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Springtime

critters

This is the first of a two-part series about local woodland creatures and their habitats.

► Season brings out the best in people, and the worst in critters

By Vera Hogan

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Come out come out wherever you are ... or not!

Now that the days are getting warmer, area families are enjoying the outdoors, getting their yards ready for the summer season and preparing for the annual planting of flowers and vegetable gardens.

But they're not alone. The warm, spring days also bring out the critters. While squirrels are a fact of life and not too bothersome, it's always fun to see a cute bunny rabbit hop across the yard, or a chipmunk scurrying from one hiding spot to another.

See
CRITTERS
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“You can't just drive the animal out to Uncle Bob's farm and let it go.”

David Weber

Owner, Anytime Animal Control, Linden



TO TRAP or not TO TRAP

Some homeowners, tired of having critters destroy their yards and mowing everything in the garden every year, may be tempted to catch animals by setting up a live-trap with a bowl or can of tasty bait.

According to David Weber, owner of Anytime Animal Control in Linden, it is legal to live-trap animals. “The problem is what they do with them after they're caught,” he said.

A person needs to be licensed to legally catch and release an animal elsewhere, and if the animal is to be euthanized, it has to be done according to state standards.

“You can't just drive the animal out to Uncle Bob's farm and let it go,” Weber said.

Doing so is a very common problem, however. Weber said people don't realize that if they get away with catching and releasing an animal out in a field or a farm, they may be making it worse for the next person who tries to catch it.

“Animals do learn what traps are and it can take a month to catch it again,” Weber said. “Raccoons in particular are trap-smart. They will reach in the trap, grab the bait and be gone without getting caught.”

Though not much of a problem with groundhogs or woodchucks, skunks and raccoons can carry different, harmful diseases such as worms and rabies, Weber said.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

MY GRANDSON LEFT Fenton schools when he was in the eighth-grade. All his friends were as smart as he was. His parents had to move for work. He graduated as valedictorian in 2013 with AP classes. Not one his friends ended up at University of Michigan.

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TEXT YOUR HOT LINE**810-771-TEXT (8398)****THE TOWN Times**

I SAW YOU last night about 5:30-5:45 p.m. pulling out of one of the restaurants on Owen Road. I also saw you open your door and throw all your trash out. You were driving an old blue van. You should be ashamed of yourself.

■■■

MY DAD IS 85 years old. He puts out one bag of trash every two weeks because he works his butt off with recycling, which is a free service that benefits the recycler, not us. Some of us don't even have vehicles anymore because we can't afford it. But you found another way to rob the poor.

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LOOK AT IT this way, if the person in front of you would have used their turn signals, you wouldn't have to blow your horn.

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AMBER ALERT IS your choice whether to receive them and you can turn them off. On iPhone, you would go to settings, then notifications, and scroll to the bottom and you can turn the amber alert off.

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IT'S NICE THAT the state legislators had the last two weeks off, that's probably 475 things that they didn't vote on.

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DOES ANYBODY KNOW of any place that takes used eyeglasses? My mother passed away and we have quite a few pairs of prescription eyeglasses.

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SUNDAY'S PAPER, A reader asked, 'Why can't we get a proposal for just to repair the roads?' Well you are not going to get one like that because Gov. Snyder gave away all our tax money to big businesses in tax breaks.

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WELL, THE STREETSCAPE will have the downtown district looking all nice and pretty for the tourists.

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HERE'S MY LONG-TERM prediction — by the time the Republicans get done with Hillary, she wouldn't be able to run for a small town city council seat and win.

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TO THE PERSON inquiring about the best satellite system, look into installing a tall antenna and you won't have to pay a monthly bill and still have quite a few programs.

■■■

TO THE PRESIDENTIAL candidates. Instead of spending whole campaigns mudslinging the other candidate, how about telling us how you would change things for the better and be accountable to the people you represent.

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I DON'T WATCH TV anymore because now it costs money and the content is largely immoral.

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THAT LADY WHO thought Olive Garden was a good Italian restaurant probably thinks Taco Bell is a Mexican restaurant.

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I WOULD LOVE to know who and how my SEV is figured every year. I'll sell my house to the first person to pay me what my SEV is.

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THEY DAY YOU tell me what I can and what I can't park in my front yard, would be the day you should pay my land taxes.

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IF ANYBODY THINKS they're safe and secure in this country, remember, they can't even protect the White House.

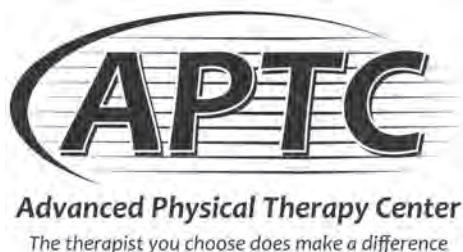
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ASK THE MECHANIC

Chris Wilkinson,
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Q: I have a 1993 Ford Ranger V6 4.0L. When I let it sit overnight or in the parking lot for a few hours and then I start it up I hit the gas to go, it doesn't want to go any faster than 15 mph, but within a few minutes it picks up and goes like nothing ever happened. Then sometimes my check engine light comes on, but then goes out on it's own or when I shut my truck off. - Sarah

