Springtime critters

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

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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 hopping across the yard, or a chipmunk scurrying from one hiding spot to another.

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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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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.

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.

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.

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

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

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. At least Biden would have taken care of the roads.

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

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.

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.

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

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

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.

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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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 start it up it hits the gas to go, it doesn’t want to go any faster then 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 isiscussing 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 misfires. 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 clearing the problem 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 returns to normal. Some 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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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 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 string 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 Center.
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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’re 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 forefront 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 also beyond knocking over garbage cans in search of food. 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 unguent odor behind, inanimate objects such as outdoor furniture, walls, stairs or anywhere else can be cleaned by mixing 1 cup of white vinegar with 1 tablespoon of dishwashing liquid and 2-1/2 tablespoons of water. Saturate everything that reeks of skunk spray until the odor is gone.
If people or their pets tangible with the wrong end of a skunk, just saturate your dog with full-strength mouthwash. Follow up with washing 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. Their 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 tallow powder around the perimeter of your yard may help them 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, and downwards 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, douche 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

HOT LINE CONTINUED
THANK YOU to the person who graded the road on Windy Knoll. So many neighbors have 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. Moors 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 ABSOLUTELY 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. 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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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 can lower 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 find 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 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.

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Senate Bill 181 and House Bill 4923: Amend open records law to legislators

Introduced by Sen. Steve Bieda (D) and Rep. Brandon Dillon (R), 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 includes 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 4298: Give big electric utilities a monopoly on generation

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 Development 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.

MichiganVotes.org
Start the day right
Morning exercise jump starts your day

The positive effect that exercise has on your life has been well documented in trade magazines and television shows around the world.

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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“I was having trouble with three woodchucks. They dug a hole underneath my perennials.”
— Angela Seyfried
Tyrone Township

“Moles, because they dig holes in my yard and then it is hard to walk.”
— Pat Marion
Fenton

“Rabbits and ground hogs, because they eat everything in the garden.”
— Beth Granger
Brighton

“Geese, because their droppings are messy and continually have to be picked up.”
— Tom Turner
Linden

“Geese, because their waste is all over the yard. It’s unsanitary for the animals and the humans.”
— Julie Rule
White Lake

“Moles, because they are killing the grass and making runs in my yard.”
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I HAVE HAD two major back surgeries, osteoarthritis, asthma, bone on bone in my knee and I am over 80; I cannot walk far. I do not use a cane or a walker but that doesn’t mean I’m taking your space, it’s mine too and I need it.

THE GAS BUDDY app is great on my phone. When I’m deciding which gas station to stop at, I check out all the prices in my area and go to the one with the lowest price. Priceless!

HANDICAP TAGS: SOME people have heart conditions, some have painful arthritis, some have really bad joints. They may look really good on the outside but they have problems on the inside so try not to be so judgmental about people who use handicap tags.

TO THE PERSON who wanted to change to satellite: Dish Satellite is the best of anything you could ever get. You’ll be happy if you have it.

2015 summer CAMP preview
Sunday, April 26
2-5 pm

Come explore the fun adventures that Camp Copneconic has to offer. Camp tours for both Day and Overnight Camp, some of camps favorite activities will be available, meet the directors and staff and have your questions answered.

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10407 North Fenton Rd.
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For more information on all of our programs please visit us at www.campcopneconic.org

Social News

BIRTHDAY

Marjory Felch celebrates 90th birthday
Marjory Felch of Linden is proud to announce she will be celebrating her 90th birthday April 27. She was born in Holly and grew up in Linden. She attended Linden High School and GMU. She was employed at GM Proving Ground for three years and Felch’s Grocery Store for 32 years. She has three children; Virginia of Linden, Larry of Linden and John of Detroit and also has three grandchildren. She will be celebrating from 2-4 p.m. on April 25 at the Linden Presbyterian Church and asks for no gifts please.

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JOBS

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BENNINGTON HILLS KENNEL IS HIRING.

Apply in person at 2099 Baldwin Rd., starting April 14th. Must be 18 years old and have reliable transportation. No telephone calls.

ENTRY LEVEL


DIRECT CARE WORKERS needed for Private Duty Home Health. Hourly and live-in shifts. Serving Genesee and Northern Oakland County. Experienced, with valid drivers license, own vehicle and open availability. Apply in person 10-2p.m. at 5362 S. Dort Hwy, Flint.

LAWN MAINTENANCE

Help wanted, experienced adults, must have license and transportation. Openings now! Must be ready, willing and able to work, Call Charlie, (810) 577-5883.

PART-TIME BARTENDER, waitstaff, and cook needed in Holly. Send information to achapman7@gmail.com.

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WE ARE SEEKING an administrative assistant, seasonal and flexible schedule. Must be energetic business or communications major a plus. Highly skilled in Microsoft Office including publisher. Accounting skills preferred. Send resume to: Megan Lambert at mlambert@smcgp.net.

