Good lord, I quizzed my kids on American history at the dinner table and was absolutely amazed at their lack of knowledge about their country. Try it yourself, who is the VP, name the three branches of government, who did we fight in WWII? It is frightening.

Safety at the expense of liberty is unacceptable. Patrick Henry said 'give me liberty or give me death.' We have done our children a great disservice by not instilling in them a strong understanding of American history.

Thirty years ago I started with ‘Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star’ with the violin, and I started with ‘Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star’ for the viola.

Diana Voges
Linden music student, General Motors software engineer

Here’s a question: what has America become when liberal agendas make it controversial to keep grown men and boys out of the girls bathrooms?
Antiques, collectibles fetch tidy sum

Estate of man dead for over a year auctioned off

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If Gary Buys were alive today, he may have been very pleased to know that others value his prized collectibles and personal possessions as much as he did.

During an online auction held in January, Tim Narhi, owner of Tim Narhi Auctioneer & Associates, was able to get great prices on the items from the Buys estate.

The news of Buys’ death was shared around the world in just a few short days. His remains were discovered in his Farmhill Drive Home in Tyrone Township.

Authorities believe he had been dead for more than a year.

Multiple news organizations, as far away as Texas and the UK contacted the Times asking permission to reprint the story and to use photos of the man’s home. The Times story had also been viewed over a year auctioned off the area and attended Fenton High School.

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When Buys’ belongings went up for auction, we learned a little more about who the man Buys was in life.

On Oct. 16, 2015, at the request of a concerned neighbor, the Livingston County Sheriff’s Department conducted a welfare check on Buys’ home, which resulted in the discovery of his remains.

Buys, 69, had likely been dead for more than a year. There were no signs of foul play.

No one was sure if Buys had family elsewhere, and no known funeral arrangements were scheduled.

Narhi was contacted by a law firm in Lansing to assist them in selling the assets at the Buys home.

Though he doesn’t believe he ever met Buys, personally, Narhi, in January, shared some observations while getting things ready for the auction.

Narhi said it appears Buys grew up in the area and attended Fenton High School.

“Mr. Buys, like his father and grandfather, was a U.S. military veteran,” he added. “He fought in the Vietnam conflict and received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy. He also was a member of the F.O.E. (Fraternal Order of Eagles).”

Narhi said it seems as though Buys’ dad may have passed away shortly after he returned from the service and that he may have been taking care of his mother.

“He enjoyed automobile design as he has a nice collection of die cast and model cars,” said Narhi. “He was an avid model builder.”

Buys also had an extensive interest in military as he has a collection of war relics, including Nazi items and hundreds of military vehicle models.

Other items in the Buys’ collection include watch- es, lighters, knives, coins and stamps, GM memorabilia, jewelry and more, Narhi said.

There were two cars in the garage with low miles.

“They also have nice furnishings and quite a few nice antique and collectible items that they enjoyed,” Narhi said.

Highlights of items sold

About 175 people registered and participated in the bidding for the online auction, which was held Jan. 27-31. “Good prices were realized and there were many happy buyers,” Narhi said last week.

THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THE MORE INTERESTING ITEMS SOLD:

• Set of four Zippo lighters — $110
• Antique Stereopticon with viewing slides — $80
• A lot with a Fiji Blue Cream and Sugar — $130
• An antique mechanical cast iron Tammany Bank — $400
• A NIB Atmos Clock — $210
• A WWII Nazi helmet — $220
• Two hunting knives and marbles — $165
• Puma — $210
• German military pin bearing a swastika and “SS” — $320
• Fappers chaimall purse sold — $55
• Print “By the Waters of Minnetonka” — $110
• Full mounted coyote — $175 and fox — $135
• De cast cars — from $10 to $150 each
• Trench art lamp (made from an artillery shell) — $155
• 2001 Ford Focus station wagon (22,000 miles) — $4,785
• 2003 Ford Focus (55,000 miles) — $3,795
• 2005 Ford Focus (55,000 miles) — $3,795
• John Deere STX38 lawn tractor — $500
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Two women share their stories on researching their heritage

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When one Grand Blanc resident took up ancestry.com as a hobby after her father died, she thought it would be boring.

