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AREA MOVIE THEATERS SOLD OUT FOR



■ Expect to see fans dressed as Chewbacca, Han Solo, Luke Skywalker, Princess Leia and more

By Hannah Ball

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The force is strong in the tri-county area this weekend as fans go see the newest episode in the Star Wars franchise "Star Wars: The Force Awakens."

Opening Thursday to fans dressed as Princess Leia, Luke Skywalker, Chewbacca, and Han Solo, the Grand Blanc NCG Trillium Theater had a line starting several hours before the movie premiered.

First to arrive with a friend was Hassan Rutherford of Fenton. They got in line at 9 a.m. for the IMAX 3D showing.

Scattered about the crowd were Sith Lords, a few Princess Leias, and plenty of Star Wars themed costumes. People young and old weren't shy about taking selfies with R2-D2.

The convincing remote-controlled rep-

lica of the famous Star Wars droid was the center of attention wherever he was.

While tickets of the early a.m. showings of the movie were available, all the first showings in 3D and 2D were sold out, as well as the IMAX showings. The Grand Blanc NCG Trillium theater has a capacity more than 2,000 people.

The theater had a marathon of all six previous movies, plus the new one, starting at 4 a.m. on Thursday, which was sold out.

One Howell couple and a group of friends avoided the rush and are going to a private showing at the Grand Blanc NCG Trillium on Sunday morning. Anna (Laroy) Gibson, 33, of Howell, has been into Star Wars since she was a kid. The wonder of the series got her hooked.

"It's obviously a story that a lot of people cling to, a galaxy far, far away and there's a lot of cinematic detail in there," she said. "I like the space aspect. I like fantasy in general."

See **STAR WARS** on 6B



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Julianna Backoski, 7, of Linden, dressed as Princess Leia, poses for photos next to a remote controlled R2-D2. She was waiting in the IMAX line before the first 7 p.m. showing of **Star Wars: The Force Awakens** at the NCG Cinema in Grand Blanc Township.



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Adults weren't shy about donning Star Wars costumes, Star Wars themed clothing or getting their photo taken with a very realistic R2-D2.

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Old Newsboys hope to put more gifts under more trees

■ Paper sales have concluded, but donations still accepted

By Vera Hogan

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There is still time to remember a child this holiday season.

Even though the paper sales are over for the Old Newsboys of Flint, they are still collecting donations so they may fulfill their motto, "Let No Child Be Forgotten."

According to Joel Florida, 72, a member of the Old Newsboys of Flint for more than 40 years, they expect to serve 7,000 children this year. So far, they have served 4,567 through their Christmas Program.

Last year, 6,640 children were served through the Old Newsboys' Christmas Program.

Each child enrolled in the Christmas Program receives a sweat suit, two sets of socks and

underwear, a hat and pair of 3M Thinsulate gloves, a toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss and age-appropriate toy or game.

Another program by the Old Newsboys of Flint is the Warm Hearts Healthy Starts program. This is a coat and shoes program administered in partnerships with 90 Genesee County elementary schools. In 2014, 1,003 children were served through this program, according to Florida.

A long-time Fenton resident, known to many for his jolly portrayals of Santa Claus and Kris Kringle, Florida learned about the Old Newsboys of Flint as a child, when he became a recipient of their good works.

Florida's father, a detective sergeant with the Flint Police Department, died at a young age of a heart attack. His death



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Kris Kringle (a.k.a. Joel Florida of Fenton) stops by the Tri-County Times office Tuesday to spread a little cheer.

left his 34-year-old wife to support 10 children on her own. She had no job and no experience at the time. She was able to get a job at a restaurant for \$3 a night, but it wasn't enough to support her large family. The family, who lived in a three-bedroom home in Flint, often went without the

basics, such as food, heat, electricity and running water.

Florida said he used to think that people who lived in homes with curbs and sidewalks, and running water and electricity, were rich.

According to this year's Old Newsboys newspaper, for children like Florida, getting a new outfit and a toy for Christmas was like a breath of fresh air. It was more than just material items for Florida and his family.

It gave them hope. It meant that someone cared about them. It meant that their lives mattered in the world.

"Those gifts are not elaborate, but the message is," said Florida in his Old Newsboys 2015 interview.

After graduating from Flint Southwestern in 1962, Florida worked briefly as a sheriff's deputy before joining the Flint Police Department in 1965. He retired from the department in 1991.

Florida became a member of the Old Newsboys at 21 and served as president in 2001. He still serves on the board of directors today.

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WHAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT HOME ALONE

By Hannah Ball
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Source: clipd.com

As one of everyone's favorite Christmas movies, 'Home Alone,' has certainly been played many times during the holiday season. People love watching a young boy who was accidentally left home alone for Christmas defend his home by setting traps for two robbers. Here are some facts you might not know about the movie.



- 1 The idea for the movie came from the set of a different John Hughes film, "Uncle Buck." It starred both John Candy, who played Gus Polinski, and Macaulay Culkin.
- 2 John Candy actually finished all his scenes in 23 straight hours. 
- 3 As the highest grossing film in 1990, "Home Alone" earned a Guinness World Record for the highest grossing live-action comedy. It brought in approximately \$17,082,000 in the opening weekend and held the spot for 12 weeks. The movie stayed in the top 10 until June the following year. 
- 4 The McCallister residence is a real house and a popular tourist attraction in Illinois. Located at 671 Lincoln Avenue in Winnetka, it sold for \$1.6 million in 2012.
- 5 The tarantula Kevin puts on Marv, played by Daniel Stern, isn't fake like most people believe; it's real. Stern let the spider crawl on his face for one take, but didn't scream because the tarantula would have bit him. Instead, the scream was recorded and added later. 
- 6 Although the house is real, the tree house was not. It was built for the movie so Kevin could escape the home, and was torn down after the movie was filmed.
- 7 The traps set by Kevin would have actually killed Harry and Marv. A diagnosis of the injuries shows they wouldn't have survived that many head and other bodily injuries, especially the blowtorch to Harry's head. With that much flame, the skin and skull would be so damaged, he would have required a bone transplant. 
- 8 Joe Pesci, the method actor, wanted Macaulay to be afraid of him so he kept his distance on set. During the scene where Kevin's strung up on the coat rack, Macaulay actually bled a little.
- 9 Could you image Robert DeNiro as Harry? He turned the role down and Joe Pesci became one of everyone's favorite villains. He was told to tone down his adult language on set a few times.
- 10 The movie poster, where Kevin is grabbing his face and screaming, is based on "The Scream" by Edvard Munch.
- 11 The picture of Buzz's girlfriend is actually a picture of a boy photo-shopped to look like a girl. Director John Hughes didn't want to insult the looks of an actual girl. 
- 12 Poland loves "Home Alone." It was the first western movie shown after the fall of Communism. It airs every year and gains five million views every year. 
- 13 There's foreshadowing after the soda spilling incident when the mess gets thrown in the trash. Kevin's ticket gets thrown in, not-so-obviously telling the viewers he's not going on the trip. 