A: Sarah, first thing to have checked is why the engine light is coming on. This may steer you in the right direction. Most repair shops or parts stores will read your trouble codes for free. However, just because a code reader indicates a particular part is out of range enough to turn on the light does not mean that part is the problem or needs to be replaced. Sometimes parts can be cleaned or adjusted and more often codes point to something that is causing the component to not function or read properly. Following a diagnostic flow chart is necessary. Examples of this are vacuum leaks causing oxygen sensors to look bad and setting lean codes or misfire codes. Computers do not know what a vacuum leak is so they set a code that is a result of the problem not the cause. Be careful before replacing parts as they can get very expensive. Much more than a diagnostic fee that most shops charge and may not be returnable. With all of that said, the first thing you need to look at is fuel pressure. Check to see if cleaning the mass air sensor does not help or correct your problem. I have seen this happen quite often, but after cleaning you will have to disconnect the battery for 10 minutes or so to reset the long and short term fuel trims. Keep in mind that after a battery disconnect, your vehicle may idle and shift differently until it relearns where things belong, such as shift adapts for worn transmission components and idle strategy for a worn or carboned up throttle plate.

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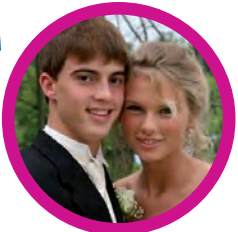
Before they were Hollywood A-listers, these celebs celebrated prom in style.

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TAYLOR SWIFT



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Hendersonville, TN
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DEREK JETER



Kalamazoo Central High School - Kalamazoo, MI
1992

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President Theodore Roosevelt High School - Honolulu, HI
2003

WILL FERRELL



University High School
Irvin, CA
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PROM 2015

The biggest night in high school.

source: BuzzFeed

Tips & Tricks to save money this Prom season

Use these tips and tricks to make your Prom night great, even on a budget.

HAIR & MAKEUP

- Have a friend do your hair and makeup
- Check local salons for Prom Specials

THE DRESS

- Rent it
- Find it at a consignment store
- Shop off season
- Have a dress swap
- Borrow

NAILS

- Paint them yourself
- Wear gloves
- Use nail stickers
- Check local salons for Prom specials

SHOES

- Upcycle an old pair
- Wear flats for comfort
- Borrow from a friend

BOUTONNIERE

- Buy from local grocery store
- Make your own

THE TUX

- Buy one. It costs about the same as renting.
- If you already own a suit, rent a vest.
- Borrow

The do's & don'ts of promposals



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A special ensemble of the Fenton Community Orchestra performs at Fenton Art Walk last summer. They'll help kick off the spring season with a concert on May 1.

Fenton Community Orchestra sets Spring Concert

►Free evening of music set for Friday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m.

By Sally Rummel

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Five years ago, 25 hopeful musicians turned out for the first practice of the newly organized Fenton Community Orchestra, and 40 were on stage for their first concert.

Today, close to 70 musicians are preparing for the Fenton Community Orchestra's Spring Concert on Friday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m. at Fenton High School.

The concert will also feature performances by the Fenton High School Jazz Orchestra. This free-admission concert will feature a lively combination of classical, jazz and pop.

Executive Director Jennifer Fleck is expecting another large crowd, especially following the "standing room only" holiday concert in December. "We'll be holding a formal dress rehearsal on Thursday, April 30 and the FHS Key Club will invite area senior groups to attend," said Fleck. "It's nice for the audience to have easy access and a shorter evening, and we'll have refreshments for them to enjoy."

Fleck was the original founder of the orchestra, along with Lisa Bayer of A Joyful Noise Music Studio in Fenton. She was formally hired as executive

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Jennifer Fleck
Executive Director of the
Fenton Community Orchestra



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

The orchestra has grown in size from the original 25 and it has also grown in their fan base with concert attendance.

director on Feb. 1.

"When we moved our rehearsals to Fenton High School and had Andy Perkins as our band director, that's when we really started to grow," said Fleck. "Andy's a very skilled conductor, and we have appreciated the use of the school's percussion equipment and music stands. It's a true partnership with Fenton schools. It's a win-win for all. Our orchestra gives students an after-school strings program. A lot of students play in the FHS Band, too."

A fundraising breakfast for the Fenton Community Orchestra is planned for Tuesday, May 5 from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center.

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CRITTERS

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People with large yards and wooded areas may even be lucky enough to see a few deer from time to time.

There are some woodland creatures that are a bit more pesky and can wreak havoc on your life and your pets as they try to make themselves at home in your yard, looking for meals in gardens and trash cans.

Count among those annoying, and destructive critters the skunks, raccoons, woodchucks, snakes, moles (and voles), opossum, and depending on where you live, coyote.

SKUNKS

Running into a skunk is probably one of the most unpleasant things that can happen. Skunks are mostly nocturnal, so unless any have made a home under your porch or shed, the chances of seeing one during the day are slim. They are more sociable during mating season, which is April through June. Even if you've unfortunate enough to run into one, skunks are usually only aggressive when cornered or defending their young. In that case, they will protect themselves by spraying a powerful smell through their anal glands. That spray has a range of up to 10 feet and its odor can be distinguished for more than a mile.