Carol (Goss) Matlock soon learned it was anything but.

“My biggest surprise was how we are very distantly related to Abraham Lincoln and Robert E. Lee, Helen Keller and Rebecca Nurse (Salem witch),” she said.

Seventeen years later, after searching on Ancestry.com, Goss knows more about her family ancestry than ever before, and has even met a distant cousin in California.

“I found lots of family were posted on the internet,” she said. “They were all glad to help.”

Ancestry.com, which costs about $20 a month, made the research much easier.

“They research census, obituaries, tax records those kind of things,” she said. “If it is a relative of yours a green leaf pops up, which is a hint that might help you with a story or photos or details.”

That’s how she discovered that Rebecca Nurse, who was born in 1647 in Salem, Massachusetts and was convicted of being

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One heritage researcher, Rebekah Webber, was able to locate a yearbook with a picture of her biological grandfather. It’s the only picture she has of him.
Minimum wage increase — a bad idea

Typical of politicians to stick their worthless noses into something that is none of their business and of which they know nothing about — operating a business within a strict budget. Last week, California law-makers passed legislation raising the minimum wage to $15 an hour by 2022. The increase will boost the wages of about 6.5 million California residents, or 43 percent of the state’s workforce. Minimum wages always cost some workers their jobs. No business can pay its employees more than the job is worth to the business. A higher minimum wage would cause businesses to lay off a percentage of their workers and only the businesses that can commensurate to their increased overhead. For example, a fast food enterprise with 100 employees that is forced by the government to raise their wages by 20 percent will be forced to lay off 20 percent of their employees. Fourth, higher wages makes ofshoring more appealing. The minimum wages in many counties are less than 60 cents per hour. No wonder almost everything we buy today is made in China. Higher wages in U.S. are only making it more difficult for manufacturers who are desperately trying hard to keep their factories in the U.S., while still being competitive. The factories that can’t compete will simply lay off more workers, making more jobs lost and doors closed. Lastly, nearly all politicians are pathetically lacking in any practical business skills. They have been greedily succumbing on the government’s teat so long that they have no idea of the challenges faced by overtaxed and over-regulated businesses. They are, in a word, the enemy — the enemy of business owners and employees. Ronald Reagan said it best. ‘The most terrifying words to a businessman are — I’m from the government and I’m here to help.’

THERE IS PROBABLY no one more stupid in regards to foreign affairs than Trump. Vote for anyone but Trump. Trump. I really like string instruments and I love the sound of violin. Piano. It intrigues me. Or guitar, I remember seeing a guy on street talk playing.”

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

What musical instrument do you want to learn to play?

“Saxophone. I could be jazzy. Or the drums.” Lily Rowan, Tyrone Township

“Setar. I like the way it sounds. I remember seeing a guy on the street playing.” Jackson Wilt, Tyrone Township

“Violin. I really like string instruments and I love the sound of violin.” Nicole Dostie, Fenton

“Piano. It intrigues me. Or guitar, but the piano is best. I’ve known people who play. It looks like the music just flows out and it’s just a beautiful sound.” Jim Thibodeau, Linden

“Drums. I just like drums, the rhythm. My daughter used to play drums. There’s not a lot of women playing them. You can make a song around drums.” Kathy Sova, Linden
Scammers pretend to be BBB

Researching businesses to obtain personal information, threaten with fines

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) serving Eastern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula is warning companies of a possible scam involving a group pretending to be the BBB.

The perpetrators are targeting businesses over the telephone. The caller requests contact information to update records. They state they are from BBB and provide telephone numbers that actually belong to BBB offices. However, the telephone number on the call display does not match and cannot be connected when dialed.

The caller threatens to charge the business more money if they do not update their records immediately and sign a contract with them.

The calls appear to be an attempt to obtain business or personal details. The more they know, the easier it is to compromise a business’ information.

The BBB wants to ensure the public these calls are not coming from BBB. If a business or customer calls to tell BBB a business has moved, then BBB may call to confirm. It is most likely they would send a standard business questionnaire through the mail.

Locally, the phone numbers of [712] 730-0309, (313) 218-4386 or (202) 319-2173 have been used in attempts to con business owners into giving over sensitive information.