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A bowl game for everybody

■ Eighty teams will go 'bowling' this season — the most ever

By David Troppens

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Two years ago, I wrote a story talking about the crazy number of bowl games.

At the time, Division 1 major college football had 35 bowl contests involving 70 teams. Guess what? This year there will be 40 bowl contests and a national

championship contest involving 80 teams. That means 62.5 percent of the 128 FBS (football bowl subdivision) football teams are going bowling between Saturday and Jan. 2. There were so many bowl spots that three teams were "rewarded" with invitations despite losing records.

Considering most schools actually lose money on bowl games due to the expenses of getting to the game and the typical forced ticket purchases, it seems the bowl system is broke. "Why would any school want to play a 6-6 team and lose money to play a 5-7 team in Detroit in late December?"

The lures remain great. Television loves bowl games and will televise one whenever possible. ESPN will be televising 34 of the 40 bowl games and the National Championship game on Jan. 11. Historically programs looked at a season ending in a bowl game as a symbolic sign of a successful season. You'll hear coaches rant, "Of course it was a great season, we went to a bowl, right?" Of course, that argument held more weight when teams with 7-4 records found it tough to get a postseason bid.

Finally, athletes and coaching staffs enjoy the freebies involved with a bowl game in a game that may be located in Arizona, Florida or maybe even the Bahamas.

Let's take a look at some of these bowl game.

Bowl games involving teams with losing records

My alma mater, the Central Michigan University Chippewas (7-5) plays at Ford Field against the Minnesota Golden Gophers (5-7) at the **Quick Lane Bowl** on Dec. 28. As sad as this may sound, if CMU wins that game, I'll be excited. Another Big Ten team with a 5-7 mark is going bowling. Nebraska is facing UCLA (8-4) in the **Foster Farms Bowl** on Dec. 26. Finally, in what may be the worst game of the bowl season, San Jose State (5-7) faces Georgia State (6-6) in the **Cure Bowl** this Saturday. The Cure Bowl also qualifies as the only one in which both teams could leave the game with losing records.

Never leave your television day

For those who love any bowl game, mark Dec. 26 on your calendar. The day starts with the **St. Pete Bowl** on 11 a.m. The traditional **Sun Bowl** featuring 8-4 squads Miami (Fla.) and Washington State follows at 2 p.m. Just 20 minutes later, ESPN will televise the **Heart of Dallas Bowl** between Washington (6-6) and Southern Miss (9-4), and at 3:30 p.m.

ABC will televise one of the more



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By winning the Big Ten Championship, the Michigan State Spartans earned an invitation to the Cotton Bowl, where they'll play Alabama on Dec. 31.

meaningless games, the **Bronx Bowl** featuring Indiana (6-6) and Duke (7-5). This contest between hoops schools may be a better one on the hardcourt. Two more games remain. At 5:45 p.m. Tulsa (6-6) and Virginia Tech (6-6) face off in the **Independence Bowl**, followed by the **Foster Farms Bowl** at 9:15 p.m. Six bowl games, and two pizzas later, fans will have watched over 12 hours of college football bowl games.

Michigan teams

The Michigan State Spartans will be the first Michigan-based school to play in the four-team national title tourney when the Spartans (12-1) host Alabama (12-1) in the **Cotton Bowl** on Dec. 31 at 8 p.m. The nation's eyes will be on Sparty as they face a squad I think is over-ranked, Alabama.

The Michigan Wolverines will be enjoying themselves in Orlando, facing Florida in a battle of 9-3 teams on New Year's Day in the **Citrus Bowl**. Finally, Central Michigan will be at Ford Field for what should be a Chippewa-dominant crowd at the **Quick Lane Bowl**, and Western Michigan University will enjoy the Bahamas while playing Middle Tennessee State in the **Bahamas Bowl** on Dec. 24. Talk about a cool Christmas vacation.

Meaningless bowls I'll probably end up watching

I'm a night owl, so a lot of times I don't settle down at home until about 9:30 p.m. This means a good chunk of

what I watch on TV happens late at night. So some of the games I'll probably end up watching will be the **Holiday Bowl**, which features Wisconsin (9-3) in a Dec. 30, 10:30 p.m. kickoff, and the Jan. 2 **Cactus Bowl** pitting West Virginia (7-5) against Arizona State (6-6) at 10:15 p.m. on Jan. 2.

State with the most bowls

It's Florida. The state will host eight bowl games — the **Cure Bowl** (Dec. 19), the **Miami Beach Bowl** (Dec. 21), the **Boca Raton Bowl** (Dec. 22), the **St. Pete Bowl** (Dec. 26), the **Russell Athletic Bowl** (Dec. 29), the **Citrus Bowl** (Jan. 1), the **Outback Bowl** (Jan. 1), the **TaxSlayer Bowl** (Jan. 2) and the **Orange Bowl** (Dec. 31).

Bowl game history

1902 — On Jan. 1 the Tournament East West Football game featured Michigan beating Stanford 41-0. It eventually became known as the Rose Bowl.

1935 — Jan. 1 featured the Rose, Sugar and Orange Bowl.

1941 — The Jan. 1 bowl lineup now features five games.

1950 season — There are now nine bowl games and not all of them are on Jan. 1.

1970 season — There's still only 11 games, so growth is still slow.

1980 season — There are now 15 games and soon we'll see more.

2000 season — There are 25 games and the bowl explosion has begun.

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Business briefs

LaFontaine Automotive Group expands to Birch Run

LaFontaine Automotive Group, with a location in Fenton (LaFontaine Used Car King) has announced the upcoming construction of a new state-of-the-art Ford facility to be built in Birch Run. The location will be on 19 acres between Shiawassee Harley-Davidson and the Birch Run Expo Center. Construction has begun with an anticipated completion date of fall 2016. LaFontaine Automotive Group includes 22 franchises in 17 locations and employs more than 1,000 people.

Community trail needs your donations

■ Matching funds and grants will keep wheels turning for non-motorized pathway project

By Sally Rummel

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If you're looking for another worthy organization for year-end donations, you may want to consider the LAFF Trails Coalition — the local community effort to connect Linden, Argentine, Fenton and Fenton Township with non-motorized trails.

"We've established a LAFF Fund through the Community Foundation of Greater Flint," said Victor Lukasavitz, LAFF steering committee chairman. "You can give a tax deductible gift online at www.cfgf.org or go to our own website, www.laffpathways.com."

