Making the best cup of coffee

Grind it, pour it, drink it

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Because approximately 400 million cups are consumed everyday, coffee is one of America’s favorite beverages.

Coffee is popular partly because of its ability to adapt to most people’s tastes with cream and sugar, iced or hot, and caffeinated or decaf options.

There are many different types of coffee blends, from dark roast, to light roast, to pumpkin spice, and you can get coffee from a variety of chains like Starbucks, Tim Horton’s, and Biggby.

The perfect cup of coffee starts with beans.

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COFFEE FACTS

• Shepherds discovered coffee in Ethiopia around 800 A.D. when goat herders noticed that caffeine made their goats “dance.”

• Eighty percent of American adults consume coffee every day, spending about $20 a week on the drink.

• Coffee is the second most traded commodity on Earth, with about 26 million coffee ground farmers in over 50 countries.

• The majority of coffee is produced in Brazil.

• “Espresso” in Italian means “when something is forced out,” which makes sense considering that hot water is pressed through coffee grounds.

• Coffee was originally a food, and the first to be freeze-dried.

• Coffee beans are actually the pits of a cherry-like berry that grow on bushes.

• The world’s most expensive coffee is $600 a pound and it comes from coffee beans that have been digested and processed from a Sumatran wild cat.

• There have been five attempts to ban coffee in the world for various reasons such as the drink causes radical thinking or “satanic” thoughts.

• It’s possible to overdose on coffee by drinking over 100 cups to consume the lethal dose.

• New Yorkers drink about seven times as much coffee compared to the rest of the United States.

• Drinking coffee lowers the risk of Alzheimer’s, has shown positive effects on type 2 diabetes and Parkinson’s disease.

• Decaf coffee still contains some caffeine.

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**FITBIT**
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Cost: $180

**AMAZON ECHO**
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Cost: $143

**BEATS SOLO2**
Wireless On-Ear Headphones
With any Bluetooth device, these headphones can allow you to take calls, use the built-in microphone, and listen to music. The battery lasts about 12 hours so you don’t ever have to worry about cords.
Cost: $220

**MR. COFFEE SMART**
Wifi-Enabled WeMo 10-Cup Optimal Brew Coffeemaker
You can start a pot of coffee on this high-tech machine with just a press of a button on your smartphone. With the WeMo App on your phone, you can schedule brew times and set reminders so the coffee is always fresh.
Cost: $105

**CANON EOS REBEL**
SLR Digital Camera
This high-tech digital camera lets you take the quality pictures you want for a reasonable price. It comes with an 18-55 millimeter lens, a 16 Gb SDHC memory card, a camera case, and a 60-inch tripod.
Cost: $499

**MINI SELF-BALANCING WHEEL SCOOTER**
This hands-free scooter comes with 500-watt high-power motor, 17-25 kilometer range per charge, and a lithium battery. The double balancing system keeps you upright while zooming around.
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**GOPRO HERO4**
Black 4K Action Camera
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With a built-in video camera with 4K ultra-high definition recording, this drone can record footage from hundreds of feet in the air. With the DJI Pilot App for iOS and Android devices, you can see live footage. However, you can’t fly it within 15 miles of the White House.
Cost: $1,188

**HIGH-TECH GIFTS FOR THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**
Latest gadgets to meet any need and price range

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Hanukkah begins Sunday at sunset

Local couples share their faiths in blended Jewish and Christian traditions

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While many local residents will spend their Sunday evening eating popcorn and watching TV, Drew Shapiro of Fenton and his fiancée, Jamie Benedict, will share an evening of religious significance for Jewish people worldwide as they begin their eight-day celebration of Hanukkah.

Known as the “Festival of Lights,” Hanukkah begins at sunset this Sunday, Dec. 6 and ends on Monday, Dec. 14.

Every year, the first day of Hanukkah falls on a different day, usually sometime between late November and late December.

