If traveling is in your future this spring or summer, it’s time to pull out your luggage and see what you might need to “get a grip” on your most important traveling companions.

It used to be easy to buy luggage, with most of your decision based on selecting a durable piece that you liked. But it has become a much more confusing issue now, with airline policies dictating your luggage purchases more than your own preferences. Consumer Reports suggest that you check with your airline before you pick and pack a bag every time you travel.

Here are a few things to consider when selecting luggage:
• Don’t pay attention to labels like “Official Carry-on Luggage,” because each airline has its own restrictions. As a general rule, for most U.S. domestic flights, a 22-inch upright bag will do. For overseas flights, you’d be safer with a bag 20-inches tall.
• For bags you want to stow underneath the seat in front of you, look for bags with names like wheeled tote, under seat carry-on or cabin bag. These bags are smaller than ones that can go in the overhead bin.

“A large group of travelers were flying home from Cancun in the big storm on Feb. 1. The airlines had to leave 108 pieces of luggage behind for less weight for re-fueling. Be sure you don’t pack valuables or medication in your bags, in case you run into a situation like this.”

Diane Roberts
Superior Travel

Pro packing tips
Tip #1
Pack lightly. Most people way over-pack. If you have forgotten something, you can always pick up an item you need at your destination, or use on-site laundry facilities.

Randy Church, Travel Brokers

Tip #2
Don’t pack any valuables or medication in your checked baggage that you couldn’t live without. Your luggage may be lost or stolen.

Diane Roberts, Superior Travel

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See LUGGAGE on 2B
What is the worst Michigan road you have ever driven on?

“West Rolston Road, because it is less than twenty years old and everything they patch comes out.”

— Edward Stevens
Linden

“State Road because it is in very poor condition and there is not enough maintenance.”

— Gail Krapkowski
Fenton

“Warellow Road because pavement is fully deteriorated for years.”

— Chuck Dittmar
Grand Rapids Township

“I-31, because there are a lot of potholes.”

— Barbara Mitchell
Grand Rapids Township

“A dirt road just south of Munising, because it was a wash board for about five miles.”

— John Stengel
Gaines Township

“US-23, because it always seems to have black ice.”

— Katie McQueen
Linden

LUGGAGE
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- **Make sure you find** the actual weight of the bag printed on the sales tag, according to TV travel expert Samantha Brown. A carry-on should weigh less than 10 pounds.
- **If you’re buying larger luggage to check in, the most common sizes are 24 to 30 inches.** Before buying a larger size up to 36 inches, check with the carrier for size limits.
- **Soft-sided or hard shell?** Soft-sided luggage is made of fabrics that move and yield, and is usually lighter in weight and can compress to fit tight spaces. Hard shell luggage is best for protecting the contents of your luggage from breakage. Made with today’s high-tech plastics, most hard-shell pieces are lightweight and durable.
- **Compartments or roomy interior?** Travelers who like everything well organized may want to consider luggage with designated compartments for everything. If you like to design your own system, look for luggage with few or no compartments and organize using packing cubes. Compartments may be more of a necessity for carry-on bags so you have easy access to necessities on the flight.
- **Basic black has become like a uniform,** so if you want your luggage to be easy to identify at baggage claim, buy something that will stand out better than black. Otherwise, be sure to put something personal, such as ribbon or tape, on the outside of your bag to distinguish it from a sea of other black bags.

**PACKING TIPS**
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**Tip #3**
Leave space in your bag for souvenirs to bring home.
Randy Church, Travel Brokers

**Tip #4**
Put your name and phone number on your luggage tag AND inside your bag, in case the tag gets separated from the bag.
Diane Roberts, Superior Travel

**Tip #5**
Always think of the possibility your luggage could be lost or delayed. Pack a change of clothes in your carry-on bag, in case your luggage doesn’t get to your room right away.
Randy Church, Travel Brokers

**Tip #6**
If you’re traveling as a couple, don’t pack totally separate bags for each of you. Instead, pack each bag “his and hers,” so if a piece of your luggage does get lost or delayed, you both have some clothing and necessities.
Diane Roberts, Superior Travel