Gifts will support the group's goal to raise funds for matching grants. "Setting up the fund for collecting donations is critical to developing the matching funds necessary to receive other grants," said Lukasavitz.

Members of the LAFF Steering Committee have personally committed more than \$14,000 to this project. "We haven't asked the people in our communities until now, but we jumped in first," said Lukasavitz. "We wanted to demonstrate that we have skin in the game."

The LAFF project is right on schedule in its three-to-five-year projection for its first Tier 1 Priority Trail of Fenton to Linden on Silver Lake Road. "We are 90 percent done with the concept planning in our engineering study," said Lukasavitz.

He met Tuesday with the Genesee County Planning Commission and has established a projected completion date as Fall 2018. "We need to keep moving and expediting the process, working on the required deadlines and tasks to

SUMMARY

■ Community support and donations are critical to the success of the LAFF Trails Coalition, which is working to meet its targeted completion date of Fall 2018 for the first non-motorized pathway linking Fenton and Linden on Silver Lake Road.

of Transportation and several lesser value grants, then will come up with other grants and match funds to fund the rest. The Silver Lake Corridor project is expected to cost about \$1.1 million.

The LAFF Steering Committee met last week with the village of Holly and village of Byron to discuss their pathway efforts and how the LAFF project could connect to them and Seven Lakes State Park in Holly Township.

"We went from hoping for and discussing the connection of Argentine, Linden and Fenton to now discussing a grand regional opportunity through three counties," said Lukasavitz. "This falls in line with what we're trying to do — connect communities."

He said that Holly is actually ahead of the LAFF Pathways schedule, planning the installation of a non-motorized path from Saginaw Street into the downtown area next year. "This regional opportunity, of course, will take a long time to develop but planning and discussion is where it all starts."

LAFF Pathway has now set up its Facebook page, with new content being added weekly. Fundraisers and other special events are planned early in 2016. "Watch for more details coming soon," said Lukasavitz.

squeeze the time line to as little as possible," he said.

The committee is currently working on preliminary grant applications from Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Michigan

“You can give a tax deductible gift online at www.cfgf.org or go to our own website, www.laffpathways.com.”

Victor Lukasavitz
LAFF steering committee chairman

Business briefs

HOLLY DENTAL CARE ADDS PROSTHODONTIST

Holly Dental Care has added the services of prosthodontist Dr. David Bartolovic to their comprehensive family dental practice. Prosthodontics is the branch of dentistry that deals with the replacement of missing teeth and related mouth or jaw structures by artificial devices. Before joining Holly Dental Care, Bartolovic spent 10 years working for a dental practice in southeast Michigan. He is a graduate of the Indiana University School of Dentistry in 2003 with a certificate in prosthodontics and earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery in 2000 from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry. Holly Dental Care offers general, cosmetic, sedation and restorative dentistry, plus dental implants. The practice includes Dr. Randy Hunter and Dr. Marie Hunter, Dr. David Bartolovic and Dr. Lindsay Smith.

HOLLY BUSINESS RECEIVES MAJOR AWARD

John Armstead of Armstead Automotive Towing in Holly received the prestigious American Towman ACE Award for achievement in service performance. Recipients were nominated by the nation's major motor clubs and dispatch centers. Nomination guidelines include: the highest percentage of calls when the estimated time of arrival is achieved, consistency in response time, written appreciation from customers and percentage of calls serviced (instead of turning them away) thereby reflecting reliability and overall professionalism. The ACE Award is presented by American Towman Magazine. The ACE Award was commemorated with an original designed belt buckle, presented at the ACE Award Ceremony in Baltimore, Maryland last month during the American Towman Exposition, the world's largest trade show and convention for emergency road service providers.



ASK THE MECHANIC

Chris Wilkinson,
Certified Mechanic

Q: I have a 2004 Dodge Ram 1500 with a 4.6l V8. It starts shaking when I'm stopped. I just did a minor tune-up. What do you think is wrong with it?

- Stephen

A: Stephen, Anything I tell you at this point would just be a guess without hearing the vehicle run and knowing the history. First, if the shaking did not start until after the tune up then you need to look for a possible cracked porcelain on one or more of the spark plugs. Check to make sure the proper spark plugs were installed since sometimes they are cataloged wrong. Next, I would make sure when you are checking the plugs to pay attention to the coil boots as you remove the coils to make that they are seated properly and in good condition. If the shaking was present before the tune up then it is probably best at this point if you have a professional look at it. Some components are difficult to test and may take some specialty equipment to test. With the cost of parts for today's vehicles guessing is not a good way to go.

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streettalk

What's the most unusual gift you've received?



"When I was little, I wanted a nutcracker. I was confused between the toy soldiers in the Nutcracker and the actual nuts in bowls around our house during the holidays. They thought I wanted the toy soldier, but I really wanted a nutcracker, which I got."

Vera Hogan, Fenton



"I received one of those really big jars of olives you see in the bulk food aisle. I'm still not sure why. I was probably elementary age. I still like olives."

Sharon Stone
Fenton Township



"I got a plate with Benji the Dog on it from way back when. I don't know why. We didn't have a dog like that or anything. It was so expensive because it was a collector's item."

Holli Poyner
Tyrone Township



"I got engaged at Christmas. Santa Claus helped me propose. This is the weirdest one I've ever gotten. Greatest day of my life."

Andy Westhoff
Fenton



"The singer of my band drew me a comic of me stabbing someone because they weren't following the rules, because I'm a rule enforcer."

Tim Jagielo
Fenton

STAR WARS

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She met her husband, Nelson, while working at Best Buy and they bonded over Star Wars.

"We did start talking because he found out I like Stars Wars," she said. He lent her a Star Wars book and that's how they got to know each other.

Both of their animals are named after Star Wars characters. Their cat, Callista, is named after a love interest of Luke Skywalker, and their puppy, Tycho, is named after an X-wing pilot for the rebel alliance.

Their love for the franchise doesn't stop there. When they were married, Jan. 24, 2009, they incorporated Star Wars into their wedding.

"I walked down the aisle to the award ceremony music at the end of 'A New Hope.' It's awesome music. Instead of having guests blow bubbles, they had



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Kurt Zimmerman of Flushing debuts his BB-8 droid at the screening. This droid isn't ready to roll yet, but his R2-D2 was a big hit.

light sabers and they did a light saber salute by making a bridge."

While their twins, Lucas and Leah, aren't named after Anakin and Padme's twins, the famous Luke Skywalker and Princess Leia, they see the resemblance.

"We certainly recognize that it's an awfully big coincidence that it's very close to Luke and Leia, and they're twins," she said.