Hanukkah commemorates the victory of the ancient Israelites over the Syrian Greek army, and the subsequent miracle of restoring the menorah (seven-branched candelabrum) in the Holy Temple of Jerusalem.

Considered a lesser festival than Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, Hanukkah has become more festive because it is very close to Christmas. Children receive gifts for Hanukkah, often one gift for each of the eight nights. But the main celebration is lighting the menorah, spinning the dreidel and eating special fried foods.

Many Hanukkah foods are deep-fried in oil, symbolizing the oil from the menorah used in the temple. The miracle of Hanukkah is that only one vial of oil was found with just enough oil for one day, and yet it lasted for eight full days.

“When we do a traditional Jewish dinner of brisket and potato latkes (potato pancakes) with my parents,” said Shapiro, 27, who grew up raised Catholic and converted to Judaism when she married Steven Shapiro. “We always celebrated Christmas, too, but more in the spirit of the season with its traditions, not religiously,” said Shapiro.

“I enjoy the entire season,” he said. “I think it’s wonderful that everyone gets to enjoy the holiday in their own way.”

As a child, Shapiro was immersed in many Jewish traditions, attending Hebrew School, having a bar-mitzvah at age 13, and visiting Israel in 2013 as part of a free educational birthright trip to Israel for young adults age 18 to 26. “It was a really powerful experience for me in re-enforcing my Judaism,” he said.

Now planning to marry Benedict in September 2017, the couple is talking about how they will worship and raise their children. “Jamie is considering converting to Judaism,” he said. “It’s a big step. I definitely want our children to be raised in the Jewish faith.”

Sam Goodsiit and Danielle Hardy bought both Elf on the Shelf and Mench on a Bench this year, celebrating the fun part of both their Jewish and Christian traditions.

“Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Holidays— they’re all fine with me,” Drew Shapiro, president of the Fenton Board of Education, and his fiancée, Jamie Benedict, are getting married in September 2017. They are already planning how to celebrate both her Christian heritage and his Judaism faith.

SUMMARY

Hanukkah begins this Sunday, Dec. 6 and continues for eight days, bringing local couples together in both Jewish and Christian traditions.

“It’s like Christmas and Hanachris,” said Hardy, with a smile. “We’re going to enjoy both of our families this weekend to Holiday Nights at Greenfield Village. We’re trying to find different things we can do to celebrate both traditions.”

“We’re figuring it out along the way,” added Goodsiit.

Jewish High Holidays in 2016

Rosh Hashana • Oct. 3 (Jewish New Year)
Shabbat Shuva • Oct. 8 (The Sabbath of Return)
Yom Kippur • Oct. 12 (Day of Atonement)

Other Jewish holidays include:
Passover (Holiday of Pesach) April 23-29
Hanukkah (Festival of Lights) Dec. 24-Jan. 1
Dollar General approved for additional driveway

Estimated build date of Thompson Road store is June 2016

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Fenton Twp. — The Board of Trustees voted unanimously to rezone part of a parcel on Thompson Road to allow an upcoming free-standing Dollar General store to have an additional driveway.

Engineers for Dollar General still must receive preliminary and final site plan approval from the township’s planning commission.

The approximately 9,000-square-foot store would be located next to Thompson I.G., which is just east of U.S. 23. Original site plans included 30 parking spaces.

Owner of the site, Thomas Miller, has a purchase agreement with Dollar General, of Midwest V LLC.

With the original Planned Unit Development (PUD) only two driveways were allowed on Thompson Road, but now Dollar General will have a third.

At the Nov. 2 board meeting, site engineer Jim Milanowski of Milanowski & Englert Engineering and Surveying Inc. presented the project. The board spoke in favor of the project, but questioned if the 30 parking spaces would be enough.

“We’re not in favor of over paving America,” said Milanowski, adding that amount of parking spaces is standard for that type of freestanding Dollar General.

Milanowski said their build date is June 2016. He did not yet have an estimated cost.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IF OUR SCIENTISTS and engineers could be free of the forces of political oppression, which have impeded technology progress, it’s already evident that inexpensive access to vast amounts of usable energy exists that would lessen the effects of climate changes.