Skunks have strong forefeet and long nails, which makes it easy for them to dig holes in lawns and gardens in search of food such as grubs and earthworms. They are not beyond knocking over garbage cans in search of food scraps. Skunks have very poor eyesight but have excellent senses of smell and hearing and can very easily detect a tasty meal.

If a skunk does leave its pungent odor behind, inanimate objects such as outdoor furniture, walls, stairs or anything else can be cleaned by mixing 1 cup of white vinegar with 1 tablespoon of dishwashing liquid and 2-1/2 gallons of water. Saturate everything that reeks of skunk spray until the odor is gone.

If people or their pets tangle with the wrong end of a skunk, just saturate your dog with full-strength mouthwash. Follow up by washing with a good dog shampoo and rinse thoroughly. This method works on humans, too. To get rid of skunk odor on clothing, take them to the laundromat and wash with an alkaline laundry detergent.

It's a common belief that dousing dogs and humans with tomato juice will do the trick. The reality is that tomato juice only masks the odor.

WOODCHUCKS

Unlike skunks, woodchucks (or groundhogs) are active during the daytime hours. They are very destructive, too, as they eat 1/3 of their body weight every day – meals they commonly look for in your vegetable garden, flowerbeds and trash.

Groundhogs, the largest species in the squirrel family, are true hibernators. They enter a deep sleep in October and come back out in early spring. During hibernation, groundhogs survive on the

fat reserves they accumulate from their plentiful summer and fall diets. Often, those underground homes may be beneath your shed or porch.

Getting rid of groundhogs can be challenging. One way is to get a big dog to chase them away. Sprinkling blood meal or talcum powder around the perimeter of your garden may help to keep them out. Another home remedy is to sprinkle red or black pepper around your garden. The best way to keep them out of your garden is to place a small mesh wire fence, dug more than a foot into the ground to keep them from burrowing beneath it.

Since a woodchuck's teeth are constantly growing, they need to gnaw on wood to keep them filed down. Remove all sources of wood, such as tree stumps, downed tree limbs and twigs and brush piles.

RACCOONS

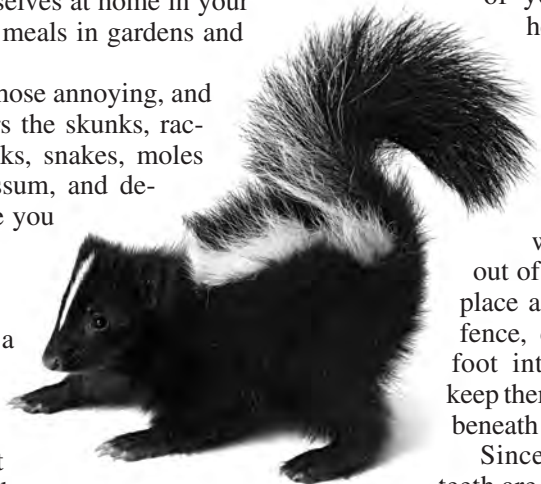
Raccoons are probably the most destructive creatures homeowners will encounter because of their intelligence and curiosity. They destroy gardens and make a huge mess by tipping over trash cans in search of food.

These critters have the ability to open doors, jars, bottles and latches. They are also great climbers, allowing them to gain better access to food and shelter.

Not only will raccoons tip over garbage cans, they will raid bird feeders and clean out your vegetable garden. They can also take up residence in your attic if your chimney is uncapped.

One home remedy to keep raccoons out of your trash can after dumping your dinner scraps is to dip a big wad of paper towels in ammonia, douse it with hot sauce and throw it into the can. Unless he's starving, the raccoon will look for another place to eat. Of course, you can always tie your garbage can lids down by using a bungee cord of some kind, or tying the lids to the can with old pantyhose.

Sources: havahart.com and Supermarket Super Gardens



Summary

►The arrival of spring and warmer temperatures bring out the best in people, and the worst in local critter life.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THANK YOU TO the person who graded the road on Windy Knoll. Some neighbors though need to slow down. It is a private road.

JUST LUMP US all in the same trash bag, charge everybody in the city the same amount of money every quarter, whether we need it, whether we use it. Doesn't matter that one old man puts out one little bag a week.

CITY OF FENTON keep the bag and tag system. It's not fair to the residents who truly recycle and only put out a can a week. Mr. Bland if you are truly buying 10 tags a week then you need to do something different.

JUST WONDERING WHAT the people of Linden think of the job their leadership is doing.

IT IS ABSOLUTLEY wonderful waking up to the sound of birds chirping. Love it!

FENTON WILL SPEND \$12,000 for sculptures that no one will see this year because they are behind piles of dirt, and \$2 million on the streetscape. This makes the city look nice to outsiders, but how about fixing the roads for us who live here? Can you say Pothole City!

THE LITTER IN and around the Fenton/Linden area is as bad as I have ever seen. Lots of it comes from the trucks we pay to collect it, flying right out the back. The rest is just thoughtless people who think nothing of overfilled recyclable bins and no trash lids.

OBAMACARE — THE POOR get Cadillac service, the rich don't care, they're covered anyway and the working middle class gets to pay for it all. Higher deductibles, higher co-pays, less service.

IF GOV. SNYDER really wanted to fix the roads, the first action he would take is to reduce the weight limit for trucks. Reducing the weight limit would reduce the road damage, and no tax increase needed.