Gibson said she was very excited for the new movie to come out on Thursday, and expected Disney to do a good job. "When I heard that Disney was doing a whole set of new movies, I was a little apprehensive," she said. Although, Gibson was excited to find out J. J. Abrams was directing it.

"Disney always does well with it. They bought it for quite a bit of money to put the effort into keeping up the franchise," she said.

Gibson expects to see the Millennium Falcon, Han Solo's ship, in the new movies, and refused to look at spoilers to not ruin the surprise.

She's read many of the Star Wars books, and would love to see some book characters in "The Force Awakens" but doesn't expect to.

"I like the idea of Han and Leia getting married and having kids," she said. "But I know that Disney's not doing that."

She said the culture of Star Wars has grown a lot over the years. "With each generation they have come out with a new set of movies. Now it's a cult thing. If you haven't seen Star Wars, people can't believe it," she said.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SALLY RUMMEL

The new Fenton Flowers & Gifts is brightly decorated inside and out, pictured with owner Linda Wolford.

Fenton Flowers & Gifts moves 'four doors down'

■ New, larger corner location makes room for upcoming Caroline Street extension

By Sally Rummel

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Fenton Flowers & Gifts moved four doors down the street in October from their original location, to make room for the Caroline Street extension.

What they got in return is double the space and much more visibility from LeRoy Street. "You can really see us now with our corner location and larger sign," said owner

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An interview with

Santa Claus

A jolly old elf who is lively, cheerful, merry, vibrant, joyful, and generous

By Vera Hogan

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Santa Claus stopped by the Tri-County Times offices on his way back to the North Pole this week. He wanted to leave a little early so he could get home while the weather was nice, and spend a little time with Mrs. Claus before his big night, Christmas Eve. Before he left, he agreed to a brief interview.

What do you prefer to be called?

Oh, I go by many names and it really depends on where I am. In the United States and Canada I am called Santa Claus or Kris Kringle. In France, I am Père Noël, and in Germany, I am Weihnachtsmann, which literally means Christmas man. I love that one. In Italy, children call me Babbo Natale, and in the United Kingdom, I am Father Christmas. I really go by many names. It doesn't matter what you call me as long as you don't call me late for cookies and milk. *HO HO HO!* How do you define 'naughty' and



Santa Claus made a quick stop in Fenton last week before heading back to the North Pole. Don't worry, he'll be back to make his deliveries on Christmas Eve.

'nice'?

That's very easy actually. A child who is nice is obvious and everyone knows who they are. Naughty is a little more difficult to determine. Being cruel to other children and animals on purpose is definitely naughty. But if a child does something bad and didn't know it was bad, that could get a pass to the nice list depending on the circumstances.

It's all about intent. I have elves who sort through these more complicated, potentially naughty situations. They make a recommendation to me just before Christmas.

Where is your favorite place to visit on Christmas Eve?

Anywhere where people are thoughtful, kind and generous. It's always a good thing and it always makes me feel good no matter where I am. When you think in terms of being kind to everyone regardless of race, religion or anything, the world is just one place, and the place I love to visit.

"Well, of course I love the cookies and milk. But just a little water would be OK, too."

Santa Claus

What is your least favorite thing about this time of year?

When some people get really greedy. Greed is the worst. There are some people who give and give and they take joy out of nothing other than that selfless act of giving. Then there are others who just take and take and want more and more. This is the height of naughty, and these are the people who will get nothing from me.

What is your favorite food to find when you enter a house?

Well, of course I love the cookies and milk. But just a little water would be OK, too. Sometimes when I come into a house I smell something delicious that may have been dinner earlier that evening.

Maybe a little leftover bite of that on a small plate would be good.

We know you probably are asked this every year, but how do you visit every house in the world in one night?

The answer is very simple. It's a combination of outstanding devices and gear, a tremendous team of drivers, a bright star, and of course, a little bit of magic. And it's not always a house. I also stop at apartment buildings, tents and igloos.

Have you ever had a fireplace injury?

Fire in the fireplace is always a safety concern. But the reindeer, especially Rudolph, have very sensitive noses and can smell the smoke before there's a problem. If there is a fire, or if there is no fireplace, we just use the door or other entryway.

What is the current biggest challenge you are facing as Santa Claus?

Unfortunately, there is more than one challenge. First, I am very worried about these drones and laser beams being directed to the sky. Just like airline pilots, I have to take whatever measures are necessary to protect my reindeer, cargo and myself. The other challenge is the new hover board children have on their wish lists. I personally think more research and development is needed, but I guess if parents allow the gift to be delivered, they need to make sure the appropriate battery and safety features are in place.

What is on your Christmas wish list, Santa?

It is the same thing I have always wanted — peace on Earth and good will to all men. *HO HO HO! MERRY CHRISTMAS!*

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6	9	5	3	4	8	1	7	2
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Jumbles: CHANT NEEDY ACHING FORMAT
Answer: What the marriage counselor did when he urged the couple to speak freely — CHARGED THEM

SUNDAY SCRAMBLERS ANSWERS

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Notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held on Monday, January 4, 2016 by the Tyrone Township Zoning Board of Appeals at the Tyrone Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., to consider the following variance applications:

APPEAL NO. 1: Ref. Tyrone Township Zoning Ordinance No. 36 – Section 20.01 (Table of Schedule of Regulations)

A variance request by Randy Roat for a 2-foot southwest side yard setback variance in order to build a proposed addition to the existing home, located at 10247 Bennett Lake Road, (TAX CODE # 4704-04-100-024).

Additional information, legal descriptions and location maps are available at the Tyrone Township Clerk's Office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Tyrone Township Clerk, at (810) 629-8631, at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Gregory Carnes, Chairman
Tyrone Township Zoning Board of Appeals

BY TRIBUNE MEDIA

SundaySudoku

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ANSWER KEY LOCATED IN THIS EDITION

A dollar spent locally circulates 14 more times in the community!

Spend it here. Keep it here.

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HOLLY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DECEMBER 16, 2015

REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Supervisor Smith, Clerk Winchester, Treasurer Freeman, Trustee Cornwell and Trustee Ruth.

Postponed: Proposed Amendments to the Outdoor Gatherings Ordinance.

Approved: 2016 CDBG Application – Proposed Resolution 2015-30.

Postponed: Gravel Program.

Approved: Planning Commission Appointments – Ted Gurski.

Approved: Zoning Board of Appeals Appointments – Ted Gurski and Allan Motzney.

No Action: Request to Create a Special Assessment District for Road Maintenance.