**Tip #7**
Weigh your bag before you leave for the airport. Put your heavy items like shoes in your smaller bag, because your larger bag already is heavier.
Randy Church, Travel Brokers

**Tip #8**
If you bring medication with you in your carry-on bag, make sure to carry more medication than the number of days you plan to be gone, just in case you end up staying an extra day or two because of some travel snafu.
Diane Roberts, Superior Travel

**THE 4 HOWS**
for understanding airline luggage rules:

1. **How big?**
**Carry-on:** Airlines are becoming more strict about what sizes can be considered “carry on” to be stuffed into an overhead bin or under the seat in front of you. Check with your airline so you know the exact allowable size for a carry-on bag and measure it yourself.

2. **How heavy?**
**Carry-on:** Most domestic airlines don’t specify a weight limit, but if it’s too heavy to lift into the overhead bin, you’ll probably be asked to check it.

**Checked bag:** There’s a weight limit for bags you’re checking. Usually 50 pounds for domestic airlines, and you’ll have to pay a fee for an overweight bag. You’ll want to consider the weight of your suitcase when selecting luggage.

3. **How many?**
**Carry-on:** Limits for carryon bags are usually one for storage in overhead bin and one personal bag for storage beneath the seat in front of you.

**Checked bag:** Ask about any limits on the number of checked pieces, especially when you’re usually paying a fee for checked bags. Also ask about any exempted items, such as medical equipment or child safety seats, which have no limits.

4. **How much does it cost?**
**Carry-on:** There is not a cost for a carry-on item.

**Checked Bag:** Domestically, a checked bag can cost anywhere from $25 to $100, or up to $200 for an over-sized or overweight one. It pays to invest in a portable luggage scale so you know before you go.
REAL ESTATE VALUE OF FAMOUS FICTIONAL APARTMENTS

Real estate experts weigh in on the real-world, current value of New York City’s most famous fictional homes.

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1136 5th Avenue, Upper East Side
The Waldorf Penthouse

Assuming Blair has the Park-facing Penthouse, we know exactly what it’s worth. The duplex penthouse at that address recently sold for $35 million, featuring four bedrooms, five-and-a-half bathrooms, a media room, and its own private gym.

**$2 MILLION - $2.5 MILLION**
90 Bedford Street, West Village
Monica and Rachel get more sunlight through their western windows and the double-wide northern window gives the home a more open feeling than many comparable apartments of this size and type. Joey and Chandler have a bigger bathroom, however their windows are less substantial and the foyer doubles as a kitchen. The boys also look like they’re compromising on space slightly compared to the girls. However, this location and the efficient two bedroom layout would compensate for any complaints.

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150 West 85th Street, Upper West Side
With two bedrooms, a large living room, open kitchen, in good condition and modern appliances on the Upper West Side, Ted could easily ask $1,450,000 for this famous fictitious apartment.

**$2.3 MILLION**
85 Grand Street, SoHo

The residential lofts in this building are mostly all full-floor units. The property that every kid wants when they grow up is still pretty cool — 13-foot-high ceilings, which are perfect for trampolines and original SoHo cast iron features. The fourth floor, one bedroom, 1.5 bathroom sold earlier this year for $2.3 million.

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• Immunization Record
• Proofs of residency:
  The following documents are required to prove residency
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     Renter: Current lease/rental agreement
     Property tax statement
  b. 2 Different current utility bills
• Vision and Hearing Screening Required prior to the start of School

Your child may be eligible for Young 5’s program based on the following criteria:
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• Kindergarten readiness screening
• Evaluator’s recommendation

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Local arts group connects art and community

Lakes Area Arts Council plans new events collaborating with the Fenton Community & Cultural Center

By Sally Rummel
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The tri-county area has always been a haven for artists and fine arts events. Now there will be a place to connect the community with the arts through the doors of the newly renovated Fenton Community & Cultural Center.

Members of the Lakes Area Arts Council have been active participants in the planning of the use of this new space and are excited about this collaborative effort now taking place.

The membership of LAAC includes artists who work in three-dimensional art, painting and drawing, and also musicians, poets and theater.