AS THE TOWNSHIPS start to market and flip properties, do they give themselves a tax break?

ERIK JONES OF Byron — congratulations on winning the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Championship.

DID THE BOXER Joe Louis live in Fenton? If so where? Thanks. Editor: Joe Louis owned a home just outside of the city.

THE REFUSE AND recycling carts must be at least 3 feet apart so that they can mechanically be emptied. Opposite sides of your driveway is great, otherwise the driver has to exit the truck to separate them before they can be emptied. Another idea is to take a phone photo of the schedule for recycling so you can make a quick check and put it out the right week.

I WAS GLAD to read that I am not the only one appalled by Linden schools letting a vocal minority of helicopter parents drive the district into the dumps. I am truly sorry that your kids are crying over ‘change’ but please do the right thing.

I’D LIKE TO thank the Bottoms Up restaurant in Holly for sponsoring our senior citizens softball team this year. Most of our players are in their 70s and 80s and we appreciate the opportunity to play ball before moving on to the field of dreams.

IF YOU USE the term ‘Muslim/Islamic terrorist,’ then the person in Colorado Springs must therefore be a ‘Christian terrorist.’ Let’s just use the term ‘terrorist.’

GUN LAWS ONLY work on the law abiding. They are pro-criminal. Gun control is two rounds in the same hole at 100 yards.

MR. PRESS, HOW can government dictate wages to private businesses? Republicans’ only denial on climate change is the pseudo-science that says we are creating it. Obamacare is unaffordable for untold millions. Republicans offered logical immigration reform but Democrats won’t discuss it. Democrats, after eight years, will help the middle class how?

News briefs

FREE CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY PARTY
The Karl Richter Community Center of Holly (300 East St) is holding a free Christmas/Holiday party beginning at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 19.

The party will feature games and entertainment hosted by members of the Holly police and fire departments as well as Holly Area Youth Assistance (HAYA), the Holly Area Community Coalition and other local groups and businesses. Program Coordinator Tony Engelberg wants everyone to come join in the fun. “This is our way of welcoming people to the center in the spirit of community during the holidays. Whether people have attended other activities at the center in the past or this would be their first experience, we want folks to know that this facility is welcoming and is here to be a part of the community. We welcome any organization or business who would like to host a game or donate food for the party to contact us. We’ll give them an area to advertise who they are and what they have to offer.” This event is free, however, donations in both cash for the center or food and goods for their food pantry will be accepted.

The party will lead up to a free showing of “A Christmas Story” in the auditorium at 6 p.m. For more information on this or other events, or to inquire about renting the facility, contact Engelberg at (248) 819-0101, email KRCSCPSPORTS@gmail.com or visit their Facebook page by searching Karl Richter Community Center.

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Local

5 YEARS
Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2010
Local officials to decide on Sunday morning liquor sales. Unless the Michigan Liquor Control Commission

HOt LInE CONTINUED

AS A VIETNAM veteran and one whose twin brother died in that war, I resent the attitude of the Hot line response regarding the symbol for which we all fought — the American Flag. The flag is supposed to be taken down and not to be flown tainted and torn. Doing so is disrespectful. The Hot line writer should educate him or herself before sounding off.

POlITICAL CORRECTNESS, BROUGHT to you by liberals, has come to this. Investigators interviewing a neighbor of the San Bernardino shooters said she did not report to police suspicious activities from that home because she didn’t want to be branded a racist.

THE REASON THERE are so many political Hot lines is that the lives of moms, dads and their children are literally at stake when we have incompetent leadership. The comments from both sides of the fence are the truth, more often than not.

10 YEARS
Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005
Fountain Village rezoning fails. The Fenton Township Board of Trustees voted against the rezoning request for the proposed Fountain Village, which would have been developed at the southwest section of Thompson and Fenton roads.