BBB SUGGESTS:
• Do not provide personal details to unknown callers or emails.
• Research who is calling. Check them out at bbb.org and ask for references.
• If you receive a strange call, ask for a name and call the actual organization to confirm.
• If something doesn’t feel right, trust your instincts.

Defense waives arraignment, court enters ‘not guilty’ plea

Pretrial scheduled for LaJoice, charged with embezzling $20 million from credit union

By Sharon Stone
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An Oakland County Circuit Court arraignment on Monday, April 4 for Michael LaJoice was adjourned. Neither LaJoice nor his defense attorney Michael Manley attended the court hearing.

Manley said he waived his client’s arraignment in writing. The court then entered a “not guilty” plea and a pretrial was scheduled for April 11.

LaJoice, 37, of Troy’s Township is facing 14 felony counts related to a $20 million embezzlement case in Oakland County. Additional charges are still possible.

LaJoice was chief financial officer at Clarkson Brandon Community Credit Union (now the Michigan State University Federal Credit Union) and had worked there for more than 12 years. In early January, he turned himself in to the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office alleging he had embezzled $20 million from the credit union over the past 12 years.

He has remained lodged at the Oakland County Jail since his surrender and his financial assets were frozen within days. Since the Oakland County Prosecutors Office took over the multiple properties he and his wife Ashleigh own, including their million-dollar home on Macintosh Drive, cash offers have been made on those properties. Manley could not disclose any details regarding those offers.

Manley and LaJoice will be in court for the pretrial on April 11.

IF NOBODY USES their turn signals or stops for a stop sign, why do we have them to begin with?

DONALD TRUMP WAS correct on his original statement. If abortion is made illegal, women who have them are breaking the law and should be punished. What a mess that will be. The politicians want to have things both ways.

WHEN YOU STOP at the township hall and ask them what you need to do to get the roads graded, the answer is ‘that’s not my job.’ So what is your job? Taking our money?

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THERE WAS AN article in the Wednesday March 23 paper on homemade maple syrup from a man Richard Whaley from Argentine. That’s some good stuff. I call it the maple moonshine from Argentine. It’s delicious. Give Richard a call and get a bottle.

IS GENESEE COUNTY Road Commission really hurting that bad that they had to sell all their road graders to Livingston County?

THANK GOD I do have a well and I have fresh drinking water. You people who live in the city, your water comes straight from your neighbor’s toilet, gets flushed with chemicals and sent right back to you again. Not safe drinking water.

IF YOU LIVE in a part of the city that has city water connection, you have to hook up to that water connection. You cannot have your own private well. You’re right, that is government control. It is the government’s right to make sure that everybody has safe drinking water.

I WAS JUST wondering if I got a petition to sign, to get Finch Drive paved, is there anyone in McAskill Lake area who would support that idea?

HUMPY TRUMPTY, BUILD your big wall. Humpty Trumpty, avoid that great fall.

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**EAGLES Continued from Front Page**

Wildlife Outreach Technician Holly Vaughn.

"We are happy to say that the bald eagle population is doing really well in Michigan these days. We have about 800 nesting pairs in the state and they now nest all over the state," she said.

Many local people have reported seeing bald eagles in the Linden, Fenton and Holly area in recent months.

Elizabeth Bale of Gaines saw a bald eagle at Linden and Lahrng roads, across from Hilltop Farm on Feb. 7. The bald eagle was eating a deer carcass.

"He made that carcass look small," she said.

In her hometown of Lake Placid, New York, Bale used to frequently see bald eagles, and didn’t expect to see many in the Linden and Fenton area.

"I am always surprised to see them in the Linden/Fenton area because that is not the norm," she said. "It is spectacular to see them and for my children to see them; too. They are amazing animals for sure."

Her husband called her the day the bald eagle was eating the deer carcass, and she took her kids to see it, too.

"There were dozens of cars pulled over. Everyone was snapping pictures," she said. "It was a sight."

They’ve also seen a bald eagle in Gaines on Hogan Road at Smith Road.

"It was a juvenile that hung around for about a week. We had many sightings of him," she said, adding that her husband almost hit the eagle when it was in the middle of Hogan Road.