Starting off the spring season for LAAC will be an art show of local artist Denise Willing-Booher at the Flint Institute of Arts, which opens Sunday, March 1 through the end of April. An Artist Reception for her is planned Sunday, March 8 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the FIA.

A series of Spring Art Workshops to be held at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center will begin in March with a “Spring Garden Party in Watercolor” on March 17 and 19. Novice painters, 21 and over, will enjoy a Paint ‘n Party Class on April 16, followed by several workshops in May. “We’ll also offer workshops this fall,” said Willing-Booher.

For a full schedule of workshops, visit LakesAreaArtsCouncil.org, and register online at slpr.net.

Other upcoming art events include a May 1 Spring Concert by the Fenton Community Orchestra; Momentum 2015, a Spring Music Festival on May 17; author events at Fenton’s Open Book (date(s) to be announced) and theater productions by the Fenton Village Players, etc.

Summer events will include a three-day workshop and exhibition at the FCC in June, taught by well-known artist and teacher Joe Fettingis.

In July, the LAAC will sponsor the Arty Hat Prize competition, held in conjunction with ArtWalk on July 11, which is sponsored by the Fenton DDA. The arts group is also planning an Art on the River event in July, which will be free to the public. Participants will create a piece of art using science, imagination and natural elements found at the Shiwassee River, running right by the Fenton Community & Culture Center.

“Our goal is to share resources within our communities to connect more people with the arts,” said Lisa Bayer, who served on the Advisory Board with other LAAC members for the Fenton Community Center. She is also the owner of A Joyful Noise Music Studio in Fenton.
A party girl’s pregnancy crushes the buzz

DEAR AMY:
My friend and I were always the party girls in our group, always up for a good time, drinking and dancing until the sun came up. I treasured the close bond we shared and our fun, carefree lifestyle. I recently became pregnant and my husband and I are thrilled. My party-girl lifestyle has dramatically altered. Although my aforementioned friend is very excited for us, I’m having trouble with her and the lifestyle I used to enjoy. In a few months, we have a planned beach vacation and I am torn. Part of me wants to cancel, simply because I do not want to spend several days watching her get drunk and putting up with her antics. Another part of me understands that I, just a few months ago, was this person as well, whether I like to see the behavior or not. I understand that pregnancy and child rearing change relationships and perhaps my friend is struggling. I am worried that talking to her about it will start a fight, but keeping it in doesn’t work. What should I do? — Pregnant and Confused

DEAR CONFUSED:
Now that you’re sober, you should be brave enough to acknowledge the change in your friendship. The world looks different when you’re no longer viewing through the bottom of a plastic go-cup. What you should not do is become self-righteous in the face of these changes in your own life. Your friend is simply doing what she has always done. You should acknowledge that you are the one who has changed. You seem to be dreading this beach vacation, and so you should cancel. Tell your friend, ‘I just can’t party like I used to. I hope you can find someone else who can take my place.’

Which blood pressure reading is right?

DR. ROACH:
I am a 70-year-old man with high blood pressure. I take a calcium-channel blocker and a diuretic to control it. I am concerned about systolic readings that can vary 10-12 points when I take my blood pressure five-to-six minutes apart. A recent example: readings of 132, 143, 140 and 133, taken five to six minutes apart. My diastolic readings don’t vary more than a point or two in the mid-70s. Should I be concerned about these variations in systolic pressure? — J.S.

ANSWER:
Having a patient who gets multiple values, thinks about what it means and cares enough to ask is a real pleasure for a physician. This degree in blood pressure variation is well within the expected norm. Your systolic pressure (the top number, and the peak blood pressure while the heart is expelling blood from the left ventricle into the aorta) is about 136, plus or minus seven points. Having multiple readings increases the precision of the measurement and allows your physician to make better decisions about the effectiveness of your treatment regimen. Your systolic number, however, is in the range of prehypertension, so your doctor will be keeping an eye on that. During the course of the day, systolic blood pressure readings can vary as much as 30 points. Even in the few minutes you took these, I often see variation as much or more than this.

TORTILLA SOUP
It’s made with ground beef or turkey, can be cooked all day in a crockpot or made stovetop in no time.