The original concept included 125 single family homes and 41 detached single family condominiums. Homes were expected to be priced in the $250,000 to $399,000 range.

15 YEARS
Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2000
Computer crash ‘bytes.’ City employees work to restore financial records. An investigation is underway to determine how the computer hard drive containing the city’s financial records could have failed for the second time in just over a year. In addition to the hard drive crash, the backup system also failed.

20 YEARS
Sunday, Dec. 10, 1990
Battle at the border: Fenton Township accuses Linden of aggression. Residents are fed up with Sicklesville, a new subdivision in Linden, where residents tend to have large driveways and poolside parties.

25 YEARS
Sunday, Dec. 9, 1990
Fenton Township recycling incentive. Per bag city trash charge? Fenton residents may soon have an added incentive to recycle. A Fenton City Council committee has proposed a solid waste plan that will encourage residents to separate paper, plastic, tin and other recyclable items in approved containers. The plan would encourage residents to recycle because they will be charged for their garbage on a per-bag basis instead of the current fixed rate of $374 per year.

30 YEARS
Sunday, Dec. 8, 1985
‘Another tool’ says Fenton artist. Art by computer. An artist’s tool can be anything that will fit the mood and expression that the artist wishes to convey. Those tools may be conventional brushes, palette knives, sponges, stones or even blow torches and computers. Sandy Berra, a member of the Fenton Artists Guild has temporarily put away the precious metals used in the making of distinctive jewelry and turned her talents to art by computer.
What's the best cup of coffee you've ever had?

“German coffee because it’s real rich and not bitter. It actually tastes like coffee.”
Jim Verhelle
Fenton Township

“It was recent. It was at Tim Horton’s. I had a cake latte. It was like cake and it had whip cream and sprinkles on top.”
Marci Kopko
Fenton

“I love coffee. We had a cup of coffee in El Paso, Texas. They put some fancy brandy in it. I can’t believe how good it was.”
Bridget Koledo
Linden

“I’d probably have to go with Tim Horton’s, double the cream, double the sugar. It’s just the regular roasted. Their cappuccinos are really good, too.”
Angel Burkett, Linden

“I like Maxwell House. I try different types and always go back to Maxwell House. I drink light coffee anyway. Starbucks is too strong and I don’t like it too strong.”
Ken Streeter, Linden

FRENCH PRESS COFFEE AT THE LAUNDRY

The Laundry in Fenton is known for its French Press coffee, which needs a coarser grind. Ryan Petry, an employee at The Laundry, said the French Press is a popular option for customers.

“You have to know the origin of beans, acidity and soil levels and all those different things to do a really good roast of beans. I roast my own beans so you start with the highest quality and you roast to perfection.”
It takes about 20 minutes to roast two-and-half pounds of coffee beans with her roaster.

Instead of using oils and syrups for flavor, she uses different flavored beans to make different coffees.

“I buy coffee from all over the world and then I roast it here. It all comes raw and unprocessed,” she said.
Her Michigan Cherry blend and regular blend are very popular.

“I have a zanie blend that’s really flavorful. It’s a low-acid coffee that people buy all the time,” she said.

To make the perfect cup of coffee, Slagell said, “I roast it and brew it for them and then they doctor it up the way they like.”

COFFEE

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Aaron Brooks of Linden, owner of online coffee store Mason Jar Coffee Co., found that people liked coffee from Guatemala and Ethiopia.

“I roast them and do sample cups of coffee and see which ones people liked the best. People really like Guatemala,” he said. He uses three small roasters to roast coffee about twice a week.

“In order to roast coffee you need heat and agitation,” he said. “I roast to sound and smell, sound especially. Coffee cracks, that’s how you know it’s done.”

With medium roast coffee, he keeps the beans in the roaster for a minute after he hears the first bean crack. For dark roast, he waits to hear two cracks.

A light roast coffee roasts for a shorter period of time, but Brooks doesn’t have as much demand for that.