She has also spotted an adult bald eagle on the power lines at Price’s Airport last summer.

According to Vaughn, the bald eagle population in Michigan saw a decline in the 1950s to the ‘70s due to a few factors, such as habitat loss, human persecution and the use of the pesticide DDT.

"DDT was sprayed largely on plants, trees and crops and would run off into the water. The small creatures in the water would collect the DDT in their tissues,” said Vaughn. "Fish would eat the small creatures and bald eagles would eat the fish," she said.

Because bald eagles are a top predator, they consumed a lot of DDT and it built up in their bodies, causing their eggshells to become very brittle.

"Very few young hatched, thus the very large decline in numbers," she said.

In the 1970s, there were only 86 bald eagle nesting pairs in Michigan, according to Vaughn. Since DDT was banned in the early 1970s, eagle populations have been slowly rebounding. Vaughn said.

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A witch from 1692, her second great-aunt of her husband’s first cousin seven times removed.

She discovered that Abraham Lincoln, who was the 16th president of the United States until he was assassinated in 1865, is her fourth cousin, twice removed of a wife of her third cousin, six times removed.

Lincoln’s family tree includes Jones, Whitman, Putnam, Whitney, and the Goss family.

Her ancestors, the Whites, were also on the Mayflower.

While searching her biology grandfather, after learning her father was adopted, Rebekah Webber of Atlas Township located one of her first cousins on Monday by using genealogy site findagrave.com.

The site is a volunteer-based service where you can request information from a certain geographical region, and volunteers in that area will track down that information.

"Findagrave.com gave me my biggest break yet," she said.

A friend left a comment on a picture of her grandmother about a family member, Michael, and Webber decided to track him down. She found his wife’s name and her Facebook profile page, which was deactivated.

However, there was a public picture with two comments on it. Webber contacted those two people.

The person who she contacted originally said Webber was mistaken, but after she presented all her information, she agreed with her, and Webber’s family grew.

"Today’s like Christmas," she said on Monday as she and Michael texted back and forth. He said he’s going to send Webber Monday as she and Michael texted back and forth.

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The historic home at 106 W. Shiawassee, directly behind Vek’s Auto Service, near the busy corner of W. Shiawassee and S. LeRoy, will be demolished to make way for a new mixed-use building.

This week, Burns said, “After re-evaluating this since November, we are going out for demolition of the property at this time. “The RFP for redevelopment has not gone out at this time but we are working with potential developers interested in the site,” he added. He did not name the potential developers.

According to Burns, the DDA purchased the property in 2008 for future redevelopment in that area of downtown.

“We believe now is the time to move forward,” Burns said. “We are working on redeveloping the site into a mixed use building.”

“We had this clause in our agreement so that we could end the agreement at any time during the lease for that. So, when he made the investment he made, he was fully aware that the building was going to be demolished at some point.”

“The DDA doesn’t purchase properties to become a landlord or to rehabilitate current structures,” said Burns. “We purchase properties for long term plans and to redevelop downtown in accordance to the Downtown Master Plan. The DDA has done this with the Republic Bank that we purchased in 2010 and demolished in 2013. We are in the process with that at 111 S. LeRoy and that was the intent of the purchase of 106 Shiawassee.”

To register by May 31 to save on day and overnight camps.
Lady Eagles off to a strong 2-0 start

Defending champs are Metro contenders again

By David Troppens
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The Linden varsity girls soccer team is off to a good start.

Some of it was expected. After all, the Linden girls are the returning Metro League champions. Compounding that fact is the fact that the Eagles also have a bunch of the league’s top players.

So when one looks and notices the team was 2-0 entering spring break, it really isn’t much of a shock.

However, the scary thing is Linden varsity girls coach Kevin Fiebernitz thinks his girls aren’t playing at 100 percent just yet.

“It’s been not too bad, but we are still not up to speed,” Fiebernitz said. We played Fenton and Fenton has a good team. They had already played about five games and it was our second so we were taken back a little bit.

“However, any time you can win, it’s a good thing. No doubt we have a few issues we have to work on, but we’ll keep getting better. I think we will be able to put out a solid core out there.”