INGREDIENTS:
• 3/4 lb. of ground beef or turkey
• 1 T. olive oil
• 1 yellow onion, diced
• 2 jalapeño peppers, seeds removed and chopped
• 1/2-1 Red bell pepper, peppers removed and diced
• 1 T. taco seasonings
• 15 oz. can petite cut tomatoes
• 8 oz. can of Mexican tomato sauce
• 2 15 oz. cans of black beans
• 15 oz. can of broth, use chicken, beef or vegetable broth
• 4 oz. can of fire-roasted green chilies, chopped
• 2-3 oz. of Velveeta cheese to thicken soup
• Salt to taste
• 1 avocado, diced
• 1 c. shredded Mexican cheese
• 4 green onions, sliced
• Taco shells
Recipe from kitchengetaway.com

DIRECTIONS
1. In a large skillet, heat the oil over medium heat and add the onion and jalapeño peppers and sauté until the onions are fork tender. Set aside.
2. Add the ground meat to the same skillet and cook through browning lightly. Drain off excess fat if any. Turn heat to low. Add the taco seasonings to the meat and allow time to be absorbed.
3. Add all other ingredients other than the last three can be layered into a crockpot for all-day cooking.
4. For the stovetop, add all ingredients except for the last four. If you are using the two cans of beans, rinse one can of beans and only add the beans. The other can of beans use the entire can even the liquid.
5. Now simmer for 30 minutes on low.
6. Add the Velveeta and melt into soup.
7. Serve with avocado, shredded cheese, green onion and crumbled taco shells over the top.
The Tigers (6-3) did just that. From Houston Shaw to Jamie Roy a seven-yard TD run. Kenny Alvis later, Georgakopoulos scored on a Garcia two-yard plunge up the middle. Suddenly, Fenton led 21-7 with 2:26 left until halftime.

On Creek's second play from scrimmage, a Creek QB Mitchell fumble was recovered by Temrowski (Tracey) Jaggi. Dear grandpa of Aanika (David), Ryan, Erin, Jordan, Marissa and Jared. Great-grandpa of Gianna. Donna also leaves many special nieces, nephews and friends. Burial and Veteran's honors will take place at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, time and date pending. Contributions may be made in Donna's name to Adopt-a-Pet or to Wounded Warriors. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.

Donna L. Clark 1925-2015
Donna L. Clark - age 89, of Holly, died Saturday, February 21, 2015. Memorial services will be held at 11AM Monday, March 23, 2015 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. Inurnment will be in Rose Center Cemetery. Holly. Visitation will be from 10-11AM before the service. Mrs. Clark was born in Ecorse, MI on May 15, 1925 the daughter of Claude and Mildred (Ryan) Bush. She was a member of the Holly Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Surviving are 4 children, Thomas Clark of Holly, Christine Spencer of Holly, Donald Clark Jr. of Holly, and Curtis Clark of Holly, 11 grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Clark and daughter-in-law, Janet Clark. Memorial donations may be made to the Holly Seventh-Day Adventist Church. www.dyerfuneralhomeholly.com.


David Jawhari 1937-2015
David Jawhari - age 77, of Fenton, died February 9, 2015 in Lebanon. Services will be held at 4 PM Sunday, March 8, 2015 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Visitation will be 1-5 PM Sunday, March 8, 2015. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Cancer Society or the Druze Orphanage. David was born March 17, 1937 in Lebanon, the son of Jamil “Charlie” and Adiba Jawhari. David and Anisse were married in Lebanon on December 9, 1956. They came to the Fenton/ Holly area in 1969 from Lebanon. David served as the Sheik for the American Druze Society since 1974. Surviving are: wife of 59 years, Anisse; their children, Ragheeda of Grand Blanc, Bassam (Enaya) of Lake Fenton, Nihedah of Grand Blanc, Fadia (Phil) Kneimann of Florida, Ghada of Linden, Randa, Adiba of Sterling Heights, Diana Anderson of Hartland; 14 grandchildren, Anthony, Raed, Armeer, Stephen, Cortney, Andrew, Madison, Karrayn, Issac, Gabriel, Benjamin, Eljajah, Eden: 4 great-grandchildren, Ami, Jacob, James III, David; sister, Ersal; nephew, Fahd. He was preceded in death by his grand-daughter Briona. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