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By Yvonne Stegall • news@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792

Vitamin A

This vitamin is fat-soluble and it helps keep your vision normal, boosts immunity and is good for the organs. Vitamin A is actually split into two categories, preformed and provitamin. Preformed A is found in fish, dairy, meat and poultry. Provitamin A is found in fruits and vegetables. Produce that are rich in vitamin A include sweet potatoes, carrots, leafy greens, squash and red peppers.

Acai

Acai is a berry that has become popular lately, because, like all berries, it is rich in antioxidants. Antioxidants fight free radicals in the body and clean toxins from the blood stream. Normally found in juice blends, you can also take Acai in pill form.

Astragalus

Astragalus is a leafy green herb that has been popular in the U.S. since the '80s. You can take it for immune system support and for help with colds and other respiratory illnesses. The root is the main part of the plant that is used and you can find it on the vitamin shelf.

Apple cider vinegar

While normally you'll find apple cider vinegar in liquid form, you can also get it in pill form. Your grandparents may have suggested you take this for an array of ailments over the years. Just a few of the things it's good for are weight loss, used as an anti-bacterial and it can help lower sugar levels.

Acidophilus

To put it as simply as possible, Acidophilus is a collection of live bacteria. It is most commonly found in Acidophilus milk. You can get some of the live bacteria that are in it in yogurt, but if you purchase it in supplement form, you will get hundreds of them. Most people take this when they are on antibiotics to help keep their gut healthy.

Aloe vera

You might think of aloe as just something you use to treat sunburn. Fresh aloe is often used to heal all kinds of burns and wounds. You may not have known that aloe also can be taken internally and is good for use as a natural laxative.

Sources: rxlist.com and National Institutes of Health

MICHIGAN VOTES

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. The House and Senate are on a two-week spring break. Therefore, this report released on Friday, April 10 contains several recently introduced bills of interest.

Senate Bill 181 and House Bill 4283: Extend open records law to legislators

Introduced by Sen. Steve Bieda (D) and Rep. Brandon Dillon (D), respectively, to repeal the exemptions from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act for records in the possession of legislators and their staff. The bills do not exempt communications to legislators from constituents. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4261: Ban "open carry" in concealed pistol "gun free zones"

Introduced by Rep. Andy Schor (D), to ban "open carry" of firearms in "gun free zones" specified in the state concealed pistol license law, which include schools, day care centers, stadiums, arenas, theaters, bars, churches, college dorms and classrooms, hospitals, casinos and courts. Also, to add public libraries to this list. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4291: Impose recycling mandate on cell phone and tablet makers

Introduced by Rep. Leslie Love (D), to expand a 2008 law that imposed a new regulatory regime mandating that manufacturers of computers and related equipment take back used units and recycle the parts, so that it also applies to cell phones and tablet computers. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4298: Give big electric utilities a monopoly on generation

Introduced by Rep. Aric Nesbitt (R), to repeal a law that authorizes competition for 10 percent of electric utilities' customer base. This would essentially restore the complete monopolies enjoyed by large utilities before a broad customer choice and competition regime was authorized by a 2000 law, which in 2008 was restricted to the current limit of 10 percent of their markets. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4311: Repeal government unions' duty to represent non-members

Introduced by Rep. Gary Glenn (R), to establish that government employee unions have no duty to represent workers who have elected not to pay union dues or fees, as permitted under the state's right-to-work law. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4333: Prohibit corporate subsidy deal modifications

Introduced by Rep. Lee Chatfield (R), to prohibit state officials from modifying corporate tax break and subsidy deals granted to particular businesses under a Michigan Economic Growth Authority law, which was repealed in 2011. The bill follows revelations that officials continue to amend and modify these deals in ways that may increase the size of a recently disclosed \$10 billion liability they have generated. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

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A question that often arises, however, is when the best time of the day is to burn the maximum amount of calories. Most people who exercise regularly choose to do it in the morning when the threat of outside interference is at its lowest. Morning exercisers like the fact that it makes them feel more awake and alert throughout the day without the sluggish feeling that plagues so many people.

Daily energy boost

Renowned diet and fitness coach Jorge Cruz said that "your brain craves oxygen in the morning, which is why early day exercising is so beneficial."

Your brain needs this oxygen to help you begin your normal daily activities, and when you feed it with coffee, there are little to no benefits that can be derived from roasted coffee grounds. The body will eventually crash because the brain has not received the nutrients that it needs to guide you through the day.

MSNBC recently did an experiment in which they found that early morning exercise can actually help insomnia as well. The body will need to be in a restful state after a day of exercise and hard labor, so you want to get in your workout as quickly as you can before you expend all your energy throughout the day.

This will help you to burn additional calories that you might not have been able to burn had you simply waited to do your exercise after work. You will also feel more energized at work because your body is now receiving the extra supply of oxygen that it needs to handle the rigors of your workday.

People debate this next benefit, but it

should be a point that is at least brought to the surface. Some people believe morning exercise has the capability to burn extra calories because there is no food in your stomach, but there has been no concrete evidence to support this.

While this idea does seem to have some merit, you want to remember that you don't want to burn up protein as well, because protein is what muscle is primarily made of.