The Eagles opened the season with contests against two area rivals. First, they played Lake Fenton, capturing a 4-1 victory in that contest. Two days later, the Eagles defeated area foe Fenton 2-1.

Fiebernitz is excited about his team.

“We have two good keepers and on defense we are going to have many of the same gals as last year. However, we are doing a little bit different thing in the back, so it is a little bit of a work in progress.

The Lady Eagles will be expected to be among the favorites in the Metro League once again this season.

Tigers open season with DH sweep

Fenton uses big innings to defeat Goodrich

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It was a great start for the Fenton varsity baseball team as the squad opened with a doubleheader sweep of Goodrich.

Fenton scored four runs in the fourth inning and six more in the fifth to earn a 10-4 victory in the nightcap. In the opener, Fenton scored two runs in the first inning and never trailed en route to a tight 4-2 victory.

In the opener, John Leaske gave the Tigers the lead with an RBI-ground out. Jared Ryan followed with an RBI-single. The Tigers also scored a run in the second on an RBI-single by Troy Smigieslki, plating Noah Lawrence. The fourth Fenton run was provided by an RBI-single by Jon Gillman. On the mound, Leaske got the win, allowing just one run over four innings. He struck out nine while allowing just four hits and no walks.

When I think of the season opener for the Detroit Tigers, a lot of memories hit my mind.

I remember seasons when the weather was perfect, a nice 50-degree day with sun. I remember one season sitting in the upper deck bleachers during one of those days. I remember seasons when the temperatures were so cold, that by the seventh inning you had lost the feeling in your toes. I remember one incident where I had the home opener tickets and not being able to go for a few days due to a huge snowfall.

As a kid, I remember wanting to get there early so that we could watch the pregame ceremonies. That way I could cheer on my favorite Tiger players.

One memory I don’t have is any of this happening at night. I’m sure the Tigers have opened the season with a night game before, but I have certainly mentally blocked such instances. Openers aren’t supposed to happen at night, like Tuesday’s first game at Miami was. I don’t know why this bothers me. Any other day of the year I’d rather go to a night game. However, waiting for the Tigers to play at night feels weird. Play the other 161 games at night if you’d like.

Lease openers for the day.
Linden soccer defeats Blue Devils, 4-1

Zayan scores two goals in victory vs. area rivals

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Linden’s Madeline Zayan scored two goals and assisted the two other goals, leading the Linden varsity girls soccer team to a 4-1 victory against Lake Fenton, recently.

Zayan scored with 29:41 left in the opening half and then added another goal with just 12 seconds left before halftime. The second goal gave Linden a 3-0 lead.

Alia Frederick and Katie Wilkowski scored the Lady Eagles’ other two goals. Audrey Steiert assisted one of them.

Lake Fenton’s Hanna Helleybuck scored the Blue Devils’ only goal with 32:03 left in regulation. Emily Carr assisted it.

Linden’s Bridget Adams had four saves in net earning the win, while Lake Fenton keeper Emily Moore had 10 saves.

8th-ranked Bronchos take second at season’s first tourney

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Life is a bit different for the Holly varsity girls tennis team this spring. Always used to being one of the top contenders in the Metro League, this season they find themselves with a little bit loftier standard — the Lady Bronchos are ranked eighth in the state.

Holly’s first event of the season proved the Bronchos should be able to deal with that lofty ranking, finishing second in a quad against Grand Blanc, Clarkston and Almont.

Holly had four of its five doubles flights earn first-place finishes at the event.

Tri-County Sports Briefs

Fenton Tiger Run slated for May 21

The Fenton Tiger Run and Tiger Trot is scheduled for May 21 with the 5K run and walk starting at 8:30 a.m. The event starts and ends at the Fenton High School track. The entry fee is $20 without a shirt and $25 with a shirt before April 29. The price is $30 without a shirt after that date.

5K Color Run Slated

There will be a 5K color run/walk through the streets of Fenton on April 22. The event begins at The Freedom Center at 9:15 a.m. and the cost is $45 from April 1 until April 21. Same-day registration is $50.

Tigers prepare for life after last season’s state final showing

Life is a little different on the Fenton varsity girls soccer team this spring.