Karin S. WinchesterHolly Township Clerk

Dale M. SmithHolly Township Supervisor

KING FEATURES

SuperCrossword

ACROSS

1 Brings together

7 Refrain from

12 Wild prank

20 Toss again, as dice

21 Took steps

22 Wynton of jazz trumpet

23 PANE

25 Blows stormily, as wind

26 Lessens in worth

27 Congeal

28 Plains tribe

29 Baby's first word, maybe

32 "— heard worse"

33 CORNE

35 Rudimentary seeds

37 Skull

41 Weed-chopping tool

42 KIELBASA

44 Requests desperately

48 Sugary

49 Car tire's outer layer

50 "— la vie"

51 Suffix with press or prefect

52 UFO crew members

54 "How can — thank you?"

57 Archipelago part

59 Result of a belly flop

63 KOUCHUU

67 Prudish type

68 Garlic-seasoned mayonnaise

70 Howling mad

71 Artist

72 LUACH

75 Shylock, e.g.

77 Actor/singer

78 Pizzelle

79 Eur. country or Can. province

80 Stephen of "The Heavy"

81 Old letter salutation

83 Mountain cats

87 Tail off

92 "Tobacco Road" novelist

94 TORTILLA

97 — Khan (Islamic title)

98 Ships

99 Troubles terribly

100 CRUX

104 Finish

106 With 90-Down, side in a game that's not visiting

107 "How sad!"

108 DVR brand

109 Summer starts with one

113 At an unknown point in the future

115 BAGVAERK

119 Poe poem

120 Dunne of film

121 Make current

122 Most cheeky

123 Slacked off

124 Usher, often

DOWN

1 Israeli mentalist

2 Fish-catching mesh

3 Lyric-writing

4 Fibbed

5 Writer

6 Abjectly servile

7 Tramway vehicle

8 Light tan

9 To — (exactly)

10 Adriatic and Baltic

11 Roush of the Reds

12 Symbol

13 Beauty shop

14 They're leaned on for support

15 Horse cousin

16 Eye covers

17 New Olds of 1999

18 More terrible

19 Ruhr city

24 Of warships: Abbr.

27 Rock's Motley —

29 Swabs

30 Declare openly

31 Equine hybrid

33 Pear-shaped false fruit

34 Immobilize at a rodeo

36 Will of "Blue Bloods"

38 Wish to undo

39 Simile center

40 Comaneci of gymnastics

43 Holy people: Abbr.

44 Flat cap

45 Steamboat pioneer

46 Bully's threat

47 Rip anew

50 Labor activist

53 Warm up

55 Writer

56 Wang of fashion

58 Medicinal fluids

59 Orb

60 Opt for first

61 Many babies born in fall

62 Farming-related prefix

63 Rivers and Baez

64 "For — know ..."

65 Pizzeria orders

66 Toll producer

69 Statement of empathy

73 Pulver's rank

74 Sherpa land

76 Hawaii-born president

79 Burning residue

82 Dormant

84 "A," in Brest

85 Earth orbiter until 2001

86 Gauged

88 Suburb of Washington, D.C.

89 To boot

90 See 106-Across

91 Smurf or Rock suffix

93 Old Austrian emperors

94 Mediocre

95 Speaker systems, for short

96 Sphinx riddle solver

98 London's — Garden

100 Makes it

101 Honolulu "hi"

102 Instills docility in

103 Singer

105 — power

109 Actress

110 Tip jar items

111 Queue (up)

112 Bullfight wear

114 — chi (martial art)

115 Stop existing

116 Rat-a- —

117 Traveler's path: Abbr.

118 "Quit — bellyachin'!"

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ANSWER KEY LOCATED IN THIS EDITION

ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

December 9, 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: Gambka, Miller, Scheib-Snider

Board Members Absent/Excused: Kemp

Approved: Agenda as submitted.

Approved: Consent Agenda minus HAYA report.

Presentations: FY 2015 Audit Presentation by Rana Emmons, CPA of PSLZ, LLP

Health Care Benefits by Tom Armintrout of Burnham & Flower

Resolution for 2016 CDBG funds, 70% to Minor Home Improvement, \$3000 to OLHSA General Yard Services.

Approved: 2016 North Oakland County Household Hazardous Waste Interlocal Agreement

Approved: Rose Township Governmental Non-ERISA Retirement Plan

Date Set: Supervisor Gambka, Rose Township Sexton and Tom Willwerth to meet at cemeteries to reconcile any incorrect burial information.

Adjourned: By motion at 8:30 p.m.

Paul GambkaRose Township Supervisor

Debbie Miller, CMC, CMMC
Rose Township Clerk

TYRONE TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS

HELD DECEMBER 15, 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.

3. Received and placed on file Communications #1-4 as presented.

4. Discussed the quotes received to perform a survey regarding broadband internet service. No motion was made.

5. Discussed revising the sewer ordinance regarding the repurchasing and re-assignment of sewer residential equivalent units (REUs). Revised language will be drawn up to discuss at a later date. No motion was made.

6. Authorized the sale of the township's 74 acres, parcel 4704-03-300-003.

7. Adopted the revisions to the employee handbook as discussed.

8. Approved the fire service contracts with the City of Fenton, Fenton Township, and the Hartland Deerfield Fire Authority. The contracts will expire March 31, 2019.

9. Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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.us. The next regular meeting of the Tyrone Township Board will be held on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

CITY OF LINDEN ORDINANCE NO. 375 LIQUOR LICENSE ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD CHAPTER 5.24 TO TITLE 5 OF THE CITY OF LINDEN MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE APPROVAL OF NEW LIQUOR LICENSES IN THE CITY OF LINDEN; APPLICATION; REVIEW COMMITTEE; REPORT TO COUNCIL; DECISION OF TERM OF LICENSE; OBJECTIONS TO RENEWAL OF EXISTING LICENSES FOR CAUSE; HEARING; SEVERABILITY; REPEAL; EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CITY OF LINDEN ORDAINS:

5.24.010. Title. This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the City of Linden Liquor License Ordinance.

5.24.020 Application for a new license.

A. Application: Applications for license to sell beer, wine or spirits on-premises shall be made to the City Council in writing, signed by the applicant, if an individual, or by a duly authorized agent thereof, if a partnership, corporation, or LLC (Limited Liability Company) , verified by oath or affidavit, and shall contain the following statements and information:

1. The applicant's name, age, date of birth, and address in the case of an individual; or, in the case of a co-partnership, the name, age and address of all persons entitled to share in the profits; in the case of a corporation or LLC, the purposes for which the corporation or LLC is organized, along with the names and addresses of the officers and directors, and, if a majority interest in the stock of the corporation is owned by one person, the name and address of such person. If the business to be licensed will be conducted or overseen by one or more managers (or agents), then in addition to the above information concerning the applicant, the application shall also include the name, age and address of each manager (or each agent).