Burning protein is simply like losing muscle from your skeletal structure. Therefore, it becomes essential that you are careful when starting an exercise program in the morning, as you want to gauge how well your body will react.

Less mental fatigue

Bangor University in the United Kingdom recently did a study in which it found that people with high-stress jobs should consider exercise in the morning rather than at night after work. The reason underlying these findings is that physiologists have determined that a stressful day at work can leave one feeling an overriding sense of mental fatigue, which leads to lesser amounts of exercise in terms of both time and intensity.

If you are regularly tired after a long day at work, think about exercising in the morning so you can get in bed and get the recovery sleep that you need at night. If you are looking for a quick morning pick-me-up, search no further than your local streets and sidewalks. These provide the perfect setting to not only get in your workout but also give you the energy that you need to make it through a long, tough day. While it is important that you do not use 100 percent intensity while exercising in the morning, there are just too many benefits that morning exercise can provide for you not to use it to your advantage.

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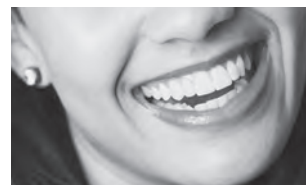
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Social News

BIRTHDAY



Marjory Felch celebrates 90th birthday

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- #20, 1987

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- #23, 1982

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- #29, 1984

8. White Wedding

- #36, 1983

9. Don't Need A Gun

- #37, 1987

10. Rebel Yell

- #46, 1984

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ACROSS

1 Musical pace

6 — -you note

11 Looker's leg

14 LaBelle with a Grammy

19 Oak seed

20 Perfume queen

21 Pal, to Gigi

22 One of the Three Musketeers

23 LOUIS

26 Painter Dufy

27 Co. heads

28 Zero in (on)

29 What a white flag signifies

30 Speed

35 LLOYD

37 Make — out of (toughen up)

38 Jogger's gait

39 Pre- — (bump, so to speak)

40 Candle blowers' secrets

41 CAROL

44 Caesar of old comedy

45 Severe

46 Hides from view

51 Swan's kin

56 Copy a bunny

57 "Nuts" director

61 CHRISTIAN

63 Pep rally cry

65 Tarot card reader, e.g.

66 Singer

67 Folk knowledge

70 JESSICA

73 In the matter of

74 Assembly with all members present

76 Language of Bangkok

77 Pastor's talk

79 WASHINGTON

82 Wren's home

83 "Mike & Molly" airer

86 Adams of photography

87 Small carpet

89 "Ulysses" star Milo

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93 JEAN

97 Cuba's Fidel

101 Some jeans, familiarly

105 "No, mein Herr"

106 Peruvian of long ago

107 CONAN

109 Tropical grassy plains

111 Kettle output

112 Brand of fat replacer

113 University in North Carolina

114 1836 siege setting

115 CARLOS

122 Justice Ruth — Ginsburg

123 Highway with a no.

124 Leek relative

125 With 59-Down, crude oil, in slang

126 Deep pit

127 Sun — -sen

128 "— Hope" (old ABC soap)

129 Build, as a building

DOWN

1 Paving gunk

2 Prefix with car or warrior

3 Unruly throng

4 District police station

5 How right turns are often allowed

6 Mosaic tile

7 DDE's forerunner

8 Lunched, e.g.

9 It's east of Calif.

10 Painter Georgia O'—

11 It's removed for a fill-up

12 Total number

13 Capital of Belarus

14 Pheasants' cousins

15 1980s video game consoles

16 Despite the fact that

17 "Clever comeback!"

18 Florida keys, e.g.

24 The Lone Ranger's companion

25 Par for the course

30 Hindu prince

31 Mobil rival

32 Settle the tab

33 Boozing sort

34 Fr. ladies with haloes

36 Early 20th-cen. conflict

42 Architect Saarinen

43 "Stop talking!"

44 IRS ID

47 More like a hoarse voice

48 High on the draft list

49 Online folks

50 Grow dim

52 Financial tipster Suze

53 Bears, in Buenos Aires

54 Faxed, say

55 Prefix with spore

58 Response to "Who's there?"

59 See 125-Across

60 Dentists scrape it off

62 Houses for students

63 Music style

64 Skier Phil

67 Women's links org.

68 Steinhauer who wrote the 2009 bestseller "The Tourist"

69 Antique cars

71 "— Nagila"

72 Sooner than

75 Nasty bits of dirt

78 Nebraska Sioux

80 Ill-bred guy

81 Barbecue spice mix

83 Beijing's land

84 Judge's seat

85 Epic tales

88 Cotton deseeders

90 Less chubby

92 Ontario's capital, on scoreboards

94 Grassland

95 Resident maids

96 Wholly

97 Melon type

98 Place to sculpt in school, say

99 Dependable

100 English river

101 "Blaze" actress

102 Tennis shoe hole

103 Israel's flag carrier

104 12th grader

108 Bride's property

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At a regular meeting of the Fenton City Council held on Monday, April 13, 2015, the following described rezoning request (Ordinance No. 693) was approved:

Rezone properties in the vicinity of the Silver Lake Road/Poplar Street intersection from GBD, General Business District and IND, Industrial to GBD, General Business District/PUD Planned Unit Development and also approve an associated table of permitted uses and design guidelines. The tax identification numbers for the properties are 53-26-553-021, 53-26-553-014, 53-26-553-020, 53-26-300-016, 53-26-552-040, 53-26-552-041, 53-26-552-021, 53-26-552-039, 53-26-555-001, 53-26-555-002.