James J. Hodge 1946-2015
James J. Hodge - age 86, of Fenton, died February 19, 2015. Funeral services will be held at 11-1 PM Monday, March 2, 2015 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Intermment at Great Lakes National Cemetery at a later date. Visitation will be held 1-8 PM Sunday, 11-1 PM Monday. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Heart Association or a Veteran Organization of choice. Mr. Hodge was born November 8, 1926 in Detroit, MI, the son of Roy and Gloria (Bohr) Hodge. He married Cheryl Young on June 2, 1946, James was a Veteran of the US Army serving in Vietnam. He was an Electrical Wholesaler and was owner and operator of Nightmoor Electrical Sales. He was a man of many hobbies. He is survived by his wife, Cheryl, four children, Brett Hodge of Ferndale, Brady (Michelle) Hodge of Waterford, Ashley Hodge of Fenton, Allison Hodge of Fenton, five grandchildren, Denny, Taylor, Courtney of Fenton, Zoey, Aidan and Zara, 4 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Thinking about a VACATION HOME?

Here’s what $200,000 would look like in specific areas of Michigan

By Sally Rummel

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Just about everyone dreams about having a vacation home to retreat to, especially those of us who live in Michigan and understand the strong pull of the lands and lakes of “up north.”

“Right now with Michigan on the rebound, there are still homes available in the $200,000 price range,” said Chuck Stoner, Realtor and corporate recruiter for Coldwell Banker Professionals in Fenton.

“For vacation property close to home, John Wentworth of ReMAX Platinum in Fenton says that there are lakefront homes in the $200,000 price range on Lobdell Lake, Runyan Lake and Lake Ponemah.

If your dream vacation home is further north, you’ll find the most desirable vacation areas of Michigan in the northwest area of the state including Traverse City, Petoskey and Charlevoix, according to Stoner. Homes there are also the most expensive.

Lakes Ponemah, Runyan and Lobdell all have properties available in the $200,000 range.

Things to consider when looking to buy a vacation home:

- Know the area before you buy – how long does it take to get there and what are the nearby activities?
- Understand costs associated with a vacation home, from taxes to lake association fees.
- You will need to winterize it to avoid burst pipes or damage.
- Don’t forget the amount of work associated with a vacation home, including yard work, fall and spring cleanup, opening and closing, etc.
- Consider using your vacation home as a rental during times you’re not able to use it, to help offset some of these costs. Find out all the legal and logistical ramifications before taking this step.
- During holidays, your new vacation spot may be very busy, especially on a lake. Visit the area on a holiday weekend to see what it’s really like.
- Know what you are looking for before you go on a serious search. Be specific about what amenities are very important to you.

- If you’re buying waterfront property on which to build, make sure you know all about building and zoning codes and that a piece of property can support a vacation home.
- Choose a Realtor who is familiar with the area so he or she can match a property with your needs.

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13368 N Fenton Rd, Fenton - $339,000
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RECENTLY PENDING & SOLD HOMES

Recently PENDING & SOLD HOMES
What to look for in a REALTOR

Both buyers and sellers will benefit from a strong relationship with their agent.

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

Like any relationship, it takes two people putting in 100 percent to get the maximum benefit from hiring a Realtor.

“To get the most out of your Realtor, first be sure to hire the correct one,” said John Wentworth of ReMAX Platinum in Fenton. “Interview a potential Realtor and ask questions. Develop a trusting relationship with someone who won’t just tell you what you want to hear.”

Wentworth adds that communication is key between a Realtor and a client. “Stay open and honest in all facets of the transaction. This way, the Realtor can be fully educated on what your goals are and can also help you through a smooth or bumpy transaction. Hire an experienced and proven Realtor.”

Chuck Stoner, Realtor and corporate recruiter for Coldwell Banker Professionals in Fenton, advises people to spend time meeting with a potential Realtor. “It’s important to do your research online for your property, but meet one-on-one when you’re looking for an agent. Have your questions ready and let us help educate you. We want to help you sell your home as quickly as possible, or find you a home that best fits your needs.”