2. The applicant's citizenship, place of birth, and, if a naturalized citizen, the time and place of naturalization.

3. The criminal history of the applicant or the owners of any stock, shares, partnership or ownership in the applicant entity including any felonies and/or any misdemeanors that the person has been convicted of, the date of conviction and the sentence received from the Court.

4. The type of business of the applicant, and in the case of a corporation, the purpose for which it was formed, along with a business plan which includes a financial plan of the business to be licensed.

5. The length of time the applicant has been in business of that type, or, in the case of a corporation, the date when its charter was issued.

6. The location and description of the premises or place of business which is to be operated under the license.

7. A statement whether applicant has ever made an application for a similar or other license on any other premises than the premises described in the current application, and the disposition of any such other application(s).

8. A statement that applicant has never been convicted of a felony and is not disqualified to receive a license by reason of any matter or thing contained in this ordinance or the laws of the State of Michigan.

9. A statement that the applicant will not knowingly violate any of the laws of the State of Michigan or of the United States or any ordinances of the City in the conduct of its business.

10. The application shall be accompanied by the building and site plans showing the entire structure and premises and, in particular, the specific areas where the license is to be utilized. The plans submitted shall demonstrate adequate off-street parking, lighting, refuse disposal facilities and where appropriate, adequate plans for screening and noise control, as required by the City of Linden Zoning Ordinance, and any other applicable local ordinances, rules and regulations.

B. Term of new license: Approval of a new license shall be for a period of one (1) year subject to annual renewal by the City Council upon continued compliance with the regulations of this ordinance. Approval of a new license shall be with the understanding that any necessary remodeling or new construction for the use of the license shall be commenced within six (6) months of the action of the City Council or the Michigan Liquor Control Commission approving such new license, whichever last occurs. Any unusual delay in the completion of such remodeling or construction may subject the license to revocation, or a discrepancy in the number of jobs created or retained shall be a reason for revocation. Commencement of business shall be as set forth in the license.

C. Reservation of authority: No such applicant for a liquor license has the right to the issuance of such license to him, her or it, and the City Council reserves the right to exercise reasonable discretion to determine who, if anyone, shall be entitled to the issuance of such license. Additionally, no applicant for a liquor license has the right to have such application processed and the City Council further reserves the right to take no action with respect to any application filed with the City Council. The City Council further reserves the right to maintain a list of all applicants and to review the same when, in its discretion, it determines that the issuance of an additional liquor license is in the best interest of the City at large and for the needs and convenience of its citizens.

D. License hearing: The City Council shall grant a public hearing upon the new license application when, in its discretion, the City Council determines that the issuance of an additional liquor license is in the best interests of the City at large and for the needs and convenience of its citizens. Following such hearing, the City Council shall submit to the applicant a written statement of its findings and determination. The City Council's determination shall be based upon satisfactory compliance within the restrictions set forth in the following section, 5.24.030, Paragraphs B1 through 12.

5.24.030: Liquor License Committee.

A. An application for a new liquor license shall be submitted to a committee consisting of at least two (2) City Council members, the City Manager and the Chief of Police. It shall be the charge of the committee to review the application and to consider the following criteria in order to make a recommendation:

1. The character and fitness of the applicant, including the past criminal record of the applicant.
2. The applicant's business history, LCC violation record, etc.
3. The location of the proposed business.
4. The type and nature of the proposed business.
5. The number of new jobs created by the business; the number of jobs reserved by the business and the economic impact of the business in the community.
6. The percentage of sales that will be tied to alcohol sales.
7. The type and nature of the neighborhood within which the business would be conducted.
8. The impact of the proposed business on the neighborhood.
9. The number and proximity of other licensed establishments.
10. Economic development plans for the City.
11. The costs to the City related to the day to day operation of the proposed business.
12. Any issues related to the number of patrons, parking, traffic, noise, other infrastructure.
13. Any information provided by the police department.

B. The Committee shall not recommend a new license be granted to or for:

1. An applicant whose license, under this Ordinance, has been revoked for cause.
2. A person who, at the time of application or renewal of any license issued pursuant to this Ordinance, would not be eligible for such license upon a first application.
3. A co-partnership, unless all of the members of such co-partnership shall qualify to obtain a license.
4. A corporation or LLC, if any officer, manager or director of the corporation, or a stock owner or stockholders owning in the aggregate more than five percent (5%) of the stock of the corporation or LLC, would not be eligible to receive a license pursuant to this Ordinance for any reason.
5. A person whose place of business is conducted by a manager or agent unless the manager or agent possesses the same qualifications required of the license recipient.
6. A person who has been convicted or found responsible by any administrative tribunal such as the Michigan Liquor Control Commission or a local governing authority tribunal, of three (3) or more liquor license violations at any one licensed establishment.
7. A person who does not own the premises for which a license is sought or does not have a lease therefore for the full period for which the license is issued, or to a person, corporation, LLC, or co-partnership that does not have sufficient financial assets to carry on or maintain the business.

8. A premises where there exists a violation of the applicable building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing or fire codes, applicable zoning regulations, applicable public health regulations, or any other applicable City Ordinance.

9. A premises unless the sale of beer, wine or spirits is shown to be incidental and subordinate to other permitted business uses upon the site, such as, but not limited to, food sales, motel operations or recreational activities.

10. A premises where it is determined by a majority of the City Council that the premises does not or will not reasonably soon after commencement of operations, have adequate off-street parking, lighting, refuse disposal facilities, screening, noise, or nuisance control, as required by the City of Linden Zoning Ordinance, and any other applicable local ordinances, rules and regulations, or where it is determined by a majority of the City Council that a nuisance does or will exist.

11. A premises where it is determined by a majority of the City Council the proposed location is inappropriate considering the desirability of establishing a location in developed, commercial areas, in preference to isolated, undeveloped areas; the attitude of adjacent residents and property owners; traffic safety; accessibility to the site from abutting streets; capability of abutting streets to accommodate the commercial activity; distance from public or private schools for minors; and adequate public utilities including public sewer and water.

12. To an individual applicant that is delinquent on any obligation to the City of Linden or who has real estate taxes past due to the City of Linden on the day that the application is filed, or to an entity where the entity or any person owning 5% or more of the stock or interest in and to the entity is delinquent on any obligation to the City of Linden or has real estate taxes past due to the City of Linden on the day that the application is filed. It shall not be an excuse that the County of Genesee has purchased the tax obligation and paid the taxes to the City.

5.24.040: Report to Council. The committee shall submit a written report to the City Council for consideration.

5.24.050: Objections to renewal and request for revocation. Upon receipt of a written complaint to the City of Linden regarding a licensed establishment, or upon being notified of a police or Michigan Liquor Control Commission action alleging criminal activity at the establishment or violations of the liquor laws of the State, or upon the request of a City Council member or a member of the Liquor License Committee of the City, the Liquor License Committee shall conduct a hearing to determine whether the City of Linden should object to the renewal of a liquor license by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission or to seek revocation of a license by the Commission.