When a team has a historical season like the Fenton Tigers had last year, it will change things up a bit the next spring.

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Diana Vöges and Joe Snider play in a rehearsal space at A Joyful Noise Music Studio in Fenton last week. Snider said he likes to teach his students how to teach themselves to play.

VIOLA

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Vöges wanted a hobby different from her job that was fun and challenging. She started taking viola lessons at A Joyful Noise Music Studio in Fenton in February.

“‘It has been a challenge, but I don’t have any specific goals in mind so it’s really about the journey,’ she said.

She played the violin when she was a child, but said that was 30 years ago.

“I’ve had to relearn. I didn’t retain a lot of that,” she said. “I’m picking stuff up. If I was a beginner a lot of it would be coming a little slower.”

Learning to read music and to play an instrument offers many advantages; discerning sounds is easier, like understanding “dill” vs. “bill” and a person’s auditory working memory is improved, allowing someone to remember things easier, according to National Geographic.

The article stated that the brains of adult professional musicians had more gray matter than the brains of nonmusicians, and after 15 months of musical training in early childhood, structural brain changes associated with motor and auditory improvements begin to appear.

Learning to play an instrument increases the brain’s plasticity, which is the ability to change or adapt in response to experience, environment, or behavior.

The stereotype that adults do not learn music as easily as kids is not correct for Vöges.

“I think it’s easier to learn the viola now because I feel I have a better understanding of how to learn,” she said. “But when I was in first grade, I wasn’t as self-critical. Joe is just so kind but I hear many mistakes I’m making and I don’t know how to fix them.”

She’s currently learning to play simple songs to relearn everything. “Thirty years ago I started with ‘Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star’ with violin, and I started with ‘Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star’ for the viola,” she said.

The music for a violin is different from the music for a viola. Violin uses the treble clef, the cello uses the bass clef, and the viola uses half of each.

The viola is lower pitched than the violin and higher pitched than the cello because of the strings.

Vöges practices every day on her 16-inch viola, and has lessons once a week.

“Post ankle surgery, I’m finding I wouldn’t hear process sounds they otherwise would,” she said.

Players sit with both feet on the ground, and Vöges must frequently elevate her ankle while it heals.

She works with many people who play an instrument, so learning to play as an adult wasn’t weird to her.

“It’s surprising. More people take instrument lessons as an adult than you’d think about,” she said.

“If other people are considering it, I was very nervous about it, but my instructor has been incredibly nice and it’s not as scary as people might feel,” she said, adding that everyone, including the person who helped her choose her viola when she brought it to her instructor, have all been very kind.

“It’s intimidating to do something that you know you’re not going to be good at,” she said.
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Obituaries

Barbara M. (Kidder) Stinde 1935-2016
Barbara M. (Kidder) Stinde - age 80, of Fenton, died Sunday, March 27, 2016. Immediate family
remains will take place 11 AM Monday, April 11, 2016 at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Rd., Holly with Pastor Jim Weisgang officiating. Born May 13, 1935 to George Henry Kidder and Ella Mae Dungan in Fenton. Barbara died on Resurrection Sunday, March 27, 2016 in Grand Blanc. She is preceded in death by her mother, father, and brother Kenneth J. She is survived by her brother, Rodger W. Kidder; sister Louise I. Kidder; children, Katherine C. (Karl) Sawyer, Shannon R. Fries, Kevin C. (Angie) Stinde and Shawn R. (Laura) Stinde; eight grandchildren, Samantha, Rico, Kevin S., Cassandra, Mikayla, Shawn K., Tiffany and Sabrina and one great-grandchild, Barbara Stinde served in the U.S. Army Corps from 1955-1956, before the Korean War. She moved with her children to Michigan in 1975 to be with family. Barbara worked at several jobs including Olans Mills in Flint and Crestmont Nursing Care Center in Fenton, where she retired. After all her children had left the house, she took in two grandchildren and helped raise them. She was active in The Freedom Center, her church, as part of the prayer team. “I have fought the fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” 2 TIM 4:7. You have kept the faith, Mom, right to the end. "Fantastic Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton.