Brooks then grinds the beans. He makes pour-over coffee, which needs a finer grind.

“You’re looking for proper extraction level,” he said. “If it’s in there too long, it’s going to be over extracted. If it’s too quickly, it’s under extracted. Grind time is really important.”

Another factor is time. He knows his pour-over coffee should take about two minutes and 30 seconds for all the water to pour through the system.

He recommends people taste it black.

“If people want to put cream and sugar in their coffee, that’s their prerogative. One of my favorite things to hear is ‘I don’t even need to put cream and sugar in my coffee,’” Brooks said. “That’s what happens when you make coffee the right way.”

For the best cup of coffee, Brooks said you need two things: good coffee and the right moment.

“It’s a good cup of coffee with a memorable situation,” he said. He remembers the first cup of coffee he had was in Grand Haven with his wife, Sonja. “That first cup was very memorable because we were on vacation and I was getting to spend time with my wife.”

Brooks said he wants to help people have that moment with his coffee.

“I want to provide good coffee and be a part of that family experience,” he said. “That’s one of the things that means the most to me.”

For more information on Mason Jar Coffee Co. or to order coffee, visit masonjarcoffee.com.

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Fresh, clean aromas can help seal the deal

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Every person’s home has its own scent, whether you notice it in your own house or not. When a prospective buyer comes into your home, you want to neutralize that scent, so they are not picking up unpleasing effects. Neutral should be clean, as without any smell.

While a fresh baked batch of cookies may be your own personal favorite aroma in your home, prospective buyers might prefer the scent of light, clean and neutral.

“My never had a person yet buy a home because of (fresh baked) cookies,” said RE/MAX Platinum Realtor John Wentworth. “I’d rather that the house be picked up and tidy.”

To neutralize the scent of your home, experts suggest you use your own “elbow grease” to deep-clean your house, rather than masking odors with scented sprays. They often create their own unpleasant effects. Neutral should be clean, as without any smell.

However, make sure your house doesn’t smell like ammonia, bleach or any strongly scented cleaner when you’re done cleaning.

To refresh up the air in your home to create that natural, neutral smell:
• Wash all bed covers and wash or dry-clean blankets.
• Have the carpet cleaned or replaced.
• Mop hard-surface floors with a lightly scented or unscented cleaner.
• Scrub the bathrooms top to bottom, choosing cleaners carefully.
• Store old shoes in plastic boxes with lids.
• Wash pet bedding.
• Move any pet accessories and litter boxes to the garage or away from main living areas.

If you choose to use fragrant scents in your home, make sure to keep the scent simple. “Keep the fragrance consistent throughout the house,” said Wentworth.

“One candle goes a long way.”

Simple, recognizable scents like the following have been found to be most desirable to buyers:
• Orange/citrus
• Lemon
• Pine
• Fresh, clean aromas
• Vanilla
• Cinnamon

If your heart is set on baking, skip chocolate chip cookies in favor of the simple, familiar scent of a cinnamon bun. “Better yet, put your focus into your home rather than cookies and candles,” said Wentworth.

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Amar

I am here looking for a warm lap to curl up on this winter.

Angelo

I am the perfect combination of loving and playful.

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I may be the quietest kitten you meet, but my love speaks volumes.

Willie

I would love one person to spoil with my love.

Hollywood

Not only am I drop dead gorgeous, I have a wonderful personality.

Oscar

I’m a tiny peanut. I’m a 4 month Chihuahua/Rat Terrier blend.

Meyer

I’m an adorable itty bitty. I’m a 4 mo Chihuahua/Rat Terrier blend.

Gonzo

I prefer women over men. I sure am handsome in my “bomber” coat.

Mama Kat

I may be missing an eye, but I know my future is bright.

Tanner

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The article continues with various advertisements and images of animals for adoption.
Agent John Gatz handles personal-commercial insurance and financial products

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“We are Farmers! Bum ba-dum bum bum bum bum.”