A. Procedure: Before filing an objection to a renewal or filing a request for revocation of a license with the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, the Liquor License Committee shall conduct a hearing. The City Clerk shall serve the license holder, by first class mail, mailed not less than ten (10) calendar days prior to the hearing with notice of a hearing, which notice shall contain the following:

1. Notice of proposed action
2. Reasons for the proposed action
3. Date, time and place of the hearing
4. A statement that the license holder may present evidence and testimony and examine adverse witnesses.

Within 10 calendar days after the hearing the Liquor License Committee shall report its findings to the City Council with a copy to the license holder. The City Council shall decide whether to take the action recommended.

B. Criteria for a nonrenewal or revocation: The City Council shall recommend nonrenewal or revocation of a license upon a determination by the City Council that based upon a preponderance of the evidence presented at the hearing either of the following exist:

1. Violation of any of the restrictions on licenses set forth in Section 5.24.030, Paragraphs B 1 through 12 above, or,
2. Maintenance of a nuisance upon the premises.

5.24.060: Decision of City Council. Upon reviewing the report of the committee the City Council shall consider the application in light of the report and the considerations set forth in 5.24.030 A and B. The City Council shall decide whether to approve or deny the license upon application. When considering a renewal of a license, the City Council shall decide whether to object to the renewal. When considering a license revocation, the City Council shall decide whether to recommend revocation to the LLC. A motion to recommend revocation shall set forth the specific reasons for the recommendation.

5.24.070: Repeal. Any ordinance or section thereof inconsistent with this ordinance is hereby repealed.

5.24.080: Severability. Should any section or part of this Ordinance be declared un-constitutional, null or void by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections or parts of this Ordinance.

5.24.090: Effective date. This Ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after its publication.

Enacted at a regular meeting of the Linden City Council held on the 14th day of December, A.D., 2015

THE CITY OF LINDEN:
David E. Lossing, Mayor
Lynn M. Henry, City Clerk

Obituaries

Times
Rosemary Grassel

Rosemary Grassel - age 84, died December 12, 2015. www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.


Kenneth McClellan

Kenneth McClellan - age 73, died December 14, 2015. www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.


Adelbert Freel

Adelbert Freel - age 94, died December 17, 2015. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Clyde Thompson

Clyde Thompson - age 87, died December 12, 2015. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Edward Shea

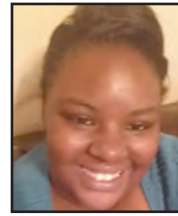
Edward Shea - age 79, died December 17, 2015. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Justin Hayes

Justin Hayes - age 26, died December 10, 2015. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Shamisha Lishelle Jones
1989-2015

Shamisha Lishelle Jones - age 27, formerly of Fenton, died December 10, 2015 in Coppers Cove, Texas.



Funeral services were held December 19, 2015 at Victory Baptist Church, 502 West

Highway 190, Coppers Cove, Texas. The daughter of Michael and Gail Jones, formerly of Fenton, Shamisha was born November 30, 1989. She was the proud mother of a 5 year-old daughter, Ariana. Shamisha graduated from Fenton High School in 2007, where she was a cheerleader. She loved football and basketball, as well as music and dance. She loved being a mother to Ariana and spending time with her sister Icesha, also a FHS graduate. Shamisha was a restaurant manager. In addition to her daughter, parents and sister, Shamisha is survived by brothers Anthony Jones of Fenton, Michael Jones, Jr. of Jackson, Dominique Jones of Pontiac, and Tilray Montgomery of Illinois; significant other and Ariana's father, Jeremy Martin, many nieces and nephews, and her canine companion, Mocha. She was preceded in death by her grandfather, James Jones.

Nina Branson

Nina Branson - age 79, died December 12, 2015. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


FUNERAL ETIQUETTE
How long should I stay at a visitation?

It is only necessary to stay for a short time; fifteen minutes or so gives you enough time to express your sympathy. Your simple presence will mean a lot to the family. You do not need to stay for the entire visitation, but try not to leave during any prayers that might be offered.

Source: thefuneralsource.org


Claude M. Cranston
1920-2015

Claude M. Cranston - age 95, of Linden, died Friday, December 11, 2015. An Open House Memorial



Celebration will be held on Sunday, January 10, 2016 at the Shawassee Shores

Clubhouse in Linden from 1-4 PM with a sharing time beginning at 2 PM. In lieu of flowers those desiring may make contributions to the Linden Mills Historical Society, Linden High School Athletic Hall of Fame or Linden Sportsmens Club. Arrangements are being handled by Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Claude was born February 8, 1920 in Linden, the son of Sidney "Ed" and Ivah Mae (Hyatt) Cranston. He was the Salutatorian of the Linden High School Class of 1937. He graduated from Kalamazoo College and the University of Michigan. He married Verna L. Wheeler on June 11, 1941; she preceded him in death on April 1, 2014. Claude retired from Linden Schools in 1979 with 38 years of service. Claude was one of four that were the initial inductees into the Linden High School Athletic Hall of Fame. He was also a member of the Genesee County Coaches and Officials Association. He was very active in local and state athletics. Claude was a founding member of the Linden Sportsmens Club. He was a charter member of the Linden Kiwanis and Linden Mills Historical Society. Claude was a life member of the American Trap Shooting Association. Claude is survived by his daughter, Susan Garber of Angola, IN.; daughter-in-law, Rebecca Cranston of Kent, OH; sister-in-law, Glenna Judson Teed; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Verna; son, Dr. Jay Cranston; sister, Beverly Sprauge; brothers, Elliott Cranston and George Judson. Tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Sophie Lajewski

Sophie Lajewski - age 86, died December 13, 2015. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Donald Paul Watt
1934-2015

Donald Paul Watt - age 81, of Fenton Township, died Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at Genesys Health



Park. Services will be held 1 PM Monday, December 21, 2015 at Sharp Funeral

Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Military Honors and Inurnment will take place immediately following at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Sunday, December 20, 2015 from 7-9 PM and Monday from 11 AM until the time of the service. Contributions may be made to American Cancer Society. Donald was born June 30, 1934 in Ludington, the son of Frank and Rose (Patazenski) Wojtaszak. He served our country in the US Army and was stationed in Tokyo. He attended Ferris State University and received a Bachelors of Business Administration. He married Barbara Jean Coffey on July 18, 1959 in Big Rapids. Donald worked as a salesperson for IBM at the start of the computer age for 31 years retiring in 1991. He had fond memories of working on the Ludington car ferries. Donald enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time at his cottage on Cases Island with friends and family. Survived by: his wife of 56 years, Barbara Jean; children, Pam (Kenneth) Edwards of Austin, TX, Ron Watt of Libertyville, IL; grandchildren, Steven Edwards, Sarah Watt, and Michael Watt; sisters, Connie Magnason of Richmond, VA, MaryAnn Talsma of Ludington; brother, Richard Wojtaszak of Ludington as well as many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by: daughter, Wendy Jean Bowers and several brothers and sisters. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Virginia Oldham