The purpose of this rezoning is to encourage a unified commercial/R&D/office development through the use of design guidelines, along with the associated flexibility provided by the PUD designation.

Ordinance No. 693 was adopted at a regular meeting of the Fenton City Council held on April 13, 2015. This Ordinance will take effect seven (7) days following publication.

The complete text of Ordinance No. 693 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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Sudoku puzzles are located in last Wednesday's
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ANSWERS**

TEMPO	THANK	GAM	PATTI
ACORN	ESTEE	AMI	ATHOS
ROBERT	STEVENSON	RAUL	
CEOS	FOCUS	TRUCE	
RAPIDNESS	FRANKWRIGHT		
AMANTROT	EMPTY	WISHES	
JOYCEOATES	SID		
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**KING CROSSWORD
ANSWERS**

Solution time: 27 mins.

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COL	LAO	APHID
IOU	DISK	DRIVE
EFT	SCONE	
RAZZ	HMO	WEPT
	LEI	WEALTH
THROW	ALLAY	
ORATES	OTT	
ESPY	PAL	ZING
	AUDIT	NIL
LINED	DRIVE	AGO
AROMA	OIL	PER
DATUM	SAL	TRY

**WEDNESDAY SUDOKU
ANSWERS**

5	8	3	4	1	6	9	2	7
2	1	7	8	5	9	3	6	4
9	6	4	2	7	3	5	8	1
3	7	2	9	4	1	8	5	6
8	5	1	6	3	7	2	4	9
6	4	9	5	2	8	1	7	3
1	3	8	7	6	5	4	9	2
4	9	6	3	8	2	7	1	5
7	2	5	1	9	4	6	3	8

**SUNDAY SUDOKU
ANSWERS**

5	7	1	4	9	8	3	6	2
6	9	4	2	3	5	7	1	8
8	2	3	6	7	1	5	9	4
4	6	8	7	5	2	9	3	1
7	3	9	8	1	6	2	4	5
2	1	5	9	4	3	8	7	6
9	5	6	3	2	4	1	8	7
1	4	7	5	8	9	6	2	3
3	8	2	1	6	7	4	5	9

WEDNESDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS

Jumbles: BARON GAUGE FORAGE CODGER
Answer: Why she went to the costume party with her
mouth taped — FOR A GAG GAG

SUNDAY SCRAMBLERS ANSWERS

1. Urgent; 2. Effort; 3. Height; 4. Nimble
Today's Word: **FIGHT**

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HOLLY TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL SPRING-UP

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SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2015
8 A.M. – 4 P.M.

Clean-up days are provided for Holly Township residents to remove refuse from their properties. Residents are also encouraged to participate in the clean-up of Township roads.

Dumpsters and/or Garbage Trucks will be located in the parking lot. You must bring refuse to the dumpster and/or truck. THERE WILL BE NO ROADSIDE PICK-UP, NO COMMERCIAL DUMPING AND NO ON SITE SHOVELING ALLOWED. You must be in line by 4 p.m.

Someone will be present to verify residency and/or property owners.

All barrels and fuel oil tanks must be open-ended. No stumps, brush, leaves or concrete will be accepted. Paint cans must be empty or filled with sand or kitty litter. There is a \$2.00 per item charge for regular tires and a \$5.00 per item charge for tractor tires. All appliances will be taken.

Please click here for acceptable recycling material guidelines.

Additional information may be obtained by calling the Dale Smith, Holly Township Supervisor from 2:00 pm - 4:00 p.m. at (248) 634-9331 Ext. 304.

NOTICE
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REQUEST FOR BIDS
FOR
Repair, Seal and Stripe Township Office Parking Lot

The Township of Rose is seeking bid proposals from Contractors to perform the above listed service. Bid Plans and Specifications can be picked up at the Rose Township Offices, Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. beginning April 20, 2015.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Township of Rose, 9080 Mason St. Holly, Michigan 48442 until **3:00 p.m. on May 11, 2015** at which time, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud and the different items noted, for the repair of the Rose Township Office parking lot. Late proposals will not be considered. Amendments to proposals will be considered only if they are received by the above deadline. The responsibility rests entirely with the bidder, notwithstanding delays resulting from postal handling or for any other reason. No late bids will be accepted.

Proposals addressed as follows:

Rose Township Clerk's Office
Debbie Miller, Clerk
Repair of Rose Township Office Parking Lot
9080 Mason Street
Holly, MI 484442

Contact Information (248) 634-7551 email clerk@rosetownship.com

A legally authorized agent of the bidding firm must sign all proposals.

