSHIP OFFICE during regular business hours at (248) 834-4152.

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2015 BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE
ROSE TOWNSHIP
9080 Mason St
Holly, Michigan 48442

MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

The 2015 Rose Township Board of Review will be held at the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan on the following dates and times:

March 3, 2015 2:00 pm Organizational Meeting

Appointments will begin on:
March 5, 2015 2:00 pm Organizational Meeting
March 5, 2015 9:00 am – 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
March 9, 2015 9:00 am – 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
March 9, 2015 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
March 11, 2015 9:00 am – 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

For an appointment, please call Oakland County Equalization Division, toll free, 1-888-350-0900, extension 80773 or (248) 858-0773.

Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to 15 minutes.

Property owners may appeal by mail if received by 4:00 PM March 11, 2015.

All agents protesting values on property other than their own must have written authorization from each property owner they are representing.

Handicapped persons needing assistance to attend the meeting are asked to contact the Rose Township Clerk (248) 634-8701 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

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Twins come up with solution that doubles the trouble

DEAR AMY: I am a father of 17-year-old twin daughters graduating soon from high school. I divorced seven years ago. My ex-wife remarried immediately; I have not. She is no longer the woman I married 27 years ago. My ex-wife anticipates hosting a graduation party at their house to which I will not be invited. This does not sit well with my daughters. One daughter wants to say that if I am not invited, the girls and I will rent a facility, throw a party, and that neither my ex-wife nor her husband will be invited (I wouldn’t care if they were invited or not). What should my daughters do, and how can I help them? — All About the Kids

DEAR ALL ABOUT: You sound like a laid-back but very proactive and protective father. Good for you! Though I think you should be proud of your kids for advocating for you, I don’t think they should be encouraged to throw a competing graduation party. It is basically the mirror image of the party being hosted at home — complete with the exclusion of parents. I believe that if you do choose to host a graduation party, you should not hold it the same day. Also let the daughters know that you don’t exclude family members and that their mother and stepfather would be invited.

DR. ROACH: I had surgery on my right wrist for carpal tunnel syndrome eight months ago. The numbness in my fingers has not changed. Now I’m faced with the same problem in my left hand. I’m going to forget surgery, seeing as it wasn’t successful in my right hand. I decided to go to an acupuncturist for laser treatments. I also had a cortisone shot. However, it’s possible that the diagnosis was wrong or that the surgery might not have been effective, even if done promptly. At least one study of needle acupuncture showed that it is as effective as a cortisone injection. This study excluded people who already had fixed numbness in the fingers, who are less likely to be helped by any treatment. I have not found any evidence that laser treatment is effective. My advice is to first be sure of the diagnosis. An EMG test is a study of nerve function, which can confirm the diagnosis and may be able to predict how much damage there is and provide guidance on treatment. If damage is not too severe, other treatments — such as splinting, medication, yoga or ultrasound — may be helpful. If advanced, surgery done quickly still may be your best bet.

Carpal tunnel syndrome keeps getting worse

It sounds to me like the first surgery was not done soon enough to prevent damage. If that’s the case, then surgery on your left hand, done sooner after the onset of symptoms, might prevent the long-term numbness present in your right hand. However, it’s possible that the diagnosis was wrong or that the surgery might not have been effective, even if done promptly. At least one study of needle acupuncture showed that it is as effective as a cortisone injection. This study excluded people who already had fixed numbness in the fingers, who are less likely to be helped by any treatment. I have not found any evidence that laser treatment is effective. My advice is to first be sure of the diagnosis. An EMG test is a study of nerve function, which can confirm the diagnosis and may be able to predict how much damage there is and provide guidance on treatment. If damage is not too severe, other treatments — such as splinting, medication, yoga or ultrasound — may be helpful. If advanced, surgery done quickly still may be your best bet.

CHILI HUMMUS

INGREDIENTS:
• 1/4-1/2 C. extra virgin olive oil, divided
• 1/2 cup yellow onion, roughly chopped
• 1 jalapeno, roughly chopped
• 2 (15 oz.) cans dark red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
• 2-3 T. chili powder
• 1-2 T. cloves garlic
• 1-2 T. cumin
• 1-2 T. smoked paprika
• 2 limes, zest and juice
• 1/2 cup yellow onion, roughly chopped
• 1/4-1/2 C. extra virgin olive oil, divided

DIRECTIONS
1. Heat 1 Tbsp. olive oil in sauté pan at medium-high heat. Add chopped onion and jalapeno and cook until soft and browned, about 5-7 minutes.
2. Add sautéed onion and jalapeno, kidney beans, 2 Tbsp. tomato juice, tomato paste, garlic cloves, spices, zest and juice of 1 lime and a dash of salt and pepper to a food processor; turn it on and drizzle in olive oil until it forms a smooth paste. Add more tomato juice if it is too thick, and add more lime juice if it needs more acidity. Process again until you reach desired consistency. Season with salt and pepper and other spices as desired.
3. Garnish with cilantro, kidney beans, cheese, black olives and/or other toppings, as desired.
4. Serve with tortilla chips for dipping!

Note: This recipe is very versatile, so make changes as you wish and taste along the way.

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