John Tremaine, of Tremaine Real Living in Fenton, suggests that people be receptive to the advice given by a Realtor, especially when it comes to staging a home for sale. “I can tell you what you need to do to get your house ready, and can help you with staging, but you have to be responsive and be willing to take action.”

Also, the seller needs to listen to the recommendation of a Realtor when it comes to pricing a home for sale. “Ninety-nine percent of the time, the seller sets the price, usually based on emotional reasons or what they paid for it, said Tremaine. A Realtor knows the market and the data behind the price, so it pays to listen to a price recommendation for a Realtor.”

Denise Penwell, Realtor with Berkshire Hathaway Home Services of Michigan, suggests that people looking for a Realtor communicate closely their needs and wants. “Make sure you hire a Realtor who listens closely to you. Once we understand what you are looking for in the transaction, don’t be afraid to take our advice. We are professionals for a reason, and we’re well connected in the community and the marketplace.”

Don’t just hire your “cousin’s husband’s best friend.” The Realtor/Client relationship is the most important one you’ll have in the biggest transaction of your lifetime.

18 QUESTIONS TO ASK A REALTOR...

- Do you work full or part-time?
- How many homes have you sold in my neighborhood in the past year or two?
- How many sellers are you representing now?
- What aspects of the transaction will you personally handle and which will be delegated to others?
- Are your fees negotiable?
- At what price do you think my house will sell in the current market, and why?
- Can you give me a written Comparative Market Analysis and a list of homes currently on the market?
- What is your marketing plan for my house?
- How long must I list my house with you?
- How long have you been a Realtor and how much education have you received?
- Is your license in good standing and have you ever been subject to a client complaint?
- Will you provide references of past clients? (Check them out)
- How often will you communicate with me?
- Why should I hire you over your competition?
- May I see the documents I will have to sign?
- What will be my closing costs?
- Can you explain the process to me?
- Do you have a website and/or blog?

Source: homegain.com

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ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP

Please be notified that the Argentine Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Meeting on Monday, March 9, 2015 at 7:00 PM, at the Argentine Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lake Rd, to consider the following Special Use: Ken Holdings, LLC, 11289 Silver Lk Rd is requesting a Special Use to offer the sale of Firearm’s adding to the sporting goods in his store, known as Beard’s Party Store. Described as 01-20-400-006, 1.82 Acres on Silver Lk Rd.

A complete copy of this tax description may be viewed at the Township office during regular office hours.

Denise Graves, Clerk
Argentine Township

PUBLIC NOTICE – PUBLIC HEARING

GROVELAND TOWNSHIP

ATTENTION RESIDENTS

MARCH 09, 2015

BUDGET HEARING FY 2015-2016

The Groveland Township Board will hold a public hearing at the regular Township Board of Trustees meeting on the proposed operating budget(s) for the Township General Fund, Building Fund and Fire Department Operating Fund at the Township Hall, 4695 Grange Hall Road, Holly, MI 48442 on March 9, 2015 at 7:00p.m. A copy of the proposed budget(s) is available for public inspection at the township office or by contacting the clerk.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied
To support the proposed budget(s) will be a Subject of this public hearing (MCL 141.412)
1.00 Mill Township Operations
3.94 Mills Fire Department Operations

The Groveland Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aid, services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities upon six (6) days notice to the Clerk’s office by writing or calling to the address and phone number listed in this notice.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA44 of 1995, MCL 211.24e (2) (3) by complying with Section 16 of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act (MCL 141.436), MCL and Americans with Disabilities (ADA).

Pamela Mazich, Clerk
4695 Grange Hall Road, Holly, MI 48442
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clerk@grovelandtownship.net

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Monday March 9, 2015 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.*
Tuesday March 10, 2015 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Thursday March 12, 2015 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

At these sessions the Board of Review will hear any appeals or objections and review potential corrections to the assessment roll.

Property owners may file their appeals in writing, provided they are received by the Board of Review no later than 6:00 p.m. on March 12, 2015.

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