SEALED BIDS MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED WITH THE NAME OF THE PROPOSER AND INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

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Rose Township reserves the right to waive any irregularities or informalities or both, to reject any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

Debbie Miller, CMC, CMMC
Rose Township Clerk

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ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

April 08, 2015

Supervisor Gambka called the Regular Meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Roll Call: Board Members Present: Miller, Scheib-Snyder, Gambka
Board Members Absent/Excused: Trevethan, Kemp
- Approved: Agenda.
- Approved: Consent Agenda as amended minus HAYA, Treasurers and CDBG reports.
- Approved: All N One Lawn Care Services for grass mowing contract with insurance corrections/additions.
- Tabled: NOCFA 2016 Proposed Budget.
- Approved: 2015-XX Resolution Adopting Hardship Exemptions Policy and Procedure.
- Approved: 2015-XX Resolution HAYA Board of Directors new member Janie Andrews.
- Approved: RFP for Repair, Seal and Stripe Township Office Parking Lot.
- Approved: \$50,000 of Rose Township funds plus \$20,000 Tri-Party Gravel Funds for 2015-2016.
- Approved: \$5,000 redirected to NOHLC for treatment of Invasive Phragmites.
- Approved: Kieft Engineering to survey and draft contract for Dearborn Park at Milford Road and Davisburg Road.
- Adjourned: By motion at 8:30 p.m.

Paul Gambka
Rose Township Supervisor

Debbie Miller, CMC, CMMC
Rose Township Clerk

NOTICE
ROSE TOWNSHIP
2015 ANNUAL SPRING ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP DAYS

Rose Township will hold its annual Roadside Clean-Up for residents and property owners on the following date:

Saturday May 16, 2015
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Residents and township organizations are encouraged to participate in the clean-up of the roadsides.

Dumpsters will be located in the Rose Township Park located on the northwest corner of Milford Road and West Rose Center Road. Refuse to be disposed of must be transported to the dumpsters. **THERE IS NO ROADSIDE PICK UP.** No commercial dumping will be allowed.

Constable Emile Bair will be on duty to verify residence and/or property ownership. Fire department personnel will be there to assist with loading materials into the dumpsters. Propane tanks will be accepted. No barrels, gas or fuel oil tanks, stumps, brush or concrete will be accepted. Paint cans must be empty or filled with sand or cat litter. Each household will be permitted four (4) car tires; additional tires will be accepted at a price of \$4.00 per tire and \$25.00 per tire for tractor or large truck tires.

Burning permits to allow the burning of leaves and brush are available by telephone at (248) 634-2620.

Bags for cleaning roadsides will be available at the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan beginning April 20, 2015 until May 14, 2015 and also at the clean-up day location on clean-up day.

Rose Township's regular daily recycling is located in the rear of the Township Office's parking lot at 9080 Mason Street, Holly, MI. Residents may call 248-634-7551 with any questions.

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Emile Bair
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Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriams



Donald Gartland,
Donald Gartland - age 92, died April 8, 2015. www.temrowskifuneralhome.com.



Albertine Scrimger,
Albertine Scrimger - age 91, died April 14, 2015. www.temrowskifuneralhome.com.



James Hilton Jr.,
James Hilton Jr. - age 65, died April 8, 2015. www.temrowskifuneralhome.com.



Kimberly Hodges,
Kimberly Hodges - age 50, died April 10, 2015. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Linda VanFleet,
Linda VanFleet - age 72, died April 15, 2015. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Mary Cunningham,
Mary Cunningham - age 76, died April 13, 2015. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Noble Graves, Sr.
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Diana Holmquist,
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Barbara Beers,
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William Daniel,
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Robert Rutledge,
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Raymond Arthur Teachworth 1925-2015

Raymond Arthur Teachworth - age 89, of Fenton, died April 10, 2015. Committal services will be held 11:30 AM Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at Great Lakes



National Cemetery, Holly. Family and friends to gather at the cemetery after 11:15 AM. Visitation will be held 4-8 PM Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Those desiring may make contributions to the Fenton United Methodist Church. Ray was born May 8, 1925 in Detroit the son of Erwin and Frances (Vandercook) Teachworth. He married Charlotte Batdorff in Stockbridge on August 15, 1947. Ray was a Veteran of the U. S. Navy. He retired from Holly Spring as Plant Superintendent. He was a member of the Fenton United Methodist Church. He loved his family and his friends. He loved gardening, fishing, and woodworking. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte; 2 children, Gary (Debra) Teachworth of Midland, Tresa Squires of Fenton; 4 grandchildren, Joshua (Kim) Squires, Nathan (Kristi Murphy) Squires, Laura (Greg) Bugosh, Nicholas (Sara Stein) Teachworth; 1 great-grandchild, Wyatt Squires. He is preceded in death by his parents; 2 brothers, Erwin and Daniel. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Teresa Kay Abbey 1947-2015

Teresa Kay Abbey - age 68, of Linden, died Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at Genesys Health Park. Services will be held 11 AM Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at



Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Linden. Visitation will be held 1-5 PM Sunday and 2-4 and 6-9 PM Monday at the funeral home. Mrs. Abbey was born March 27, 1947 in Flint the daughter of Robert and Lexie (Dodd) Walker. She married Howard Dale Abbey on September 4, 1971 and he preceded her in death on November 21, 1999. Mrs. Abbey retired from General Motors with over 40 years of service. She enjoyed traveling especially up north and to Florida. She loved her grandchildren and spending time with family. Surviving are: daughter, Dawn and husband (Matthew) Matuscak of Gaines; two grandchildren, Darren and Kaitlyn Matuscak; companion, Jim McIntyre; life-long friends, Don and Linda Wallace, Darlene and Michael Ouellette, the Nowiki family and the Barkiewicz Family. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Gerald Redoutey,
Gerald Redoutey - age 88, died April 11, 2015. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Communication gap between generations