Luella May Jones 1930-2016
Luella May Jones - age 85, of Linden, died Friday, April 1, 2016. Funeral services will be held 10 AM Saturday, April 9, 2016 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Miller Road Chapel, 8138 Miller Road, Swartz Creek. Burial in Fairview Cemetery, Linden. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Friday, April 8, 2016 from 4-8 PM. Those deserving may make contributions to the Ronald McDonald House or Mended Little Hearts of West Michigan. Luella was born August 14, 1930 in Shepard the daughter of Harold William and Rosiland May (Herrington) Recker. She married Jack Jones June 19, 1948 and he preceded her in death June 20, 2000. She had resided in Flint Township since 2009 coming from Linden. Luella retired from the Linden Community Schools as a cook after 21 years of service. Surviving are: three children, Linda and husband Richard Verrell of Fenton, Jack and wife Kelly Jones of Swartz Creek, and Sybil and husband John Dinnan of Mt. Morris; five grandchildren, Karen, Rick, Kim, Andrea, and Jordan; great-grandchildren, Kelsey, Mark, Baylee, Macy, Jackson, Delaney, Owen, and Grady; sister-in-law, Beverly Jones of Shepard; brother-in-law, Ted Jones of Farwell, she was also preceded in death by her parents and brother, William Recker. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Glynn Dorris Radulski 1922-2016
Glynn Dorris Radulski - age 94, of Fenton, died Saturday, April 2, 2016. Funeral services were held 10 AM Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at the Fenton United Methodist Church, 119 S. Leroy, Fenton. Pastor Jeff Jagger officiating. Burial in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Visitation was held at church Tuesday, April 5, 2016 from 9 AM until the time of service. Those deserving may make contributions to the V.F.W. National Home for Children, 357 S. Waverly, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. Mrs. Radulski was born February 5, 1922 in Cushin, OK, the daughter of Donald Jon and Hazel (Bisemore) Baze. She married Francis Joseph Radulski May 26, 1979 and he preceded her in death July 30, 2011. She was a member of Fenton United Methodist Church, Fenton V.F.W. Auxiliary, and the Purple Heart Auxiliary. Mrs. Radulski was an artist and enjoyed painting. Surviving are: sons, Terry and wife Carla Lewis and their son, Elijah of Texas and Lynn Lewis of Detroit; sister, Claudine Wolfe of Florida; brother, Andy Baize of Florida, grandchildren, Ryan, Geine, David, Laurie, and Fred, special nieces, Glenn Davis and Hazel O’Neil; and several other nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Connie Laramie; and brother, Don Baize. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Carol Harrington Evans 1933-2016
Carol Harrington Evans - age 82, of Cumming, GA previously of Fenton, passed away March 29, 2016. Carol was born to Charles and Goldia (Grant) Harrington in Lakeside, MI September 10, 1933. She married Richard Evans in September 1957. He preceded her in death in 1972. In 2000 she married John Elder who preceded her in death in August 2014. Carol was a proud graduate of Michigan State University where she earned a degree in education, later receiving her masters degree in Library Science from Eastern Michigan University as well as further certification in counseling. She started her teaching career at Lake Fenton Community Schools and later her own tutoring and counseling business focusing on K-12 in the local communities. She was selected by the Fenton Independent as their 1982 Citizen of the Year for her charitable work in the community. She always claimed to be MSU’s number one fan and her closet was proof-positive of that as it was predomi-
antly Spartan green. She was an avid reader and showed that love of reading with all her family. She was a member of Linden Presbyterian Church for over 25 years, later joining the Fenton Methodist Church until moving to Cumming, GA to be closer to her daughter. Carol is survived by her son, Bill (Kathy) Evans of Plainsboro, NJ, daughter Jodie (Jeff) Rajala of Cumming, GA, grandchildren, Bradford (Janie) Evans of West Henrietta, NY, Jonathan and Jessica Paige Rajala of Cumming, GA, Brendan Evans of Boston, MA, Jennifer (Nathaniel) Eastwood of Dayton, TN, Marshall Evans of Plainsboro, NJ, and great-grandchildren, Evelyn, Clara and Blake Evans of West Henrietta, NY. A memorial service will be held April 10, 2016 from 3-5 PM at Ingram Funeral Home, 210 Ingram Ave, Cumming, GA.