Just about everyone knows this popular advertising jingle for Farmers Insurance, but you might not know what makes Farmers Insurance stand out among other insurers.

“The Farmers Insurance philosophy is that any gaps in your insurance coverage are taken care of,” said agent John Gatz, who opened his Fenton office in February.

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“We offer auto-home-life personal lines of insurance, as well as commercial lines and financial products from annuities to 401ks, IRAs and mutual funds,” said Gatz. His office is located at 14229 Torrey Rd., Suite 2, under Fenton Foot Care in the two-story office building. For more information, call (810) 714-3800.

Fenton Council receives minimal stipend increase

The city of Fenton’s Compensation Commission has recommended a pay increase of $6 per meeting, from $69 to $75, for members of the City Council. The meeting stipend limit also has been increased from 40 to 45 in order to cover the special meetings necessary throughout the year. According to Mayor Sue Osborn, the increase became effective with the new council elected Nov. 3. Unlike neighboring townships, Fenton City Council members are not paid a salary, but rather a stipend twice a year, in May and November, to cover expenses. With this increase, each of the seven council members will receive an additional $615 per year for a total increase of $4,305 per year.

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NOTICE
ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS
DECEMBER 15, 2015 BOARD OF REVIEW

The Argentine Township Board of Review will hold its December meeting as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, December 15, 2015
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
PLACE: Argentine Township Hall
9048 Silver Lake Road
Linden MI 48451
(810) 735-5050

Purpose: To correct any of the errors in assessments and tax rates, to review claims of qualified homestead on properties and to review hardship/poverty/veterans claims.

Denise Graves, Clerk, Argentine Township
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REGULAR PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD TUESDAY DECEMBER 22, 2015 AT 7:00 PM BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AT 12060 MANTAWAUCA. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

NEW BUSINESS:

ZBA15-038 Jeff Church, 12489 Torrey Rd. Fenton:
Appealing the Zoning Administrator’s decision to waive the sight line requirements for 2485 Margaret to construct an accessory building on the island in front of the property parcel 06-11-552-006

ZBA15-039 Nasir Ali, MD, 2571 N. Long Lk. Rd. Fenton:
Requesting a 735 sq. ft. maximum allowable square footage variance to be able to have a 5th garage door on the garage that is built at 2571 N. Long Lk. Rd. parcel 06-02-300-065

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ROBERT KRUG,
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

TYRONE TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS HELD DECEMBER 1, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.

1. Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Clerk Keith Kremer, Treasurer Marna Bunting-Smith, Trustees Cam Gonzalez, Soren Pedersen, Chuck Schultz, and David Walker.

2. Approved the agenda as presented. Approved the consent agenda as presented.

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4. The Treasurer updated the board on the township’s expanded credit card services.

5. Adopted the restatement of the 401(a) Defined Contribution Retirement Plan as mandated by the IRS.

6. Authorized the 2016 summer tax collection for the school districts.

7. Authorized the 2016 sewer O&M rates as presented.

8. Authorized the Board to advertise for the 2016-17 preliminary budget as discussed.


10. Appointed Supervisor Mike Cunningham to the Lake Tyrone Lake Board.

11. Approved to hire Natura Architectural Consulting to inspect the township hall building including thermal imaging.

12. Authorized the 2016 sewer O&M rates as presented.

13. Authorized the Treasurer to counteroffer the sale price of $150,000 on the 28-acre parcel 4704-03-300-015 and $270,000 on the 74-acre parcel 4704-03-300-003.

The minutes of all regular and special Tyrone Township Board Meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Tyrone Township Clerk’s office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and online at www.tyronetownship.org. The next regular meeting of the Tyrone Township Board will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

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2. She Thinks I Still Care - #1 three weeks, 1962
3. White Lightning - #1 five weeks, 1969
4. Walk Through This World With Me - #1 two weeks, 1970
5. We’re Gonna Hold On - #1 two weeks, 1973
6. You - #1 two weeks, 1975
7. He Stopped Loving Her Today - #1 one week, 1980
8. I Always Get Lucky With You - #1 one week, 1983
9. The Grand Tour - #1 one week, 1981
10. Still Doin’ Time - #1 one week, 1981

BY TRIBUNE MEDIA

Sunday Sudoku

SuperCrossword

ANSWER KEY LOCATED IN THIS EDITION
**Synopsis of Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting**

Regular Board Meeting November 30, 2015

Call to order @ 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Cole


A moment of silence was observed in memory of Chris White and Robert Proux.