DEAR AMY:
My wife and I are tech-friendly boomers. We communicate with older and younger generations of family and friends. We find that some members of all generations get peeved when the communication attempts are not in the form they prefer and they are not the least bit shy about telling us what works for them. But it's hard to keep track of each individual's communication preferences. I guess it must be too much to expect that folks would just be appreciative and grateful of any and all efforts to reach out to them, regardless of the form of communication.
-Confused

DEAR CONFUSED:
Your letter describes very accurately the communications crossroad

where we seem to be currently paused, blinkers on, unsure of which way to turn. None of us can force others to adopt communication devices or styles simply for our own convenience; we can only face the uncomfortable or inconvenient consequences when our own choices result in someone else being unresponsive. This discomfort has pushed many a grandparent onto Facebook (while grandkids seem to have fled for other social media platforms). I believe that we should do our best to respect the comfort of the generation preceding us. That means that you talk to your folks by phone and that your own kids will occasionally be frustrated because you aren't available to respond instantly to every text. Your response to this frustration can be, "Oh well, you're young and smart. I'm sure you can figure out another way to get in touch."

ASK

Amy

BY AMY DICKINSON



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Wife binges on diet soda

DEAR DR. ROACH:
My wife drinks in excess of 3 liters of diet soda a day, sometimes even more. She has colitis, for which she takes Lialda, and on her last visit to her primary care physician, her blood work revealed borderline bad levels in her liver. The doctor seems to think she needs to stop "drinking alcohol," but I have been married to her for more than 30 years, and I know it's not drinking that is causing this. We both consume only moderate amounts of alcohol. Could it be the chemicals in diet soda?
-- F.J.R.

ANSWER:
Three liters a day is a lot of diet soda, and that

much caffeine probably isn't good for her. However, I don't think it is likely to be affecting her liver. Mesalamine (Lialda and others) rarely can cause abnormal liver tests -- specifically, high levels of the same enzymes that might lead a doctor to suspect alcohol use. You didn't tell me what kind of colitis your wife has, but ulcerative colitis, a form of inflammatory bowel disease, is associated with several kinds of liver problems, including fatty liver and primary sclerosing cholangitis, which is potentially severe. I don't think either alcohol or diet soda should be blamed until she has had a more careful workup. I think a visit with her gastroenterologist would be wise.

To your

GOOD HEALTH

BY KEITH ROACH, M.D.



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PAW'S CORNER

Dog might not need cataract surgery

Q **DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** My 13-year-old miniature poodle, "Dany," has the beginnings of cataracts. I don't want to put her through surgery. Are there drops or vitamins I can use instead? -- Mick

A **DEAR Mick:** You'll need to consult Dany's veterinarian. However, if the vet will only consider surgery, you can get a second opinion. Find out if a veterinary ophthalmologist is available in your area. This specialist can evaluate Dany's condition, confirm whether it is cataracts (there is at least one other condition that might be mistaken for cataracts) and recommend the next course of treatment. According to Animal Eye Care, small cataracts can be somewhat common in older dogs. They may not interfere with vision at all, and no medical treatment may be needed. While cataracts can't be reversed, you can make it more difficult for them to grow. The most important thing is to make sure Dany stays healthy. Senior-dog illnesses, especially diabetes, can affect her eyes and increase the risk of cataracts. So keep up with scheduled checkups, and make sure she eats a proper diet. If she's on medication, make sure she takes it. Nutritional supplements that contain antioxidants reputedly help slow cataract development, and in fact, at least one eye-specific supplement, Ocu-Glo, is available by prescription from the vet. Avoid using supplements developed for humans, as other ingredients in them may not be good for dogs. Also, be wary of products that claim to reverse cataracts: Only surgery can get rid of them.

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English Muffin Breakfast Pizza



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- 1 package of English Muffins
- 8 eggs
- 1 lb. breakfast sausage
- 8 oz. mild cheddar cheese, thin sliced

Sawmill Gravy

- 2 cups Milk
- ¼ cup sausage drippings (add butter if you don't have enough drippings)
- ¼ flour
- ½ teaspoon salt, or to taste
- ¼ teaspoon pepper, or to taste

Recipe from: chinasichuanfood.com

Instructions

1. Cook meat in cast iron pan until well done. Remove from pan and pour off all but ¼ cup of fat.
2. To the meat drippings in the skillet, add the flour. Cook and stir over medium heat 5 to 10 minutes or until mixture starts to turn golden. (This burns away the raw flour flavor, which must be done before liquid is introduced.)
3. Slowly add milk, stirring constantly. Cook gravy until it boils and thickens.
4. Lightly toast English Muffins in toaster while making gravy.
5. Scramble eggs in a non-stick skillet, add a small dash of milk to make them fluffier, if desired.
6. Turn oven broiler on high and assemble pizzas on baking sheet.
7. Add sawmill gravy to the open-faced toasted English Muffin, then top with scrambled eggs, slice of cheese and sausage.
8. Toast under broiler until cheese is bubbly and melted.

SUNDAY SCRAMBLER

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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