FUNERAL ETIQUETTE
7 THINGS NOT TO WRITE IN A SYMPATHY MESSAGE

Shorthand text messages
If you text someone a quick note on your cell phone you don’t come across as someone who cares enough to use paper and pen.

Explanation of the death
Don’t try to explain the person’s death. It is not comforting.

Any mention of replacing the person
Parents who lost a child don’t want the advice that they can try again.

Personal sad stories
This isn’t about you.

Humor
Save the funny quotes and quips for later, after the person has enough time to grieve.

Negative comments about the deceased
Never write anything negative about the person who has passed, or you’ll appear cold and unfriendly.

Inheritance
This is not the time to discuss what the deceased left to his or her heirs.

Source: etiquette.about.com
**WEDNESDAY SUDOKU**

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 3-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:  ★ ★ ★

Moderate  **  Challenging  ★★★  HOOY BOY!

Answer in this Sunday’s edition of the Tri-County Times.

**WEDNESDAY JUMBLE**

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each space, to form four ordinary words.

DOIM  CANKS  RITCHY  STIMCY

NOW arrange the cricked letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: THE THE THE THE

Answer in this Sunday’s edition of the Tri-County Times.

**DVD RELEASES**

**STAR WARS: EPISODE VII - THE FORCE AWAKENS**

In this thrilling continuation of the epic space opera, ex-stormtrooper Finn (John Boyega), scrappy desert dweller Rey (Daisy Ridley), and droid companion BB-8 get caught up in a galactic war when they come across a map containing the whereabouts of the vanished Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill). They soon embark on an epic adventure that brings them face-to-face with heroes from the past, as well as new villains such as Kylo Ren (Adam Driver) and the First Order, a fascist regime that has emerged from the ashes of the old Empire.

Unrated, 2 hr. 16 min.

**TUMBLEDOWN**

Small town journalist Hannah (Rebecca Hall) has been struggling to write the biography of her late husband, an acclaimed musician with a devoted following, while taking refuge with quirky, protective Maine locals. But things change when she meets Andrew (Jason Sudeikis), a brash, smart-alecky New York academic with an obsession for tragic figures who strikes up a deal to collaborate on the book, forcing them to confront truths about themselves.

R, 2 hr. 16 min.

89% liked it  65% liked it

(Audience score on rottentomatoes.com)

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**HOROSCOPES**

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19)

Whether a waiting period is taking longer than expected, or just seems that way, the anxious Lamb would do well to create a center of calm within her- or himself, and not do anything rash.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20)

Practical matters dominate the week, but cultural activities also are favored, especially those that can be shared with someone special in the Bovine’s life. Some important news might be forthcoming.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20)

You need to know more about a possible career move in order to see if it offers a real opportunity or just a change. You’re sure to get lots of advice — some of it good — but the decision must be yours.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22)

The arrival of hoped-for good news about a loved one dominates most of the week and provides a great excuse for the party-loving Moon Child to plan a special event to celebrate.

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22)

Leos and Leonas rushing to finalize their plans might want to think about slowing down the pace, or risk looking an important consideration that could become a sore point down the line.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

The week’s challenges call for logical approaches. But sentiment also has its place. Sharing memories with a special someone, for example, strengthens the bond between you.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

A brand-new approach to a problem could have a good chance of succeeding if it’s based on a solid foundation of fact to strengthen its potential for standing up to scrutiny.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

A favorable report should give your optimism an important boost as you confront another phase of a challenge. Don’t be timid about accepting advice from someone you trust.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

You might want to target another goal if your current aim is continually being deflected. But stay with it until you find that first sign of an opening, and then follow through.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan.19)

Although offers of advice might not always please the usually sure-footed Goat, good counsel is always worth considering, especially from those whose experience can be invaluable.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Don’t rush to make up for lost time. Your productivity can be measured not only by what you do, but how you do it. Move carefully until the job is done the way you like it.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

Emerging facts about someone you know might cause you to rethink your relationship. But remember to make judgments in context of a full situation, not just on scraps of data.

**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

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