Approved: Minutes as printed of Regular Board Meeting October 26, 2015

Approved: Payment of bills as presented.

Approved: Hiring Jason Jenkins as part-time police officer.

Accepted: resignation of fire-fighter Brad Krupinski.

Issued: 4 permits that total $2,593.00.

Approved: Entering Closed Board Session @ 7:22 p.m.

Approved Return to Regular Board Session @ 7:43 p.m.

Tabled: Appointment of Administrative Assistant to Police Chief.

Re-appointed: Representatives to Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Adjourned @ 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by Denise Graves

Argentine Township Clerk
Charles Cheeseman
1942-2015
Charles Cheeseman - age 72, of Holly, died in Dunedin, FL, on November 13, 2013. He lived in Holly most of his life. Cremation has already taken place.

Philip H. Miner
Philip H. Miner - November 14, 1936 - November 15, 2015. Services were provided by Dryer Funeral Home.

Basil Blanchard

Lawrence Bearup

John D. Merritt
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Can heart surgery cause hot flashes?

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have had hot flashes similar to those experienced by post-menopausal women, ever since my coronary bypass in 1990. I can be sitting quietly in a chair reading or at my computer, and suddenly I find myself dripping with perspiration. I also have had panic attacks, with increased heart rate and other physical symptoms. A few years ago, a 24-hour EKG showed heart-rhythm irregularities and that my heart stopped briefly while asleep. If these idiosyncrasies of my autonomic nervous system are a consequence of my time on the heart-lung machine for the bypass, I’m not complaining — just curious. You said that studies have been done on almost everything. Is this one? — W.S.B.

ANSWER: I found that a lot of people complain of similar symptoms. I also found that, indeed, the autonomic nervous system (the part of the nervous system that regulates temperature, sweat, blood pressure and many other critical aspects of body function without our being consciously aware of it) can be adversely affected by cardiac surgery. Some authors have suggested that the autonomic nervous system changes are one mechanism by which people are more likely to have depression after cardiac surgery. I found several possible explanations why the ANS changes with bypass surgery, but no clear consensus. I would want to be sure that there are no other causes of these symptoms. It sounds like you have had an extensive evaluation, but I certainly would be concerned about a sudden fast heart rhythm, such as atrial fibrillation.

HOT CHOCOLATE FUDGE

INGREDIENTS
1 1/2 Cups Mallow Bits (mini hot chocolate marshmallows) 1 Cup White Chocolate Chips 2 Cups Dark Chocolate Chips 14 ounces Sweetened Condensed Milk — divided 1½ Cups Mallow Bits (mini hot chocolate marshmallows)

INSTRUCTIONS
1. In a microwave safe bowl; combine white chocolate chips with 3 Tablespoons sweetened condensed milk. Stir until smooth. Spread mixture on top of dark chocolate layer.
2. Microwave white chocolate 30 seconds. Stir. Microwave 15 seconds then stir vigorously until chocolate is smooth. Transfer mixture into prepared pan and spread into an even layer.
3. Line a square 9x9 pan with foil and gently press down. Refrigerate at least 4 hours to set.
4. Remove fudge and foil from pan. Carefully peel all foil from fudge. Cut fudge into bite sized pieces and serve.

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
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Lake Fenton Schools

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Waterfront

Fenton • $239,900
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New on Market

Waterfront

Fenton • $259,900

Lake Fenton Schools

Fenton • $194,900
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Multi-Family

Linden • $119,000
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Acreage

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