EXPERIENCED and LICENSED, CDL concrete pump driver/operator for sales and service of a concrete pump. Call 810-629-5265.

QUALIFIED AND EXPERIENCED individual for waterproofing Graco Sprayer for back-up application. Call 810-629-5265.

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Contact Scott, 248-634-8720.


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FULL-TIME DRIVER, Class B or better required and clean driving record. Bentley Sand & Gravel, (810) 629-6172.

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**Sunday Sudoku**

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**ANSWER KEY LOCATED IN THIS EDITION**

**A Look back at the TOP 10 SONGS from A – Z**

**BILLY IDOL**

Top 10 Songs

1. *Mony Mony (Live version)*
   - #1 one week, 1987
2. *Cradle Of Love*
   - #2, 1988
3. *Eyes Without A Face*
   - #4, 1986
4. *To Be A Lover*
   - #6, 1986
5. *Sweet Sixteen*
   - #30, 1987
6. *Hot In The City*
   - #23, 1982
7. *Flesh For Fantasy*
   - #29, 1984
8. *White Wedding*
   - #36, 1983
9. *Don't Need A Gun*
   - #37, 1987
10. *Rebel Yell*
    - #46, 1984

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**CITY OF FENTON**

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE**

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:

**ADOPTED:** April 13, 2015

**EFFECTIVE:** April 26, 2015

**PUBLISHED:** April 19, 2015

Renee Wilson
City Clerk
HOLLY TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL SPRING-UP

LOCATION:
North Oakland County Fire Authority Headquarters
5051 Grange Hall Rd.

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. There must be in line by 4 p.m.

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

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
THE TOWNSHIP OF ROSE
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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 48442

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:

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

Rose Township reserves the right to waive any irregularities or irregularities 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

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-Snider, Gambka

Approved:

Adjourned:

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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.

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.

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.

Debbie Miller, CMC, CMMC
Emile Bair
Rose Township Clerk
Rose Township Constable

Saturday, April 19, 2015
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**FUNERAL ETIQUETTE**

What should I say to the bereaved?

Using your own words, express your sympathy. A kind word about the person who has died is always appropriate. If the family wants to talk, they usually simply need to express their feelings; they aren’t necessarily looking for a response from you. The kindest response is usually a warm hug and to simply say, “I understand”. While you don’t want to offer only clichés, there are some commonly used expressions that you can rely on if you don’t know what to say. You want to keep your remarks simple, direct and honest.

Source: thefuneralsource.org

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**OBITUARIES, FUNERAL SERVICES AND MEMORIAMS**


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**REPLACEMENT TUBE?**

Stop by the Times office at 256 N. Fenway Drive and we will provide you a tube and a bracket at no charge.


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 won’t just be appreciative and grateful of any and all efforts to reach out to them, regardless of the form of communication.

-Confused

DEAR AMY: What a great question! Most of us now talk to our kids, who are growing up as Millennials or even Gen Z. On the other hand, we talk to our parents who grew up as Gen Xers or Baby Boomers. Then we also talk to our grandkids, who are now the Millennials or Gen Z. We are all living in a world of multiple generations all at once. And we are all trying to communicate with the generations preceding us.

Your letter describes very accurately the communications crossroad we all walk through as we change our communication styles. We can get frustrated that the younger generation is not as interested in face-to-face meetings as we are, and we can also get frustrated that the younger generation is not communications goes both ways. Our younger generation can sometimes be frustrated that we don’t understand their communication styles.

I’m sure you can figure out a “way to get in touch” with your family. I think a lot of diet soda, and that much caffeine probably isn’t good for her. However, I don’t think it is likely 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.

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 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.

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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 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.

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PAW’S CORNER

Dog might not need cataract surgery

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

ANSWER: 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.

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!

Answer key located in this edition

Sunday, April 19, 2015

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Crazy Bread® & Crazy Sauce® (8 piece order)

Italian Cheese Bread (10 piece order) ....................................... $3.99

Caesar Wings (8 piece order) ................................................... $5.00
Flavors: BBQ, Buffalo, Garlic Parmesan, Teriyaki, Spicy BBQ, Bacon Honey Mustard,
Oven Roasted, Lemon Pepper

Caesar Dips® ................................................................. 59¢ OR 2 for $1.00
Buffalo, BBQ, Ranch, Buttery Garlic, Buffalo Ranch & Cheezy Jalapeno

2-Liter Beverage ................................................................. $1.99
Pepsi®, Diet Pepsi®, Mountain Dew®, Diet Mountain Dew®, Sierra Mist®, Root Beer or Orange

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LARGE DEEP DISH PIZZA
8 Crispy, Crunchy Corners with caramelized cheese edges
Dough baked to perfection to deliver a unique, crispy-on-the-bottom, soft-and-chewy-on-the-inside crust

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