Virginia Oldham - age 88, died December 13, 2015. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Stephanie Sharp Foster, Manager
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Two additional locations in Swartz Creek and Flint/Grand Blanc Township

Teenage daughter develops inappropriate feelings for older man

DEAR AMY:

My daughter turns 15 soon. She has had a crush on “Ben,” a family friend (a man in his 30s) for almost two years. She is now saying that the only thing that she wants for Christmas is to go out with him, one-on-one, at a real restaurant. I have told her that she will not be going on any “dates” with him, and he has said pretty much the same — only more strongly, actually. Her infatuation seems to be deepening. But it’s not an obsession. Ben doesn’t flirt with her or encourage her. He has reminded her that he is my age and is old enough to be her parent. I’ll say this, however, I can see some of the things that she sees. He is good-looking and in great shape. He listens to her, 100 percent, without condescension. He sings and plays the guitar. I trust Ben. I even trust my daughter not to try to seduce him. But she’s “saving herself for him,” and not doing anything with guys her age. She’s turned into a real beauty, too. He has told her that even when she’s 18, she’ll still be too young for him. But you know how teens are. What should I do? — Worried Mom

DEAR WORRIED

I do know how teens are. Teens observe how their choices affect their parents’ behavior and then double-down if it yields the result they desire. You don’t mention if your daughter’s father is in the picture, but he is an important player in the romantic drama. You seem to be playing into this by affirming her good taste in men. One way to respond would be to listen to her with the same attentiveness as “Ben” allegedly does. Ask her, “Do you think it is a good idea for a grown man to take a teenager out on a date?” “Do you think it is respectful for you to talk about wanting to date someone when he is telling you no?” Paying a lot of attention to this attraction over time has a way of sexualizing your 14-year-old. The rest of the world might do this to teen girls, but the child’s parents never should. She needs to feel her power in appropriate ways — through her smarts and talent, not through her crushes. Make sure Ben lets you know that if he EVER hears from your daughter privately (via phone, text or Snapchat), he must let you know immediately.

ASK

Amy

BY AMY DICKINSON



AMY DICKINSON

Artificial sweeteners and weight gain

DEAR DR. ROACH:

I am currently dieting and, with that, trying to reduce my sugar intake. I prefer drinks sweetened with aspartame over water most of the time. Am I asking for trouble? — P.C.

DEAR DR. ROACH:

I’m curious how diet soda, which has zero calories, causes one to gain weight. In “studies” that say that, do they look at people who have had diabetes for years and use artificial sweeteners without gaining weight? People will use ANY excuse for their weight. To blame a no-calorie sweetener seems a bit silly, don’t you think? — V.W., R.D.N.

ANSWER:

There remains confusion about artificially sweetened beverages and their effect on weight gain and on overall health. There are two schools of thought: The first is that artificially sweetened beverages satisfy the desire for sweets, so people are less likely to consume more. The second is that diet soda, without any actual calories, provokes greater desire for sweets. I do think that using studies is not silly, and might help sort this out. What I found was

that in a 2009 study, those who drank more diet soda were more likely to develop Type 2 diabetes. This was confirmed in a 2013 study. It doesn’t prove that drinking the diet soda was the cause of the increased diabetes risk, but it is a consistent association. By contrast, a 2014 study (funded by the American Beverage Institute) showed that, among a group of people in a weight-loss program, a greater degree of weight loss was seen among participants who were allowed to continue drinking diet soda compared with a group allowed to drink only water. Alas, scientific studies don’t give us a definitive answer. Clearly, drinking diet soda is much, much better than drinking sugar-sweetened beverages. I will have to use my knowledge of biology and give my opinion that water is preferred over artificially sweetened beverages, but I can’t prove it. I would say if you are still having trouble losing weight on diet soda, try switching to water to see if it helps. Finally, blaming a particular food — or blaming the person trying to lose weight — is not likely to help that person reach a goal.

To your


GOOD HEALTH

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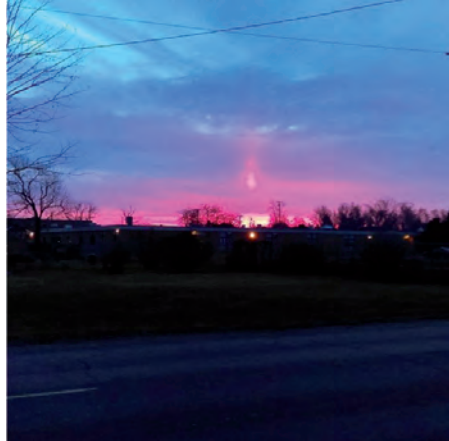


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EGGNOG MUFFINS

Prep Time: 5 mins

Cook Time: 20 mins

Serves: 18

INGREDIENTS

MUFFIN

1/2 cup butter, room temperature

1 cup sugar

1 1/2 cups eggnog

2 eggs

2 1/2 cups flour

2 teaspoons baking powder

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

GLAZE

1 cup powdered sugar

2 tablespoons eggnog

INSTRUCTIONS

MUFFIN DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 425° and line 2 muffin pans with 18 liners. Set aside.

2. In a large bowl, combine butter and sugar and stir until smooth.

3. Add egg nog and eggs and mix completely.


4. Add flour, baking powder, and cinnamon and stir until no dry pockets remain, but don’t overstir.

5. Divide evenly between the 18 prepared muffin cups.

6. Bake for 5 minutes at the high temperature, then lower the temperature to 350°- keeping the muffins in the oven, and continue to bake for 15-17 more minutes.

GLAZE DIRECTIONS

Once muffins are completely cooled, mix powdered sugar and eggnog in a small bowl until smooth. Spoon evenly over each muffin.



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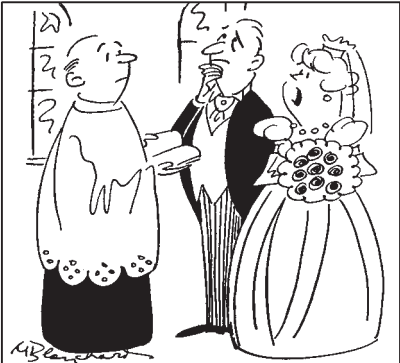
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